



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, November 17, 2013

33RD 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

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

Lewis

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: This day! This day we will give thanks to God, who cradles us in the waters of baptism.

People: **This day! This day we will trust in the One who has saved us, who strengthens us.**

Leader: This day! This day we dance to the fountain of life, drinking deeply of salvation's goodness.

People: **This day! This day we praise our God for every blessing; telling everyone of God's amazing grace in our lives and in our world.**

Leader: This day! This day we sing God's praises; testifying to all creation of our God.

People: **This day! This day our songs are filled with joy, for God is with us, this day and in all the days to come!**

***OPENING HYMN #379** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of consuming fire, treat us not as stubble through the folly of our misdeeds. We are misled by arrogance as we boast of our goodness. We look with disdain on those less fortunate, and ignore the poverty of our own souls. Claiming to be among the mighty, we favor those gifted with similar strengths. As individuals and as a nation, we test Your patience. Yet in Christ, You love us still. Forgive our pride and restore our sanity, so that we may yet serve You. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Brothers and sisters, it is God who gives justice to the weak and maintains the rights of the afflicted and destitute.

People: **God rescues the needy and delivers us from the hand of the wicked.**

Leader: As we confess our sins, God is faithful and just and will through Christ deliver us blameless in the day of God's judgment.

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.**

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

There Is a Higher Throne

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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 65:17-25

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 21:5-19

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *How to Live When the World's on Fire*

Rev. Liz Lindsey

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

p.14 Hymnal

***HYMN #432** *Song of Hope*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Ich dank' dir, Got, Für all' wohltat

Bach

***DOXOLOGY** ("Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow") *Hymnal #592*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

O God, we long to make a difference in our world. We offer you what we have: our visions and dreams; our witness to your saving acts of love and justice; our resources to help bring the new heaven and new earth into our midst. We offer you our very lives, that we may be coworkers with you to bring about true change.

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 #210** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE**

Postlude on "Kingfold"

Paxton

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: Connie and Bill Detmers

Lay Reader: To be announced

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. Liz Lindsey

Secretary
Erin Shaw

Choirmaster/Organist
Marty Shell

Nursery Attendant
Laura Cosner

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The Session (Board of Elders)

Class of 2013

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

Class of 2014

Tommy Dunlap
Jo Weaver
Lan Kelley
Pat Drewett
Bill Detmers

Standing Committee Moderators

Lawrence Fikes	Budget & Finance
Steven Howsen	Building & Grounds
George Mosley	
Dana Neal	Education
Tommy Dunlap	Fellowship & Nurture
Pat Drewett	
Jo Weaver	Missions & Outreach
Bill Detmers	
Lan Kelley	Worship & Music

Announcements

The PW Thank Offering Will Be Received today during worship.

The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held this afternoon following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

The Session Will Meet Sunday, November 17, in the conference room, following the luncheon.

The Deadline for the December Issue of the *Central Scene* is tomorrow, November 18, Please turn in all announcements, articles, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.

Come and Join Us for the Annual PW Fall Bake Sale on Saturday, November 23, at 9 a.m. Everyone is asked to start putting aside books, and begin thinking about what baked goods and/or casseroles they might want to contribute to the sale. Items for the sale (puzzles & books only, please) may be placed in the conference room. Proceeds from the sale will go toward PW mission projects throughout the year

The Church Office Will Begin Accepting Orders for poinsettias next Sunday, November 24. They will be placed in the sanctuary beginning December 15, and will remain through December 26. If you prefer not to purchase an actual plant, you may designate your gift for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund instead. To place an order, please one of the forms on the round table in the Narthex, and return it to the church office by December 15. The cost is \$12.50.

Neighbor to Neighbor's Holiday Projects Are Underway! Central has been asked to provide 100 cans of cranberry sauce by December 1, for the Christmas baskets. Cans may be placed in the box behind the round table in McElyea Hall.

The PW Thank Offering

The Thank Offering is a PW offering collected in the fall of each year that gives women a tangible way to express their gratitude for the special blessings in their lives. The offering funds projects such as agricultural development, child care, community organization, criminal justice, drug counseling, economic justice, elderly care, employment training, homelessness, literacy, violence and women's concerns. At least 40 percent of this offering supports health ministries throughout the world. The remaining 60 percent funds new creative ideas for mission. The goal for the 2013 Thank Offering is \$900,000.

