Central Presbyterian Church

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23rd Sunday after Pentecost

Welcome

Announcements

Please take a quiet moment to prepare your heart for worship.

Prelude "*Canon in D"* Pachelbel/Smith

Prayer of Preparation (*for your personal use, during Prelude)*

Teach me to be merciful, as You are merciful. Purify my heart from the inside out, so that my inner life matches my outer actions. Where there is conflict, make me a peacemaker, and give me the courage to stand firm in my faith, even when faced with opposition. Amen.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

***Call to Worship – From Psalm 43**

L: Declare me innocent, O God! Defend me against these ungodly people. Rescue me from these unjust liars.

P: For you are God, my only safe haven. Why have you tossed me aside? Why must I wander around in grief, oppressed by my enemies?

L: Send out your light and your truth; let them guide me. Let them lead me to your holy mountain, to the place where you live.

P: There I will go to the altar of God, to God—the source of all my joy. I will praise you with my harp, O God, my God!

L: Why am I discouraged? Why is my heart so sad? I will put my hope in God! I will praise him again—my Savior and my God!

Hymn** ***"How Firm a Foundation" **RED #224**

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we know that we may rest in the promises of our baptism—we know that your grace rests on us this day and every day. Never for a moment are we outside of your constant care. And yet, things happen. Life tumbles in and your promises seem distant. We retreat into fear. We worry about what we cannot change. We forget why we do what we do in the name of our arisen Lord. Forgive our anxious fears. Lead us to be the people of God that you created us to be, disciples of Jesus Christ, in whose name we offer our prayers. Amen.

(Time of silence for personal reflection)

Assurance of Pardon

The Peace

L: Peace be with you.

P: And also with you.

Gloria Patri** ***"Glory Be to the Father" **PH #579**

Chancel Choir "*Celtic Communion*"

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading Matthew 23:1-12

New Testament/Sermon Reading 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13

Sermon *"God's True Word to You!"* Pastor Ryan

Hymn** ***"Break Thou the Bread of Life" **RED #220**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***Affirmation of Faith – "An Affirmation of Thanksgiving"**

(This is on the screen)

Prayers of the People/Pastoral Prayer

L: God of Mercy,

P: hear our prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebration of the Lord's Supper **(Insert)**

The Great Thanksgiving

Sharing the Bread and Cup

(Wine is in the outer circle of the trays)

Offering

Offertory *"All Soul's Day"* Schubert//blake

***Doxology** **PH #591**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

Hymn** ***"Standing on the Promises" **RED #225**

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude *"Passacaglia"* Young

Please be seated for the Postlude.

Worship Leader:	Pastor Ryan
Greeter/Usher:	Linda Claussen
Liturgist/Communion Steward:	Marilyn Montgomery
Organist:	Emma Lou Denton
Pianist:	Julia Territo
Music Director:	Rich Ford

****Please stand, if able*** CCLI License #2716138

Hymnals: PH-blue hard cover; Red-red hard cover; SF-small blue soft cover

Call to Confession, Prayer of Confession, Assurance of Pardon, Prayer of Illumination, and Offering Prayer written by the Reverend Dr. Baron Mullis, serving as the 17th pastor of the historic First Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. Silent prayer AI generated and cover picture from Instagram.