



**Central Presbyterian Church**  
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
(870) 879-9074



**Sunday, March 18, 2012**  
**4<sup>TH</sup> 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** *Let Us With a Gladsome Mind* Gesangbuch

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** We give You thanks, O God, for You are good; Your steadfast love endures forever.

**People:** When we cried to You with our troubles, O God, You saved us from our distress.

**Leader:** We give You thanks, O God, for Your wonderful works to all of humanity.

**People:** Hear now our offerings of praise and thanksgiving, as we tell of Your deeds with songs of joy.

**All:** Let us worship God!

**\*OPENING HYMN #366** *Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

O God, in Christ Jesus you proclaimed your love for all creation. Have mercy on us as we confess our sin. We have overpopulated the earth and violated its goodness. We have depleted nature of its vital resources. Pollution besets us, waters lie stagnant. We care not for ourselves as temples, nor for communities as buildings not built with hands. We plead for forgiveness and ask for your guidance. Help us to be disciplined in taking care of your gifts, lest in neglecting them we lose them forever. (Silent Prayer) Amen!

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** Know that God is rich in mercy.

**People:** Even though we are dead through our trespasses, God's great love for us makes us alive through Jesus the Christ.

**Leader:** We are thus saved by God's grace.

**People:** Live in the assurance that, as we confess our sin;

**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**

*Thee We Adore*

Dubois

**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** Numbers 21:4-9

**GOSPEL LESSON** John 3:14-21

**EPISTLE LESSON** Ephesians 2:1-10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

*Good Works, a Way of Life*

Dr. Dan Festa

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

p.14 Hymnal

**\*HYMN #369**

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**                      *Dan ket den Herren, Denn er ist Sehr freundlich*    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**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN** #356      *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE\*\***                      *How Majestic Is Your Name*                      Smith

**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: George Moseley    Lay Readers: Zac Cosner & Bubba VonTungeln**

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

**Youth Sponsors**  
Marty Shell  
Suzy Von Tungeln                      Rose Von Tungeln

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**www.centralprespb.com**  
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<b>The Session (Board of Elders)</b>	
<b><u>Class of 2012</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2013</u></b>
Zac Cosner	Lawrence Fikes (Clerk)
Laura Festa	Steven Howsen
Mike Kelley	George Mosley
Jemmie Moseley	Dana Neal
Bubba VonTungeln	Laura Pierce

<b>Standing Committee Moderators</b>	
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 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 Deadline for the April Issue** of the *Central Scene* is **Monday, March 19.** Please turn in all announcements, articles, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.

**Dan Will Be on Vacation** March 19 through March 26. Reverend Richard O. Knott will be our guest pastor on March 25.

**The Church Office Is Now Accepting Orders** for Easter lilies. The lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Palm Sunday (April 1) and will remain through Easter (April 8). The cost for the lilies is \$12.50 each. If you prefer not to purchase an actual plant, you may designate your gift for the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund instead. If you would like to order a Lily, please fill out one of the order forms located on the round table in the Narthex, and return it to the church office by **next Sunday, March 25.**

**The Men of the Church Will Host** a fundraiser luncheon on March 25, following morning worship. All proceeds from the luncheon will go toward the costs for the 1<sup>st</sup> Annual Men’s Retreat in May.

**Numbers 21:4-9**

- 21:4 From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way.
- 21:5 The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food."
- 21:6 Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died.
- 21:7 The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people.
- 21:8 And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live."
- 21:9 So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

**John 3:14-21**

- 3:14 And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,
- 3:15 that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.
- 3:16 "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.
- 3:17 "Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.
- 3:18 Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.
- 3:19 And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil.

- 3:20 For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed.
- 3:21 But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

**Ephesians 2:1-10**

- 2:1 You were dead through the trespasses and sins
- 2:2 in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient.
- 2:3 All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else.
- 2:4 But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us
- 2:5 even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—
- 2:6 and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus,
- 2:7 so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus.
- 2:8 For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—
- 2:9 not the result of works, so that no one may boast.
- 2:10 For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

**Thee, We Adore**

Thee we adore, O Saviour,  
Bless Thee and praise Thee forever,  
Thee we adore, O Saviour,  
Bless Thee and Praise Thee forever,  
For on the holy cross  
Thou hast the world from sin redeemed,  
Thee we adore, O Saviour,  
Bless Thee and praise Thee forever,  
Thee we adore, O Saviour.

**JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 18, 2012**

*JOY: **Casie & Trent Jackson**, close friends of the Cosner family, celebrate the birth of a new baby boy, **Clayton Lane Jackson**, on 03/08/2012. He weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces, and was 20 inches long.*

*MEMBERS:*

<b>Mary Wooten</b>	<b>Laura Hayes</b>
<b>Agnes Hughes</b>	<b>Bradley VonTungeln</b>
<b>Nell Horne</b>	<b>Bernice and Gene Lackey</b>
<b>Jo Weaver</b>	<b>Bea and Grady Magee</b>
<b>Bettie Joe Isbell</b>	<b>Mildred Gaunt</b>

*THOSE WITH RESTRICTED MOBILITY AND HOMEBOUND:*

*FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:*

<b>The families and friends of Quinshun Parks and Dennis Johnson, Jr.</b> , members of our community	<b>Verlon Wright</b> , friend of the Cosner family
<b>The family of Lester Shell</b> , father of Marty Shell	<b>Jane Dean</b> , friend of Mildred Gaunt
<b>Able VonTungeln</b> , son of Michael VonTungeln	<b>Judy Curry</b> , Jo Weaver’s hairdresser
<b>Marian Parks</b> , aunt of Bill Detmers	<b>Tracy Robinson</b> , friend of Karen & David Perdue
<b>Cissy Bailey</b> , sister-in-law of Betty Coles	<b>Wayne Benson</b> , friend of the Vick Family
<b>Bob St. Clair</b> , brother of Mary Kientz	<b>Carla Fenessee</b> , friends of Laura & Rick Pierce
<b>Helen Knoll</b> , grandmother of Amber Poss	<b>Brooke Wells</b> , granddaughter of Connie & Bill Detmers
<b>Anne Logan</b> , friend of Jo Weaver	<b>Robbie Fikes</b> , nephew of Lawrence Fikes
<b>Jennifer Gipson</b> , friend of Jo Weaver	<b>Son of Mary and Phil McBee</b> , friends of Grady & Bea Magee.
<b>Susan Buchanan</b> , granddaughter of Bea Magee	<b>Connie Insley</b> , granddaughter-in-law of Hester Insley
<b>Dylan Neal</b> , nephew of Dana Neal	<b>Helen Gaunt</b> , sister-in-law of Mildred Gaunt
<b>Colby Smothers</b> , friend of the Neal family	<b>Sheila Black Yarbrow</b> , former member
<b>Lori Partridge</b> , friend of Rose VonTungeln	<b>(Leah) Pud Harris</b>
<b>Loy Horne</b> , sister-in-law of Lynda Vick	<b>David Eubanks</b>
<b>Mary Light</b> , grandmother of Kodee & Jacob Vick and Brianna Rodriguez	
<b>Lauren Anderson</b> , sister of Amber Poss	

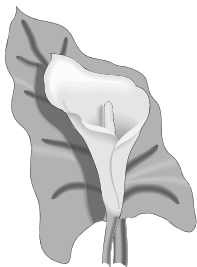
*PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:*

<b>First United</b> , Fayetteville	<b>West Fork Church</b> , West Fork
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*OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD:*

<b>Keith Camferdam</b> , Air Force	<b>Chris Hill</b> , Army	<b>Ssgt. Joe Salinas</b> , Marines
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*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.*



### **Easter Lilies**

The church office is accepting orders for Easter Lilies. The cost is \$12.50 each. Please fill out the form below, and return to the church office. The deadline to place an order is March 25.

Donor(s)

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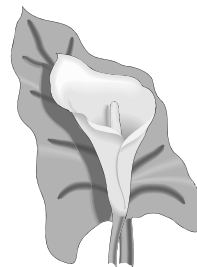
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