



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Sunday, December 30, 2012
1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY

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: Praise God! Praise God from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

People: All the shining stars praise You, O God, for You commanded and they were created.

Leader: Praise God from the earth, you men and women alike, old and young together!

People: Let everyone praise the name of God, for Your glory is above earth and heaven.

All: Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN #57** *The Snow Lay on the Ground*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, You chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless, yet we do not love our brothers and sisters as He taught. You destined us for adoption as Your children through Jesus Christ, yet we take our status for granted and fail to obey Christ when He calls us to follow. With all wisdom and insight You have made known to us the mystery of Your will, yet we stubbornly refuse to study Your Word. Forgive our sin, O God, and help us set our hope on Christ that we may live for the praise of His glory. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: In Christ, when we heard the word of truth, the gospel of our salvation, and believed in Him, we were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit.

People: This is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of God's glory.

Leader: In this promise lies our assurance,

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

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 I Samuel 2:18-20, 26

EPISTLE LESSON Colossians 3:12-17

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 2:41-52

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Amazed

Dr. Dan Festa

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

p.14 Hymnal

***HYMN #56**

The First Nowell

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 #36** *In the Bleak Midwinter*
***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.**
Ushers: Connie & Bill Detmers
Lay Reader: Dr. Laura Festa

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
Guest Organist Donald Walker	Nursery Attendant Laura Cosner
Youth Sponsors Marty Shell George Mosley	Website: www.centralprespb.com Member Login: cpcmember Member Psswd: 6300trinity



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
Steven Howsen	Building & Grounds
Zac Cosner	Education
Dana Neal	Fellowship & Nurture
Laura Festa	Missions & Outreach
Laura Pierce	Worship & Music

Announcements

2013 Offering Envelopes are available. They are located on the table in the Narthex.

The Church Office Will Be Closed Tuesday, January 1, in observance of New Year’s Day.

We Will Take our Christmas decorations down on Saturday, January 5, 2013, at 9 a.m.. Volunteers are needed and welcomed.

A PW General Meeting Will Be Held Sunday, January 6, in the library following morning worship.

Reminder: End-of-year Contributions and Special Gifts: 2012 Pledges & gifts to the church must be received by December 31, in order to be deducted on your 2012 tax return. Contributions that are received by the church in 2013, cannot be deducted on 2012's tax return, even if the check is dated 2012.

However, a check that is written, mailed, and postmarked in 2012, can be deducted on 2012's tax return even if it is not received by the church until 2013. We will follow these rules in issuing receipts. End-of-year contribution reports will be available no later than January 31, 2012. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Also, when making special gifts to the church (memorials, honorariums, benevolent giving, etc.), **please write separate checks for each gift and designate what each gift is for on the memo line of the check.** This makes posting and maintaining contribution records a much easier process.

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

- 2:18 Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod.
- 2:19 His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice.
- 2:20 Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home.
- 2:26 Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

Colossians 3:12-17

- 3:12 As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience.
- 3:13 Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.
- 3:14 Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony.
- 3:15 And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.
- 3:16 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.
- 3:17 And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2:41-52

- 2:41 Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover.
- 2:42 And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival.
- 2:43 When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it.

- 2:44 Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends.
- 2:45 When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him.
- 2:46 After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions.
- 2:47 And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers.
- 2:48 When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety."
- 2:49 He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"
- 2:50 But they did not understand what he said to them.
- 2:51 Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.
- 2:52 And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Announcements (cont.)

The Morning Circle Will Meet Tuesday, January 8, at 10:00 a.m., in the Perdue Library.

2013 Session Training Will Be Held Saturday, January 12, in the conference room.

A Congregational Meeting Will Be Held Sunday January 13, to elect a new trustee.

The Evening Circle Will Meet Monday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m., in the Perdue Library.

The Men of the Church Will Have a Breakfast Meeting & Workday on Saturday, January 19, at 8 a.m. Members and friends of Central are welcome and encouraged to attend.



PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 30 , 2012

MEMBERS:

***Nina Reeves
Rose VonTungeln
Bea and Grady Magee
Bernice and Gene Lackey
Jo Weaver***

***Mary Wooten
Hester Insley
Agnes Hughes
Nell Horne
Mildred Gaunt***

THOSE WITH RESTRICTED MOBILITY AND HOMEBOUND:

Bud Elam

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

***The family of Sue Williams*, aunt of George Mosley
Madison Williams, acquaintance of Amanda Chandler
Nick Tschepikow, friend of the Festa's
The family of Ray Doss, acquaintance of Laura Cosner
Zach Towers, friend of Austin Howsen
Franklin Ward, uncle of Dana Neal
Mildred Patterson, former member
Gail Davis, former member
Jaycee from Monticello, daughter of a coworker of David Perdue, Jr.
Sherry Costello, friend of the Cosner family
Ruby Cox, grandmother of Laura Cosner's friend
Eddie Lackey, friend of the Reeves family
Roxanne Melgarejo, caregiver 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
Kelly Robinson, friend of Karen & David Perdue
Doris McCoy, mother of Kay Cromwell
Helen Knoll, grandmother of Amber Poss
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
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:

Administrative Commission Members

Inquirers & Candidates for Ministry

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.