



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, January 29, 2012
4TH 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 *Forest Green*

Hessey

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart. Praise the Lord!

People: **Your work is full of honor and majesty, and Your righteousness endures forever.**

Leader: The works of Your hands are faithful and just; all Your precepts are trustworthy.

People: **The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom; all who practice it have good understanding.**

All: Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN #345** *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of mercy show compassion as we make our confession. You command us to tell of Your mighty deeds, yet we remain silent. You call us to act faithfully, yet we are slow to respond. We claim to be wise, but we know not Your law. Our allegiance is divided, for we worship false gods. Help us to obey Christ, to whom we owe our existence. And to love our neighbors, who we are commanded to serve. (Silent Prayer) Amen!

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Paul reminds us, "There is one God....from whom are all things and for whom we exist,

People: **And one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist....If one loves God, one is known by God."**

Leader: As we confess our sin before God, God is faithful and just, and in Jesus Christ, through whom we exist, God forgives us our sin.

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

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

The Gift of Love

Hopson

Laura Pierce, Soloist

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 Deuteronomy 18:15-20

EPISTLE LESSON I Corinthians 8:1-13

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:21-28

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What Is This?

Dr. Dan Festa

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

p.14 Hymnal

***HYMN #375**

Lord of All Good

Communicants Class Will Begin on February 12, at 3 p.m., in the conference room.

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

- 18:15 The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet.
- 18:16 This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die."
- 18:17 Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said.
- 18:18 I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command.
- 18:19 Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable.
- 18:20 But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak—that prophet shall die."

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

- 8:1 Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up.
- 8:2 Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge;
- 8:3 but anyone who loves God is known by him.
- 8:4 Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one."
- 8:5 Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—
- 8:6 yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

- 8:7 It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.
- 8:8 "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do.
- 8:9 But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak.
- 8:10 For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols?
- 8:11 So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed.
- 8:12 But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ.
- 8:13 Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Mark 1:21-28

- 1:21 They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught.
- 1:22 They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes.
- 1:23 Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit,
- 1:24 and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God."
- 1:25 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!"

- 1:26
- And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him.
- 1:27
- They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him."
- 1:28
- At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.



The Gift of Love

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed,
By this we worship and are freed.
Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 29, 2012

MEMBERS:

The family of Agnes Bradley
The family of Frances Anderson
Mary Wooten
Robert Brown
Agnes Hughes
Nell Horne
Jo Weaver

Bettie Joe Isbell
Laura Hayes
Bradley VonTungeln
Bernice and Gene Lackey
Bea and Grady Magee
Mildred Gaunt

THOSE WITH RESTRICTED MOBILITY AND HOMEBOUND:

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Cissy Bailey, sister-in-law of Betty Coles
Bob St. Clair, brother of Mary Kientz
Helen Knoll, grandmother of Amber Poss
Leanne and Charles Henry, friends of the Festa family
The family of Frances Cleveland, sister of Red Bennett
Anne Logan, friend of Jo Weaver
Jennifer Gipson, friend of Jo Weaver
Daniel Joshlen, grandson of Mary Wooten
Susan Buchanan, granddaughter of Bea Magee
Dylan Neal, nephew of Dana Neal
Colby Smothers, friend of the Neal family
Lori Partridge, friend of Rose VonTungeln
Loy Horne, sister-in-law of Lynda Vick
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
Judy Curry, Jo Weaver's hairdresser
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
Robbie Fikes, nephew of Lawrence Fikes
Son of Mary and Phil McBee, friends of Grady & Bea Magee.
Connie Insley, granddaughter-in-law of Hester Insley
Helen Gaunt, sister-in-law of Mildred Gaunt
Sheila Black Yarbrow, former member
(Leah) Pud Harris
David Eubanks

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

First, McGehee

Church Administrators

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD:

Keith Camferdam, Air Force *Chris Hill*, Army *Ssgt. Joe Salinas*, Marines

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.