The PW Thank Offering originated in the late 1800s with Eliza Clokey of Springfield, Ohio. Her plan was to ask each woman to give a gift in addition to her usual contribution to the Women's General Missionary Society of the United Presbyterian Church of North America as a "thank offering to our Lord." In 1888, the women designated a day for prayer and thanksgiving when this special offering should be received. These sacrificial gifts, it is said, saved the worldwide missionary movement of their denomination. Though the thrust of how and where the money was used changed over the years, the "thank offering to her Lord" continued to be an important part of United Presbyterian Women's giving.



**PRESBYTERIAN
WOMEN**

Isaiah 65:17-25

- 65:17 For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.
- 65:18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.
- 65:19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.
- 65:20 No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
- 65:21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
- 65:22 They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
- 65:23 They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well.
- 65:24 Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.
- 65:25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

2 Thessalonians 3:6-13

- 3:6 Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us.
- 3:7 For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you,
- 3:8 and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you.
- 3:9 This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate.
- 3:10 For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat.
- 3:11 For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work.

3:12 Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living.

3:13 Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Luke 21:5-19

21:5 When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said,

21:6 "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

21:7 They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?"

21:8 And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and, 'The time is near!' Do not go after them.

21:9 "When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately."

21:10 Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom;

21:11 there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

21:12 "But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name.

21:13 This will give you an opportunity to testify.

21:14 So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance;

21:15 for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict.

21:16 You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death.

21:17 You will be hated by all because of my name.

21:18 But not a hair of your head will perish.

21:19 By your endurance you will gain your souls.

There Is A Higher Throne

There is a higher throne
Than all this world has known,
Where faithful ones
From every tongue will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand,
Made faultless through the Lamb,
Believing hearts find promised grace;
Salvation comes.

Hear heaven's voices sing!
Their thunderous anthems rings
Through emerald courts and sapphire skies; their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, power, strength, thanks and honor are to
God Our King, who reigns on high, on high forevermore.

And there we'll find our home;
Our life before the throne.
We'll honor him in perfect song
Where we belong.
He'll wipe each tearstained eye
As thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King;
We'll reign with him.

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Forevermore.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 17, 2013

MEMBERS:

The family of Shelburn Lee
Bill Detmers
Agnes Hughes
Mildred Turner
Nelson Buchanan
Bernice and Gene Lackey
Mary Wooten

Valerie Reichen
Jo Weaver
Bea Magee
Nell Horne
Hester Insley
Mildred Gaunt

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

The family of Mable Robinson, great-aunt of Erin Shaw
The family of Harlon Jones, Jr., friend of Erin Shaw
Marie Shell, mother of Marty Shell
Orrin Robinson, friend of the church
Doris McCoy, mother of Kay Cromwell
Kathleen Martin, friend of the Mosley family
Pat Mosley, mother of George Mosley
Freddie Maxwell, friend of the Neal family
Joe Ward, uncle of Dana Neal
Mary Ward, mother of Dana Neal
Al Glover, former member
Marla Shapiro, cousin of Laura Cosner
Dan Loomis, former pastor
Marlene Chambliss, mother-in-law of Suzy & Rose's younger sisters
Miranda Goldman, daughter of Suzy VonTungeln's coworker
Judy Fetters, friend of Rose and Suzy VonTungeln
Richard Harrison, friend and customer of Laura Cosner

Kasey Kenward, friend of the Cosner Family
Matthew Stoddard, nephew of Amanda Chandler's co-worker
Terry Hill, friend of Laura Cosner
John Hensley, friend of Laura and Rick Pierce
Kristina Ward, friend of Amanda and Michael Chandler
Nancy Mugford, friend Laura and Dan
Judy Curry, Jo Weaver's hairdresser
Ray Nitcher, friend of Jo Weaver
Zach Towers, friend of Austin Howsen
Franklin Ward, uncle of Dana Neal
Brad Morris, nephew of Bernice Lackey
Kelly Robinson, friend of Karen & David Perdue
Marian Parks, aunt of Bill Detmers
Cissy Bailey, sister-in-law of Betty Coles
Anne Logan, friend of Jo Weaver
Tracy Robinson, friend of Karen & David Perdue
Carla Fenessee, friends of Laura & Rick Pierce
Brooke Wells, granddaughter of Connie & Bill Detmers
Helen Gaunt, sister-in-law of Mildred Gaunt

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

First, Siloam Springs

First, Rogers

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD:

Keith Camferdam, Air Force
Josh May, 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.