



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, April 15, 2012
2ND SUNDAY OF EASTER

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE *The Risen Christ* Peterson

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Behold, how good it is when brothers and sisters live together in unity!

People: **It is like precious oil on the head, running down over the collar of Aaron's robes.**

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion.

People: **For there the Lord ordained God's blessing, life forevermore.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN #151** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of all worlds, Easter Victor, we are too prone to go by our feelings and not to accept the witness of the apostles, believing Christ's victory to be our victory over sin and death. Victorious Spirit, overcome our sense of importance, doubts, and fears as we read and hear the apostolic witness. Increase our love as well, for we need to love others who are not as lovable. Help us not to stand in judgment of those less fortunate, but enable us to reach out in love. Help us to have humble spirits as we approach all people in the name of Your love. (Silent Prayer) Amen!

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! The victory that defeats the world's view of death is our faith.

People: **Through it we are victors over evil by believing that Christ was indeed raised from the dead.**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

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 *Christ Is Risen! Sing Alleluia!* Carter

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 Psalm 133

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 4:32-35

GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Sins Forgiven or Retained* Dr. Dan Festa

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

***HYMN #122** *Thine Is the Glory*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Near to the Cross* Ritter

***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 #466** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *Turn Your Radio On* Brumley

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: Dana Neal **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

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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 Building & Grounds
Zac Cosner Education
Dana Neal Fellowship & Nurture
Laura Festa Missions & Outreach
Laura Pierce Worship & Music

Announcements

An Easter Lily Was Placed in the Church Sanctuary this past Sunday by Rev. and Mrs. John Shell in memory of Bera Shell Stevens.

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 morning worship.

The Communicant’s Class Will Meet at 3 p.m. this afternoon in the Perdue Library.

First Presbyterian Church Will Host a potluck dinner in McColgan Hall this evening, at 6 p.m. Two missionaries from the Congo, John and Gwendolyn Fletcher, will tell of their experiences. All are invited to join them for dinner. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall.

We’re Going to See *Stuart Little!* On Sunday, April 29, we will travel to the Arts & Science Center to see the 2 p.m. performance of the award-winning play, *Stuart Little*. We will attend the 2:00 matinee that day, so we plan to leave the church no later than 1:30 p.m. If you are interested in attending the show, please be sure and sign up on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall by **today**, so that we will have plenty of time to purchase tickets and reserve our seats.

(Announcements continued on insert)

Psalm 133			
133:1	How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!	20:24	But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came.
133:2	It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.	20:25	So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."
133:3	It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.	20:26	A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."
Acts 4:32-35		20:27	Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe."
4:32	Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common.	20:28	Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"
4:33	With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all.	20:29	Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."
4:34	There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold.	20:30	Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book.
4:35	They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.	20:31	But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.
John 20:19-31			
20:19	When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."		
20:20	After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord.		
20:21	Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you."		
20:22	When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit.		
20:23	If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."		

Christ is Risen! Sing Alleluia!

Christ is risen Sing Alleluia Raise we now the gladsome strain.
From the grave where death once held Him, Now He lives to love and reign.
We behold the joyous triumph of our Prince, our Lord, our King.
Hail Him now, all earth and heaven, Come, ye faithful, rejoice and sing.

Christ is risen sing Alleluia, See, the stone is rolled away.
Resurrected love proclaiming. Celebrate this glad new day.
We shall reign with Him in glory, Sons and daughters of a King.
Spread abroad His truth and triumph. Come, ye faithful rejoice and sing.

Christ is risen, Sing Alleluia, Battle fought and victory won.
Cross behind and throne before Him. Love’s redeeming work is done.
Now in glory He awaits us, Christ, the Lamb, now Christ the King.
Unto Him be laud and honor, Come, ye faithful, rejoice and sing.

Christ is risen, Sing Alleluia, Land to land and sky to sea.
Joy renews the whole creation, chains are broken, captives free.
Claim the Kingdom, claim the power, claim the crown that crowns Him King.
Let the whole wide earth adore Him, Come, ye faithful, rejoice and sing.
Rejoice and Sing, rejoice, rejoice, rejoice and sing.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 15, 2012

MEMBERS:

***Bettie Joe Isbell
Mary Wooten
Agnes Hughes
Nell Horne
Jo Weaver***

***Laura Hayes
Bradley VonTungeln
Bernice and Gene Lackey
Bea and Grady Magee
Mildred Gaunt***

THOSE WITH RESTRICTED MOBILITY AND HOMEBOUND:

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Jo Jacks, sister of a close friend of Patsy & Al Glover
The family of Robbie Fikes, nephew of Lawrence Fikes
The family of Bob Harris, brother of Don Harris
Helen Knoll, grandmother of Amber Poss
The family of Cleashindra Hall, cousin of Ryan Shaw
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
Anne Logan, friend of Jo Weaver
Jennifer Gipson, friend of Jo Weaver
Susan Buchanan, granddaughter of Bea Magee
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
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:

Central, Fort Smith

Korean Ministry Fellowship, Fort Smith

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.

Announcements (cont.)

The Deadline for the May Issue of the *Central Scene* is **tomorrow, April 16**. Please turn in all announcements, articles, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.

The PW Spring Gathering Will Be Held Saturday, April 28, at the Kirk in the Pines in Hot Springs Village, AR. This year's program is "Message of Hope." The deadline to register is **April 20**. For more information, see the flyer and sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall.

Grace Episcopal Church Invites You to Join Them on Saturday, April 21, from 11:30 a.m. until 2:00 p.m., for their Annual English Tea and Sale. Come and enjoy an elegant traditional high tea, served in the beautifully decorated Richard M. Milwee Hall. The cost is \$7.00, and take-out boxes are available. You can also have a wonderful time shopping in Grace's Attic and Bakery. Feel free to "dress" for Tea, or come as you are. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call (870) 534-4980 or (870) 535-3852.

The Communicant's Class Will Take a Trip to the Museum of Discovery in Little Rock, AR, followed by lunch at Playtime Pizza on Saturday, April 21. We will leave the church at 9:30 a.m. and return around 3 p.m.

Reception of This Year's Communicants into our church membership will take place on Sunday, April 22, during morning worship.

On April 29, We Will Have a Blue Moon Sunday Bingo Fund-raiser for the playground equipment. Bingo cards will be 50¢ each and \$5 per family to play Bingo. Everyone is invited to bring their favorite finger foods. We will play from 4:30 to 6 pm.