



**Central Presbyterian Church**  
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**Sunday, June 3, 2012**  
**TRINITY SUNDAY**

**GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP**

**PRELUDE** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

Dykes

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** Ascribe to God, O heavenly beings, ascribe to God all glory and strength.

**People:** Your name is above every name, O God, we will worship You in the splendor of Your holiness.

**Leader:** The voice of God is powerful; the voice of God is full of majesty.

**People:** May God give strength to the people, O God, may You bless Your people with peace.

**All:** Let us worship God.

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

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

Source of redeeming grace and infinite goodness; bear us as in Christ we pray for forgiveness. While You reach out to us in fellowship, we turn from You in shame. We do not do what You command. We proclaim not Your love, since we seldom serve others. We confess Christ as Savior, yet obey Him indifferently, if at all. Our discipleship suffers, for we heed not Your guidance. We are in need of repentance as we confess our sins. Have mercy upon us, and grant us Your pardon. (Silent Prayer) Amen!

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** After Isaiah had confessed his uncleanness, a seraph flew to him, carrying a burning coal from the altar.

**People:** The seraph touched Isaiah and said, "Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out."

**Leader:** The sacrifice of Christ at the altar of God's eternal grace has touched our lives, and we too can rest in the assurance of God's pardon.

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

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

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**ANTHEM**

*Rain Down on Me*

Schram

**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**

**EPISTLE LESSON**

Romans 8:12-17

**GOSPEL LESSON**

John 3:1-17

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

*How Can These Things Be?*

Rev. Jim Miller

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

p.14 Hymnal

**\*HYMN #326**

*Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Komm, Gott Schöpfer, heiliger Geist* 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** #485 *To God Be the Glory*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE\*\*** *All Creatures of our God and King* Kirchengesäng

**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: To be announced** **Lay Reader: Jemmie Moseley**

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**  
Rev. Jim Miller

**Secretary**  
Erin Shaw

**Choirmaster/Organist**  
Marty Shell

**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*

**Dan Will Be Gone** until June 9. Please call the Clerk of Session or the Church office for any pastoral needs.

**Plans for Our Summer Youth Trip Are Underway!** This year we will travel to the Ozark Mountains where we will venture to Eureka Springs, attend The Great Passion Play, tour the Christ of the Ozarks statue and the Parables of the Potter, and view a section of the Great Berlin Wall. The trip would not be complete without a visit to the downtown shops and art galleries before returning home. We thank everyone for supporting your youth programs, fund raisers and meals!

**Romans 8:12-17**

8:12     So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—

8:13     for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live.

8:14     For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

8:15     For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!"

8:16     it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God,

8:17     and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

**John 3:1-17**

3:1       Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.

3:2       He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God."

3:3       Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above."

3:4       Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?"

3:5       Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.

3:6       What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.

3:7       Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.'

3:8       The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit."

3:9       Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?"

3:10      Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

3:11      "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.

3:12      If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?

3:13      No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.

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.

**Rain Down on Me**

Rain down on me Your love and mercy,  
Rain down on me Your grace.  
Cleanse and renew my barren spirit  
In this quiet place.  
While I worship in the beauty  
Of Your holiness.  
Rain down on me and I will be blessed.

Rain down on me Your understanding  
As I confess my sin.  
Comfort and heal my broken heart  
And make me whole again.  
Let me know the wonder of forgiveness full and free!

Rain down on me, rain down on me.

Lord, I feel Your power as it washes over me,  
Gently purifying me once more, once more.

Nothing separates me from you when I'm on my knees,  
So in gratitude, I bow before You, Lord. O, Lord,

Rain down on me Your joy and pleasure; cover, enfold, baptize.  
Lift me above this barren desert, perfect in Your eyes.  
Welcome me into Your presence, where I long to be.  
Rain down on me, rain down on me,  
Rain down on me.

**PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF JUNE 3, 2012**

*MEMBERS:*

**The family of 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:*

**Anita Rodriguez**, mother of Brianna Rodriguez  
and Kodee & Jacob Vick  
**Ann Marshall**, friend of Laura & Dan Festa  
**The family of Jackie Quinn**, former member  
**The family of Jo Jacks**, sister of a close friend of  
Patsy & Al Glover  
**Kelly Robinson**, friend of Karen & David Perdue  
**Evelyn Crow**, friend of Laura Cosner  
**Doris McCoy**, mother of Kay Cromwell  
**Patsy King**, former member  
**Wanda Vining**, mother-in-law of Pat Drewett  
**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:*

**Mission Trip Participants** **First**, 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.