



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, March 25, 2012
5TH 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 *God Is So Good*

Sprunger

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: O God, open my lips, and my mouth will declare Your praise.

People: **Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.**

Leader: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, You will not despise.

People: **Restore to me the joy of Your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN #1** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God of forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways. We hear of Your promise amid our own sense of self-doubt. Hope is proclaimed, yet we seek guarantees. Christ calls us to obedience, but we set conditions. When called on to follow, we ask to what end. We applaud commitment, but we treasure our comfort. Forgive our reluctance to walk in newness of life. (Silent Prayer) Amen!

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Although He was as we are, Jesus "learned obedience through what He suffered; and being made perfect He became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey Him."

People: **Today, as we come before God confessing our sins, Jesus the high priest is our source of forgiveness.**

Leader: Trust in the word of Christ and be forgiven.

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

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Beneath the Cross

Fettke

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 Isaiah 61:1-3, 7-11

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Galatians 4:4-7

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Jesus Loves Me

Rev. Richard O. Knott

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

p.14 Hymnal

***HYMN #8**

Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Allein zu dir, Herr Jesu Christ* 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 #379** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *Jesus Is My Lord* Tornquist

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 Mosley 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.

Guest Pastor

Reverend Richard O. Knott

Secretary

Erin Shaw

Choirmaster/Organist

Marty Shell

Nursery Attendant

Laura Cosner

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The Session (Board of Elders)

Class of 2012

Zac Cosner

Laura Festa

Mike Kelley

Jemmie Moseley

Bubba VonTungeln

Class of 2013

Lawrence Fikes (Clerk)

Steven Howsen

George Mosley

Dana Neal

Laura Pierce

Standing Committee Moderators

Mike Kelley

Budget & Finance

George Mosley

& Steven Howsen

Zac Cosner

Building & Grounds

Dana Neal

Education

Laura Festa

Fellowship & Nurture

Laura Pierce

Missions & Outreach

Worship & Music

Announcements

Communicants Class Will Not Meet this afternoon this afternoon. Class will resume on April 1.

Today is the Deadline to order Easter Lilies. The cost for the lilies is \$12.50 each. If you would like to order a Lily, please fill out one of the order forms located on the table in the Narthex, and return it to the church office today.

The Men of the Church Will Host a Chicken & Dumpling fundraiser luncheon this afternoon following morning worship. The cost is \$7 per person and \$20 for a family of 3 or more. All proceeds from the luncheon will go toward the costs for the 1st Annual Men’s Retreat in May. For more information on the Retreat, see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall.

We Are Happy to Report that as of March 18, we have collected and delivered 45 packages of Kool-Aid to CASA! This is an ongoing ministry in our community so we encourage everyone to continue to contribute. Kool-Aid may be placed in the large box in the Narthex.

We Are Still Collecting canned and non-perishable food items for Neighbor to Neighbor’s food pantry. Baskets are located on the round table in McElyea Hall for receiving food items.

As of March 18, We Have Collected \$164.24 in change for the mission in Malawi.

Isaiah 61:1-3, 7-11

- 61:1 The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;
- 61:2 to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;
- 61:3 to provide for those who mourn in Zion – to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.
- 61:7 Instead of your shame you shall have a double portion, instead of dishonor you shall rejoice in your lot; therefore in your land you shall possess a double portion; yours shall be everlasting joy.
- 61:8 For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them.
- 61:9 Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.
- 61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.
- 61:11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Galatians 4:4-7

- 4:4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,
- 4:5 in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

- 4:6 And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"
- 4:7 So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Announcements (cont.)

Our Schedule of Activities and Worship Opportunities for Holy Week is as follows:

- ▶ **Palm Sunday** is April 1. We hope all will join us for the beginning of our Holy Week observances.
- ▶ **Maundy Thursday** is April 5. A Last Supper meal will be celebrated in McElyea Hall at 6:00 p.m. The meal will include the communion elements.
- ▶ **Good Friday** is April 6. The sanctuary will be open for quiet meditation from noon until 3 p.m.
- ▶ **An Easter Morning Breakfast**, will begin at 8:00 a.m., April 8.
- ▶ **An Easter Egg Hunt** will be held at about 9:00 a.m. Easter morning, in front of the Youth Activities building. Sunday School will not meet Easter morning.
- ▶ **Easter/Resurrection of the Lord** worship will begin at **10:00 a.m.** Please note this one-time change in worship time.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 25, 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:

Able VonTungeln, son of Michael VonTungeln
Marian Parks, aunt of Bill Detmers
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 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, Harrison

First, North Little Rock

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.

Beneath the Cross

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me, "come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus,
My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
His family is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams;
Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus,
See the children called by God.

There's a hiding place
Beneath the mighty cross.
I find mercy there
And a refuge for the lost.

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
The path before the crown,
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
To be His perfect bride.

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
We will gladly live our lives.
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Beneath the cross,
Beneath the cross of Jesus.