



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, September 23, 2012
25TH 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

Christus, Der Ist Mein Leben

Vulpus

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are those who take delight in the law of God.

People: **They are like trees planted by streams of water. In all that they do they prosper.**

Leader: For God watches over the way of the righteous.

People: **May God number us with the righteous as we worship God.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN #412** *Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All wise and understanding God, hear our prayer as we confess our sin. Have mercy upon us, for we are deceitful and foolish. Ambition controls our relations with others; cheating and lying help us gain more control. We are surrounded by values that bring disorder and we are victims of selfishness that distorts Your truth. Save us from boasting and serving unworthy ends; save us for Christ, in who alone abides peace. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: **"For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of the cross:**

Leader: In the peace that Christ won abides our assurance that;

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

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Prayer for Guidance

Pote

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 31:10-31

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:30-37

EPISTLE LESSON

James 3:13-4:3

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Bitter Envy and Selfish Ambition Dr. Dan Festa

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed (Traditional) p.14 Hymnal

***HYMN #332**

Live Into Hope

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Freuet euch, ihe, Christen* 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

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO ELECT NOMINATING COMMITTEE

***RECESSIONAL HYMN #434** *Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *I Love to Tell the Story* Boeringer

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	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)
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 Session Has Called a Congregational Meeting for this morning at the end of worship. The purpose is to elect a Nominating Committee to select the Sessional Class of 2014. Members who have been asked to serve are Zac Cosner (chair), Benjimen Neal, Rick Pierce, Amber Poss, and Jo Weaver.

Welcome Back to Our Youth! All are invited to join us this afternoon at 4:30 p.m. for lots of fun to kick off our 2012-2013 Youth Group activities. There will be games, food, and so much more! Bring your favorite ice cream to share. Come, bring a friend, and let’s have a good time!

Handbell Practice Will Resume this afternoon 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.

Central Will Lead Trinity Village Vespers next Sunday, September 30, at 4 p.m., in the Trinity Village Great Hall. All are invited to attend.

There Will Be a Church Clean-up Day on October 6, in preparation for the AR Stated Presbytery meeting on October 12 and 13, and other upcoming Fall/Winter events. All are encouraged to come out and help.

Please Sign up Today for the Race for the Cure to be held Saturday Oct. 20th. Our login name is: CPC-member; Password, 6300trinitydrive. Hope you’ll join today.

Proverbs 31:10-31

- 31:10 A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.
- 31:11 The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.
- 31:12 She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.
- 31:13 She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.
- 31:14 She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away.
- 31:15 She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant girls.
- 31:16 She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.
- 31:17 She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong.
- 31:18 She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.
- 31:19 She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.
- 31:20 She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy.
- 31:21 She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson.
- 31:22 She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple.
- 31:23 Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land.
- 31:24 She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes.
- 31:25 Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.
- 31:26 She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

- 31:27 She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.
- 31:28 Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her:
- 31:29 "Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."
- 31:30 Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.
- 31:31 Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

Mark 9:30-37

- 9:30 They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it;
- 9:31 for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again."
- 9:32 But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.
- 9:33 Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?"
- 9:34 But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest.
- 9:35 He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all."
- 9:36 Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them,
- 9:37 "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

James 3:13 - 4:3

- 3:13 Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom.

