



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Sunday, May 6, 2012
5TH 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: From You, O God comes my praise in the great congregation.

People: **My vows I will pay before those who fear God.**

Leader: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to God.

People: **And all the families of the nations shall worship You, O God, our Lord and our Redeemer.**

All: **Let us worship the Living God.**

***OPENING HYMN #302** *I Danced in the Morning*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God without favorites, from every nation You accept those who revere You and do what is right, but we continue to do what is unacceptable to You.

We need the forgiveness and spiritual healing that You offer us in Jesus of Nazareth and the Holy Spirit. Free us from oppression that we may be free to worship You with great joy and, bear witness to Christ crucified and raised from the dead, and may see the baptism of others who put their trust in You. (Silent Prayer) Amen!

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear the good news! We are of God's family.

People: **The One inspiring us is greater than the spirits which drive us apart from Your presence.**

Leader: Friends, hear and believe the good news!

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 Psalm 22:25-31

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 8:26-40

GOSPEL LESSON John 15:1-8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Fruitful Service

Dr. Catherine Allsbury

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** From I John 4

We join the apostles of the first century in bearing this word to the world:

(Unison) God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent His only Son into the world so that we might live through Him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that He loved us and sent His Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. By this we know that we abide in Him and He in us, because He has given us of His Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent His Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the Day of Judgment, because as He is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in

love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because He first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from Him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

*HYMN #339 *Be Thou My Vision*

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 #414 *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

*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: Jemmie Moseley Lay Readers: Amanda Chandler

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 Dr. Catherine Allsbury	Secretary Erin Shaw
Guest Organist Donald Walker	Nursery Attendant Laura Cosner
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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

On Tuesday, May 8, We Will Travel to Dickey Stephens Park in Little Rock, AR to see a baseball game, UALR v.s. UCA. We will leave the church at 5:30 p.m. Kids tickets are free, but they will need money for food and souvenirs. We plan to return no later than 10:30 p.m.

You are Invited to a Baby Brunch For Laura Cosner on Saturday, May 12, 11:00 a.m., in McElyea Hall. Laura is registered at Babies R Us, Target, and Linda’s Monogram. Regrets only call Jennifer Place, (870) 718-2442.

The Men of the Church Will Have a Breakfast Meeting on Saturday, May 19, at 8 a.m., in McElyea Hall. The 2012-2013 President will be elected at this meeting. Members and friends of Central are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Central’s Presbyterian Women’s Circles Will Not Meet this Summer. Regular meetings will resume in September.

It’s a Bargain Hunter’s Paradise! Central’s Presbyterian Women will have a Rummage Sale on Saturday, May 26. The sale will be from 8 a.m. until 2 p.m. in McElyea Hall. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall or contact Amber Poss at 870-550-1592.

Psalm 22:25-31

22:25 From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

22:26 The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

22:27 All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

22:28 For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

22:29 To 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.

22:30 Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

22:31 and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

Acts 8:26-40

8:26 Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.)

8:27 So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship

8:28 and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah.

8:29 Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it."

8:30 So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?"

8:31 He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

8:32 Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: "Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

8:33 In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

8:34 The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?"

8:35 Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus.

8:36 As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?"

8:38 He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

8:39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing.

8:40 But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

John 15:1-8

15:1 "I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower.

15:2 He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit.

- 15:3 You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.
- 15:4 Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me.
- 15:5 I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing.
- 15:6 Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned.
- 15:7 If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you.
- 15:8 My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF MAY 6, 2012

MEMBERS:

***Dora VonTungeln**
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:

***Wanda Vining**, mother-in-law of Pat Drewett
Jo Jacks, sister of a close friend of Patsy & Al Glover
Helen Knoll, grandmother of Amber Poss
The family of Cleashindra Hall, cousin of Ryan Shaw
Marian Parks, aunt of Bill Detmers
Cissy Bailey, sister-in-law of Betty Coles
Anne Logan, friend of Jo Weaver
Jennifer Gipson, friend of Jo Weaver
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:

First, Hot Springs** **Hispanic New Church Development, Springdale

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.