



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, February 26, 2012
1ST SUNDAY IN LENT

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE *Ever Faithful, Ever Near* Ritter

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: To You, O God, I lift up my soul. Lead the humble and teach them
Your way.

People: **Make me to know Your ways, O God; teach me Your paths.**

Leader: For You are the God of my salvation; for You I wait all the day long.

People: **Your paths are steadfast love and faithfulness for those who
keep Your decrees.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN #269** *Jesus Calls Us* (See insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

**Have mercy upon us and hear our prayer, O God. We have failed to live in
the light of Your covenant. You set Your rainbow above us, yet clouds of
unbelief darken our days. Distrust wells within us; fear, not hope, is our
watchword. Your beloved bids us follow, but we are slow to obey. Without
Your grace, we are fruitless and inert. In mercy renew us and bring us to
life, through Jesus Christ. (Silent Prayer) Amen!**

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Remember that Christ died for sin once and for all, that He might
bring us to God cleansed of unrighteousness.

People: **"Baptism...now places us in a covenantal relationship with
God, who has agreed to be present with us throughout all
eternity.**

Leader: Let us remember our baptism this day as we live into new life,
assured of forgiveness through Christ, who intercedes on our
behalf.

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

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *We Know that Christ Is Raised* Stanford

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

EPISTLE LESSON 1 Peter 3:18-22

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:9-15

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Genesis 9:8-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Covenants* Dr. Dan Festa

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Apostle's Creed (Traditional)* p.14 Hymnal

***HYMN #343** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

1 Peter 3:18-22

3:18 For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit,

3:19 in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison

3:20 who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water.

3:21 And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ,

3:22 who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Mark 1:9-15

1:9 In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan.

1:10 And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him.

1:11 And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

1:12 And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness.

1:13 He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

1:14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,

1:15 and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

Genesis 9:8-17

9:8 Then God said to Noah and to his sons with him,

9:9 "As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you,

9:10 and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark.

9:11 I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth."

9:12 God said, "This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations:

9:13 I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.

9:14 When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds,

9:15 I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh.

9:16 When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth."

9:17 God said to Noah, "This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth."

We Know that Christ Is Raised

We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
Embraced by death, he broke its fearful hold,
And our despair he turned to blazing joy.
Hallelujah!

We share by water in his saving death.
Reborn, we share with him an Easter life,
As living members of our Savior Christ.
Hallelujah!

The Father's splendor clothes the Son with life.
The Spirit's fission shakes the Church of God.
Baptized, we live with God the Three in One.
Hallelujah!

A new creation comes to life and grows
As Christ's new body takes on flesh and blood.
The universe restored and whole will sing:
Hallelujah!

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 26, 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:

Bill Fox, friend of Central
The family of Freddie Johnson, great-aunt of
Ryan Shaw
The family of J. H. VonTungeln, Jr., brother of
Bill VonTungeln
Able VonTungeln, son of Michael VonTungeln
Marian Parks, aunt of Bill Detmers
The family of Milburn Sites, grandfather of Ben
Poss
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 Yarbrow, former member
(Leah) Pud Harris
David Eubanks

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

Woodlands, Hot Springs Village

Holiday Island Church

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD:

Keith Camferdam, Air Force

Chris Hill, Army

Ssgt. Joe Salinas, Marines

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