



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Sunday, March 4, 2012
2ND 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I will tell of Your name to my brothers and sisters, and lead them in praise.

People: **You did not despise the afflicted nor turn a deaf ear when they cried to You.**

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall turn to You, O God; all families shall worship God.

People: **We will tell of Your deeds to those who follow, and proclaim Your deliverance to all.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN #488** *The God of Abraham Praise*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of compassion and mercy, look with favor upon us as we confess our sins. Our faith is weak in the face of crisis. Our hope collapses when we are threatened or maligned. We seek our own safety and abandon those You love. We trust in objects we can create and control. We speak much and risk little. But You, O God, have given Your promise that You will never forsake us. Forgive our failure to take You at your word. (Silent Prayer) Amen!

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God's promises rest on grace and guaranteed to all who believe in Christ.

People: **"I will establish My covenant between Me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations."**

Leader: "It will be reckoned to us who believe in Him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification."

People: **Trust the promises of grace, and accept the righteousness of God bestowed in Christ.**

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 Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:31-38

EPISTLE LESSON Romans 4:13-35, 5:1-5

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Joyful Living

Alvin Glover

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

p.14 Hymnal

***HYMN #464**

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

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 #83** *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

***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.**

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.

Lay Speaker
Alvin Glover

Secretary
Erin Shaw

Guest Organist
Donald Walker

Nursery Attendant
Laura Cosner

Youth Sponsors
Marty Shell
Suzy Von Tungeln Rose Von Tungeln

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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

Join Us for Lunch following worship this morning. The youth will be serving spaghetti with all the trimmings. The cost is \$6.00 per person, \$10.00 per couple, and \$20.00 for families of 4 or more. Proceeds will go to the youth trip fund.

Communicants Class Will Not Meet this afternoon. Class will resume on March 11.

Handbell Practice Will Not Meet this afternoon. Practice will resume on March 11.

Erin Will Be on Vacation Friday, March 9, Monday, March 12, and Tuesday, March 13. She will be back in the office on Wednesday, March 14.

The Weekend Circle Will Meet Saturday, March 10, at 9 a.m., in the Perdue Library.

Daylight Saving Time Begins next Sunday, March 11. Don’t forget to set your clocks ahead one hour!

The Evening Circle Will Meet Monday, March 12, at 6:30 p.m., in the Perdue Library.

The Morning Circle Will Meet Tuesday, March 13, at 10:00 a.m., in the Perdue Library.

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 at Charlotte's and then go to Lisa's for shopping. If you are interested in traveling with us, please sign up on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall.

The Men of the Church Will Have a Breakfast Meeting and Work Day on Saturday, March 17, at 8 a.m., in McElyea Hall. Members and friends of Central are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Genesis 17:1-7, 15-16

- 17:1When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, "I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless.
- 17:2And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous."
- 17:3Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him,
- 17:4"As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.
- 17:5No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations.
- 17:6I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you.
- 17:7I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.
- 17:15God said to Abraham, "As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name.
- 17:16I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her."

Psalms 22:23-31

- 22:23You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!
- 22:24For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.
- 22:25From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.
- 22:26The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

- 22:27All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.
- 22:28For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.
- 22:29To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.
- 22:30Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,
- 22:31and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

Mark 8:31-38

- 8:31Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again.
- 8:32He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.
- 8:33But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."
- 8:34He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.
- 8:35For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it.
- 8:36For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?
- 8:37Indeed, what can they give in return for their life?
- 8:38Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

Romans 4:13-25

- 4:13For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.

4:14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.

4:15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

4:16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,

4:17 as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") – in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

4:18 Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be."

4:19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

4:20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,

4:21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

4:22 Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness."

4:23 Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone,

4:24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,

4:25 who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 4, 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 Lester Shell**, father of Marty Shell
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 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:

***Second**, Little Rock* ***First**, Yellville*

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.