



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, September 30, 2012
26TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* Wirtembergschen

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Are any among us suffering? We should pray. Are any cheerful?
We should sing songs of praise.

People: **The prayer of faith will save the sick and whoever has
committed sins will be forgiven.**

Leader: Therefore confess our sins to one another, and pray for one
another, so that we may be healed.

People: **The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN #447** *Leader On, O King Eternal*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of mercy, You know our lives are but an illusion when we do not
dwell in Your favor. Our acts are but vapor when we do not obey Your will.
We boast of our good deeds, and flaunt righteous behavior, but they are
conceived in arrogance and born of conceit. Forgive our deception and the
damage it causes. By Your mercy forgive us, and through Christ make us
free. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear again the words of assurance.

People: **Christ is "the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who
are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance,**

Leader: because a death has occurred that redeems them from
...transgressions...For Christ...entered into heaven itself, now to
appear in the presence of God on our behalf".

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

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Anthem of Gratitude

Martin

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

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:38-50

EPISTLE LESSON

James 5:13-20

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Days of Feasting and Gladness Dr. Dan Festa

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed (Traditional) p.14 Hymnal

***HYMN #165**

When in the Night I Meditate

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir* 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 #145** *Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *Praise Him with Pipes* Logan

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: Amanda Chandler **Lay Readers: Bubba VonTungeln and George 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.

Pastor Dr. Dan Festa	Secretary Erin Shaw
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The Session (Board of Elders)	
<u>Class of 2012</u>	<u>Class of 2013</u>
Zac Cosner	Lawrence Fikes (Clerk)
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Mike Kelley	George Mosley
Jemmie Moseley	Dana Neal
Bubba VonTungeln	Laura Pierce

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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

Central Will Lead Trinity Village Vespers this afternoon at 4 p.m., in the Trinity Village Great Hall. All are invited to attend.

There Will Be a Church Clean-up Day this Saturday, October 6, from 8:30 a.m. - 12 p.m., in preparation for the AR Stated Presbytery meeting on October 12 and 13, and other upcoming Fall/Winter events. All are encouraged to come out and help.

Next Sunday Is World Communion Sunday. The Peacemaking Offering will be received during morning worship.

The Church Office Will Be Closed on Monday, October 8, in observance of Columbus Day.

The Evening Circle Will Meet Monday, October 8, at 6:30 p.m., in the Perdue Library.

The Morning Circle Will Meet Tuesday, October 9, at 10:00 a.m., in the Perdue Library.

Please Sign up Today for the Race for the Cure to be held Saturday Oct. 20th. Our login name is: CPC-member; Password, 6300trinitydrive on the Susan G. Komen website. Hope you’ll join today.

All Are Invited to Join Central’s Presbyterian Women for a Trip to the Vera Lloyd Presbyterian Home in Monticello, AR, on Wednesday, October 24. We will leave the church at 9 a.m. Upon arrival in Monticello, we will tour the Vera Lloyd Campus. Following our tour, we will make a return stop by The Village in Star City for lunch and shopping. If you would like to travel with us, please sign-up on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall.

Mark 9:38-50

- 9:38 John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us."
- 9:39 But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me.
- 9:40 Whoever is not against us is for us.
- 9:41 For truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.
- 9:42 "If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea.
- 9:43 If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire.
- 9:45 And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell.
- 9:47 And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell,
- 9:48 where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.
- 9:49 "For everyone will be salted with fire.
- 9:50 Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

James 5:13-20

- 5:13 Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise.
- 5:14 Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord.
- 5:15 The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

- 5:16 Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.
- 5:17 Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth.
- 5:18 Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.
- 5:19 My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another,
- 5:20 you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

- 7:1 So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther.
- 7:2 On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled."
- 7:3 Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me – that is my petition – and the lives of my people – that is my request.
- 7:4 For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king."
- 7:5 Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?"
- 7:6 Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.
- 7:9 Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that."

7:10 So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai.
Then the anger of the king abated.

9:20 Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all
the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far,

9:21 enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and
also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year,

9:22 as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the
month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from
mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and
gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the
poor.

Anthem of Gratitude

Now thank we all our God, With hearts and hands and voices. Who wondrous things hat done, In whom our song rejoices!	Christ to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise. Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, thank You God.
Who gave this church its birth And blessed it through the years With countless gifts of love And grace for every tear.	For the joy of human love, Brother, sister, parent, child, Friends on earth and friends above, For all gentle thoughts and mild:
For the beauty of the earth, For the glory of the skies, For the love which from our birth Over and around us lies: Christ to Thee we raise This our hymn of grateful praise.	Christ to Thee we raise, This our hymn of grateful praise, We give praise! For the church that evermore Lifteth holy hands above, Offering up on every shore Her pure sacrifice of love:
For the wonder of each hour, Of the day and of the night, Hill and vale and tree and flower, Sun and moon and stars of light.	Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia, alleluia Thank You God.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 30, 2012

MEMBERS:

Bud Elam
Bettie Joe Isbell
Bea and Grady Magee
Jo Weaver
Mary Wooten

Agnes Hughes
Nell Horne
Bernice and Gene Lackey
Mildred Gaunt

THOSE WITH RESTRICTED MOBILITY AND HOMEBOUND:

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Sheila Starkey & family, friend of the church
Ruby Cox, grandmother of Laura Cosner’s friend
Eddie Lackey, friend of the Reeves family
The family of John Shell, former member
Roxanne Melgarejo, acquaintance of Jo Weaver
Pat Mosley, mother of George Mosley
Bonita Hankins, aunt of George Mosley
Alyssa and Shawn Brock & their 7-month-old son, friends of the Cosner family
Brad Morris, nephew of Bernice Lackey
Jacki Drewett, Pat Drewett’s mother-in-law
Loy Horne, sister-in-law of Lynda Vick
Anita Rodriguez, mother of Brianna Rodriguez and Kodee & Jacob Vick
Kelly Robinson, friend of Karen & David Perdue
Evelyn Crow, friend of Laura Cosner
Doris McCoy, mother of Kay Cromwell
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
Lori Partridge, friend of Rose VonTungeln
Lauren Anderson, sister of Amber Poss
Verlon Wright, friend of the Cosner family
Jane Dean, friend of Mildred Gaunt
Tracy Robinson, friend of Karen & David Perdue
Wayne Benson, friend of the Vick Family
Carla Fennessee, friends of Laura & Rick Pierce
Brooke Wells, granddaughter of Connie & Bill Detmers
Son of Mary and Phil McBee, friends of Grady & Bea Magee.
Helen Gaunt, sister-in-law of Mildred Gaunt
Sheila Black Yarbrow, former member
(Leah) Pud Harris

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

First, Gurdon

Churches of Lacandaon Presbytery, Mexico

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD:

Keith Camferdam, Air Force

Chris Hill, Army

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.