



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, January 6, 2013
EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE *All Hail to God's Anointed* Noble

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Arise, shine; for your Light has come; and the glory of God has risen upon you.

People: **Lift up your eyes and look around; sons and daughters gather together, they come to you.**

Leader: Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice.

People: **They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of God.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN #62** *Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Source of salvation and Bringer of light, we fail to sense the mystery of Your love. We bear grudges against our neighbors, while it is Your nature to forgive. We hold tightly to our possessions, while Christ blesses the poor. In Him, You have spoken peace, yet we live in turmoil. We care little for this planet, which You in goodness created for our habitation. In mercy forgive us, and help us to amend our ways. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: God is righteous and just, and forgives the iniquity of all who repent.

People: **Like "rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth," God's goodwill overflows toward us in the Babe of Bethlehem.**

Leader: Through that Child, who is our risen Lord, we plead for forgiveness and claim God's mercy and assurance of pardon.

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

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Come to the Banquet* 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

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 60:1-6

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 3:1-12

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 2:1-12

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Paying Homage* Dr. Dan Festa

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

***HYMN #67** *Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Puer natus in Bethlehem

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.)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND

LORD’S PRAYER (We use debts and debtors.)

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***RECESSIONAL HYMN #66** *We Three Kings of Orient Are*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE**

Angels We Have Heard on High

Smith

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.**

Ushers: To be announced **Lay Reader: To be announced**

Communion Steward: Dana Neal

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

Choirmaster/Organist
Marty Shell

Nursery Attendant
Laura Cosner

Youth Sponsors
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The Session (Board of Elders)

Class of 2013

Lawrence Fikes (Clerk)
Steven Howsen
George Mosley
Dana Neal
Laura Pierce

Class of 2014

Tommy Dunlap
Jo Weaver
Lan Kelley
Pat Drewett
Bill Detmers

Standing Committee Moderators

Budget & Finance
Building & Grounds
Education
Fellowship & Nurture
Missions & Outreach
Worship & Music

Announcements

2013 Offering Envelopes are available. They are located on the table in the Narthex.

A PW General Meeting Will Be Held this afternoon in the library following morning worship.

When Making Special Gifts to the Church (memorials, honorariums, benevolent giving, etc.), **please write separate checks for each gift and designate what each gift is for on the memo line of the check.** This helps ensure that contributions are recorded and maintained correctly.

The Morning Circle Will Meet Tuesday, January 8, at 10:00 a.m., in the Perdue Library.

2013 Session Training Will Be Held Saturday, January 12, in the conference room.

A Congregational Meeting Will Be Held Sunday January 13, to elect a new trustee.

The Evening Circle Will Meet Monday, January 14 at 6:30 p.m., in the Perdue Library.

The Men of the Church Will Have a Breakfast Meeting & Workday on Saturday, January 19, at 8 a.m. Members and friends of Central are welcome and encouraged to attend.

All Are Invited to Join us on Friday, January 25, for dinner at the steakhouse in The Village in Star City. We will leave the church at 5:30 p.m. If you would like to travel with us, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall.

Isaiah 60:1-6

- 60:1 Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.
- 60:2 For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.
- 60:3 Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn.
- 60:4 Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.
- 60:5 Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you.
- 60:6 A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

Ephesians 3:1-12

- 3:1 This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—
- 3:2 for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you,
- 3:3 and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words,
- 3:4 a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ.
- 3:5 In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit:
- 3:6 that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.
- 3:7 Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power.

- 3:8 Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ,
- 3:9 and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things;
- 3:10 so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.
- 3:11 This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord,
- 3:12 in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

Matthew 2:1-12

- 2:1 In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem,
- 2:2 asking, "Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage."
- 2:3 When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him;
- 2:4 and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born.
- 2:5 They told him, "In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet:
- 2:6 'And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel.'"
- 2:7 Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared.
- 2:8 Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, "Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage."

2:9 When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was.

2:10 When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy.

2:11 On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.

2:12 And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

Come To The Banquet

Come to the banquet God has prepared,
A table of plenty, no cost has been spared.
Christ is our servant, we are His guest
At a feast of forgiveness where all will be blessed,
A feast of forgiveness where all will be blessed.

Come and remember as you eat the bread
All the ways that He fed you by the words that He said.
There's rest for the weary, strength for the small.
O come and remember the Saviour of all,
O come and remember the Saviour of all.

Come to the table, rejoice in the wine
That refreshes the spirit, brings peace to the mind.
Come drink your fill till heart God's grace is shown.
Go from the banquet with hearts strong and pure,
Your place at the table forever secure.

Ask all who hunger to join with you there,
For there's room at the banquet,
Room at the banquet and plenty to share.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 6, 2013

MEMBERS:

Mildred Turner	Mary Wooten
Bill Detmers	Hester Insley
Rose VonTungeln	Agnes Hughes
Bea and Grady Magee	Nell Horne
Bernice and Gene Lackey	Mildred Gaunt
Jo Weaver	

THOSE WITH RESTRICTED MOBILITY AND HOMEBOUND:

Bud Elam

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Doris McCoy, mother of Kay Cromwell	Loy Horne, sister-in-law of Lynda Vick
The family of Sue Williams, aunt of George Mosley	Kelly Robinson, friend of Karen & David Perdue
Madison Williams, acquaintance of Amanda Chandler	Helen Knoll, grandmother of Amber Poss
Nick Tschepikow, friend of the Festa's	Marian Parks, aunt of Bill Detmers
Zach Towers, friend of Austin Howsen	Cissy Bailey, sister-in-law of Betty Coles
Franklin Ward, uncle of Dana Neal	Anne Logan, friend of Jo Weaver
Mildred Patterson, former member	Lori Partridge, friend of Rose VonTungeln
Gail Davis, former member	Verlon Wright, friend of the Cosner family
Sherry Costello, friend of the Cosner family	Jane Dean, friend of Mildred Gaunt
Ruby Cox, grandmother of Laura Cosner's friend	Tracy Robinson, friend of Karen & David Perdue
Eddie Lackey, friend of the Reeves family	Wayne Benson, friend of the Vick Family
Roxanne Melgarejo, caregiver of Jo Weaver	Carla Fenessee, friends of Laura & Rick Pierce
Pat Mosley, mother of George Mosley	Brooke Wells, granddaughter of Connie & Bill Detmers
Bonita Hankins, aunt of George Mosley	Son of Mary and Phil McBee, friends of Grady & Bea Magee.
Alyssa and Shawn Brock & their 7-month-old son, friends of the Cosner family	Helen Gaunt, sister-in-law of Mildred Gaunt
Brad Morris, nephew of Bernice Lackey	Sheila Black Yarbrow, former member
Jacki Drewett, Pat Drewett's mother-in-law	(Leah) Pud Harris

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

First, Clarksville

Park Hill, North Little Rock

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD:

Keith Camferdam, Air Force	Chris Hill, Army
Kyle Glover, 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.