



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, September 16, 2012
24TH 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The law of God is perfect, reviving the soul.

People: **The decrees of God are sure, making wise the simple.**

Leader: The precepts of God are right, rejoicing the heart.

People: **The commandments of God are right, rejoicing the heart.**

Leader: The fear of God is pure, enduring forever.

People: **The ordinances of God are true and righteous altogether.**

All: **Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts
be acceptable to You, O God, our rock and our redeemer.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN #356** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of justice and righteousness, have mercy upon us as we confess our sin. We say we love our neighbors, but we still make distinctions. We favor the rich and discount the poor. We say we have faith, but our works do not show it; we preach Jesus Christ while we send the hungry away. While our lips praise You, our hands cast off strangers. We are not worthy to ask Your forgiveness except for the name of Christ, who pardoned the thief on the cross and forgave those who put Him to death. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Remember the words of Scripture, where it says, "Since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus....and since we have a great priest over the house of God,

People: **let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith,**

Leader: with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water.

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

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As Christ has given each of us Peace, let us extend it now to our Neighbors. The Peace of Christ be with you!

People: **And also with you.** (Please extend the right hand of fellowship to those around you by saying: "The Peace of Christ be with you!")

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Proverbs 1:20-33

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:27-38

EPISTLE LESSON James 3:1-12

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Tongue is A Fire

Dr. Dan Festa

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

p.14 Hymnal

***HYMN #466**

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

***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 #531** *Not for Tongues of Heaven’s Angels*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE**

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: Amanda Chandler Lay Readers: Bubba VonTungeln and
George 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

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The Session (Board of Elders)

<u>Class of 2012</u>	<u>Class of 2013</u>
Zac Cosner	Lawrence Fikes (Clerk)
Laura Festa	Steven Howsen
Mike Kelley	George Mosley
Jemmie Moseley	Dana Neal
Bubba VonTungeln	Laura Pierce

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

The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held today following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

The Session Will Meet today in the conference room, following the luncheon.

The Deadline for the October Issue of the *Central Scene* is **tomorrow, September 17.** Please turn in all announcements, articles, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.

The Men of the Church Will Have a Breakfast Meeting on Saturday, September 22, at 8 a.m., in McElyea Hall. Members and friends of Central are welcome and encouraged to attend.

The Session Has Called a Congregational Meeting for next Sunday, September 23, at the end of worship. The purpose is to elect a Nominating Committee to select the Sessional Class of 2014.

Handbell Practice Will Resume next Sunday, September 23, at 3:00 pm. in the Perdue Library. New ringers are encouraged and welcomed. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall if you would like to become a Central Ringer.

Youth Group Meetings Will Resume next Sunday, September 23, at 4:30 p.m.

Wanted: One card table to be used during the October Presbytery meeting. If you have one we can use, please call the church office.

Proverbs 1:20-33

1:20 Wisdom cries out in the street; in the squares she raises her voice.

1:21 At the busiest corner she cries out; at the entrance of the city gates she speaks:

1:22 "How long, O simple ones, will you love being simple? How long will scoffers delight in their scoffing and fools hate knowledge?

1:23 Give heed to my reproof; I will pour out my thoughts to you; I will make my words known to you.

1:24 Because I have called and you refused, have stretched out my hand and no one heeded,

1:25 and because you have ignored all my counsel and would have none of my reproof,

1:26 I also will laugh at your calamity; I will mock when panic strikes you,

1:27 when panic strikes you like a storm, and your calamity comes like a whirlwind, when distress and anguish come upon you.

1:28 Then they will call upon me, but I will not answer; they will seek me diligently, but will not find me.

1:29 Because they hated knowledge and did not choose the fear of the LORD,

1:30 would have none of my counsel, and despised all my reproof,

1:31 therefore they shall eat the fruit of their way and be sated with their own devices.

1:32 For waywardness kills the simple, and the complacency of fools destroys them;

1:33 but those who listen to me will be secure and will live at ease, without dread of disaster."

Mark 8:27-38

8:27 Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that I am?"

8:28 And they answered him, "John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

8:29 He asked them, "But who do you say that I am?" Peter answered him, "You are the Messiah."

8:30 And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

8:31 Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.

8:32 He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

8:33 But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

8:34 He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.

8:35 For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.

8:36 For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?

8:37 Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?

8:38 Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

James 3:1-12

3:1 Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness.

3:2 For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle.

3:3 If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their

whole bodies.

3:4 Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs.

3:5 So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire!

3:6 And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell.

3:7 For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species,

3:8 but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison.

3:9 With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God.

3:10 From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so.

3:11 Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water?

3:12 Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 16, 2012

MEMBERS:

The family of James “Red” Bennett
Adam Vick
Bud Elam
Bettie Joe Isbell
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:

***The family of John Shell**, former member*
***Roxanne Melgarejo**, acquaintance of Jo Weaver*
***Pat Mosley**, mother of George Mosley*
***Bonita Hankins**, aunt of George Mosley*
***Alyssa and Shawn Brock & their 7-month-old son**, friends of the Cosner family*
***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*
***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 Fenessee**, 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:

First, Brinkley

First, Jonesboro

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.