



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, August 26, 2012
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Luther

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: How lovely is Your dwelling place, O God of hosts!

People: **Happy are those who live in Your house, ever singing Your praise.**

Leader: For a day in Your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere.

People: **O God of Host, happy are those who trusts in You.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN #416** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, redeem us, for we stand in need of forgiveness. We squander Your mercy when we abuse Your creation. We slander our neighbors and seek not Your peace. Nations rise up against nations and threats of terrorism fill the air. Those without work find no hope of relief. The homeless wander without protection from harm. Christ had compassion on all those who suffered. Cleanse us of the sin that closes our hearts to our brothers and sisters. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord, Have Mercy") *Hymnal #572*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Know that God hears our prayer and will have mercy on all of us who humbly repent of our sin.

People: **Did not God send Christ our Savior to cleanse us of all unrighteousness?**

Leader: Does not Christ intercede on behalf of those who confess?

People: **Lay aside your burden then, and take courage from the gospel.**

All: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

***GLORIA PATRI** ("Glory be to the Father") *Hymnal #579*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Assurance* Beck

TIME WITH OUR YOUNG ONES

Preschool-aged children may go to the nursery after the children's message. Children of kindergarten age and above may remain in worship.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL LESSON John 6:55-69

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 6:10-20

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON I Kings 8:22-30,41-43

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *So That All May Know* Dr. Dan Festa

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Apostle's Creed (Traditional)* p.14 Hymnal

***HYMN #401** *When Will People Cease Their Fighting?*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Gott, wie gross ist deine Güte* Bach

***DOXOLOGY** ("Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow") *Hymnal #592*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS (You are each encouraged to give voice to your concerns or to name those for whom you Love and pray.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER (We use debts and debtors.)

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***RECESSIONAL HYMN #483** *Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *Love Divine, All Love Excelling*

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

Go forth into the world with rejoicing to love and serve the Lord.

*** Those who are able, please stand.**

**** Please be seated and remain for the postlude if you can.**

Usher: Kay Cromwell **Lay Reader: Jemmie Moseley**

Welcome to Central Presbyterian Church where we come together **to celebrate God’s love, nurture growth, share our faith and serve the needs of others.** This Congregation opens wide its doors and our hearts and offers welcome to all in the name of Jesus Christ.

Pastor Dr. Dan Festa	Secretary Erin Shaw
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The Session (Board of Elders)	
<u>Class of 2012</u>	<u>Class of 2013</u>
Zac Cosner	Lawrence Fikes (Clerk)
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Standing Committee Moderators	
Mike Kelley	Budget & Finance
George Mosley	
& Steven Howsen	Building & Grounds
Zac Cosner	Education
Dana Neal	Fellowship & Nurture
Laura Festa	Missions & Outreach
Laura Pierce	Worship & Music

Announcements

A Presbyterian Women’s General Meeting Will Be Held Sunday, September 2, in the Perdue Library, following morning worship.

Rally Day is Sunday, September 9. Join us that morning as we officially begin our new Christian Education Year. During worship we will recognize all those who participate in the education and nurture of our members.

The Susan G. Komen Race/Walk for the Cure Will Take Place on Saturday, October 20, in Little Rock, and we are forming our team now. Contact Laura Pierce (870-247-5392 home, 501-944-5871 cell) if you would like to join us.

John 6:56-69

- 6:56 Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them.
- 6:57 Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me.
- 6:58 This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever."
- 6:59 He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.
- 6:60 When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?"
- 6:61 But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you?"
- 6:62 Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before?
- 6:63 It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.
- 6:64 But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him.
- 6:65 And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."
- 6:66 Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him.
- 6:67 So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?"
- 6:68 Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life.
- 6:69 We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Ephesians 6:10-20

- 6:10 Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power.
- 6:11 Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.
- 6:12 For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.

- 6:13 Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.
- 6:14 Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness.
- 6:15 As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace.
- 6:16 With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one.
- 6:17 Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.
- 6:18 Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints.
- 6:19 Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel,
- 6:20 for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

1 Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

- 8:22 Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven.
- 8:23 He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart,
- 8:24 the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand.
- 8:25 Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.'
- 8:26 Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.
- 8:27 "But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built!
- 8:28 Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today;

- 8:29 that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place.
- 8:30 Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.
- 8:41 "Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name
- 8:42 – for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm – when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house,
- 8:43 then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God.
Born of His Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song.
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect Submission, all is at rest,
I in my savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song.
Praising my Savior all my life long.

**The anthem today is a unique arrangement reflecting the favorite hymn of Blessed Assurance on a background of Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by J. S. Bach.*

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 26, 2012

MEMBERS:

Bud Elam
Bettie Joe Isbell
James "Red" Bennett
Bea and Grady Magee
Jo Weaver

Mary Wooten
Agnes Hughes
Nell Horne
Bernice and Gene Lackey
Mildred Gaunt

THOSE WITH RESTRICTED MOBILITY AND HOMEBOUND:

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Brad Morris, nephew of Bernice Lackey
Jacki Drewett, Pat Drewett's mother-in-law
Loy Horne, sister-in-law of Lynda Vick
Anita Rodriguez, mother of Brianna Rodriguez
and Kodee & Jacob Vick
Kelly Robinson, friend of Karen & David Perdue
Evelyn Crow, friend of Laura Cosner
Doris McCoy, mother of Kay Cromwell
Helen Knoll, grandmother of Amber Poss
The family of Cleashindra Hall, cousin of Ryan
Shaw
Marian Parks, aunt of Bill Detmers
Cissy Bailey, sister-in-law of Betty Coles
Anne Logan, friend of Jo Weaver
Lori Partridge, friend of Rose VonTungeln

Mary Light, grandmother of Kodee & Jacob Vick
and Brianna Rodriguez
Lauren Anderson, sister of Amber Poss
Verlon Wright, friend of the Cosner family
Jane Dean, friend of Mildred Gaunt
Tracy Robinson, friend of Karen & David Perdue
Wayne Benson, friend of the Vick Family
Carla Fennessee, friends of Laura & Rick Pierce
Brooke Wells, granddaughter of Connie & Bill
Detmers
Son of Mary and Phil McBee, friends of Grady &
Bea Magee.
Helen Gaunt, sister-in-law of Mildred Gaunt
Sheila Black Yarbrow, former member
(Leah) Pud Harris

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

Wynne Church, Wynne

Commissioned Ruling Elders

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD:

Keith Camferdam, Air Force

Chris Hill, Army

To share your joys and concerns or to update the information listed in this week's Joys & Concerns,
contact the church office at 879-9074, fax 879-9076, or email the church at CentralPC@cablelynx.com.