



**Central Presbyterian Church**  
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
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Sunday, February 19, 2012

## TRANSFIGURATION OF THE LORD

**GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP**

**PRELUDE** *Fairest Lord Jesus* Silesian Folk Melody

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: All the promises of God find their Yes in Christ.

People: **This is why we utter the “Amen” through Him, to the glory of God.**

Leader: But it is God who establishes us with You in Christ, and has commissioned us.

People: **God has put the seal of Christ upon us and given us the Spirit as a guarantee.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #302** *I Danced in the Morning*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Eternal God, have mercy upon us, for we burden You with our sins. We do not bring You our offerings; we seldom make sacrifices. Praise of Your glory is not often heard; we are dedicated to seeking our own fortunes. We live not by faith but by our own resources. Forgive our reluctance to accept Your promises. Forgive our human quest for security at all cost, and help us to commit our lives to You alone. (Silent Prayer) Amen!

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

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the words of assurance as the prophet Isaiah records them:  
“Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

People: **I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?**

Leader: I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.... I am the Lord who blots out your transgressions for my own sake, and I will not remember your sins.” People: In Christ God remains faithful and forgives us our sins.

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

**ANTHEM**

*A Communion Invitation*

Courtney

**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** 2 Kings 2:1-12

**GOSPEL LESSON** Mark 9:2-9

**EPISTLE LESSON** 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

*Light in the Darkness*

Dr. Dan Festa

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle’s Creed (Traditional)

p.14 Hymnal

**\*HYMN #482**

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Blessed Assurance* Knapp

**\*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.)

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**

**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**COMMUNION**

**PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND**

**LORD’S PRAYER** (We use debts and debtors.)

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN #482** *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE\*\*** *All Creatures of Our God King* Kirchengesang

**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: Zac Cosner & Bubba VonTungeln Lay Reader: Amanda Chandler**  
**Communion Steward: Betty Coles**

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

**Choirmaster/Organist**  
Marty Shell

**Nursery Attendant**  
Laura Cosner

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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*

**Communicants Class Will Meet** this afternoon at 3 p.m, in the Perdue Library.

**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** this afternoon in the conference room, following the luncheon.

**The Church Office Will Be Closed** tomorrow, February 20, in observance of President’s Day

**We Will Host a Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper** on February 21, at 5:30 p.m., in McElyea Hall. The cost is \$5.00 per person or \$10.00 per family, and the meal is “all you can eat.” Everyone is invited to come and join us as we mark the beginning of the Lenten Season. Please be sure and bring a friend. Call the church office at 870-879-9074 to make a reservation!

**On February 22, an Ash Wednesday Service Will Be Held** at Central Presbyterian. It will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the church sanctuary. All are invited to attend.

**Today Is the Deadline to Sign up** for the trip to Murry’s Dinner Playhouse on Saturday, February 25, for their presentation of *The Odd Couple*. The cost is \$33 for adults, and we will leave the church at 5:15 p.m. We hop you will join us as this promises to be a fun-filled evening

**Central’s Presbyterian Women Invite You** to join them for a trip to Keo, AR, on Wednesday, March 14. We will leave the church at 10:15 a.m. We will have lunch and then go antiquing. We always have a great time on these trips and encourage you to join us for what is sure to be a fun time. If you are interested in traveling with us, please sign up on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall.

**2 Kings 2:1-12**

- 2:1 Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.
- 2:2 Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.
- 2:3 The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."
- 2:4 Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho.
- 2:5 The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."
- 2:6 Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on.
- 2:7 Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan.
- 2:8 Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.
- 2:9 When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit."
- 2:10 He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not."
- 2:11 As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven.

- 2:12 Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

**Mark 9:2-9**

- 9:2 Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them,
- 9:3 and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them.
- 9:4 And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus.
- 9:5 Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah."
- 9:6 He did not know what to say, for they were terrified.
- 9:7 Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!"
- 9:8 Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.
- 9:9 As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

**2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

- 4:3 And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing.
- 4:4 In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.
- 4:5 For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake.
- 4:6 For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

**A Communion Invitation**

Come, if you are lonely,  
My door is open wide.  
All of you are welcome,  
Come and step inside.  
Enter with My blessing,  
No one is denied.  
Come, sit at My table,  
Come, sit by My side.

Come, if you are thirsty,  
I will pour the wine.  
If you hunger, take this bread,  
Sit with Me and dine.  
Every weary traveler,  
Every troubled soul,  
Rest for just a moment  
And leave the table whole.

The feast I spread before you,  
The cup that we will share,  
The bread we'll break together,  
I've lovingly prepared.

***PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 19, 2012***

*MEMBERS:*

***Mary Wooten***  
***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:*

***The family of J. H. VonTungeln, Jr.***, brother of  
*Bill VonTungeln*  
***Freddie Johnson***, aunt of *Ryan Shaw*  
***Able VonTungeln***, son of *Michael VonTungeln*  
***Marian Parks***, aunt of *Bill Detmers*  
***The family of Milburn Sites***, grandfather of *Ben Poss*  
***The family of Evelyn Morrison Bast***, mother of  
*Carolyn Mebane*  
***Cissy Bailey***, sister-in-law of *Betty Coles*  
***Bob St. Clair***, brother of *Mary Kientz*  
***Helen Knoll***, grandmother of *Amber Poss*  
***Anne Logan***, friend of *Jo Weaver*  
***Jennifer Gipson***, friend of *Jo Weaver*  
***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 Fennessee***, 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 Yarbro***, former member  
***(Leah) Pud Harris***  
***David Eubanks***

*PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:*

***First, Jacksonville***

***Presbyterian Disaster Assistance***

*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.