



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, December 29, 2013
1ST SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST
LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* French Carol

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come people of God. Let us give thanks for these holy days of Christmas.

People: **Here we have come to worship the God of new beginnings and new opportunities.**

Leader: Come people of God. Let us celebrate and rejoice for the wondrous gifts given to us.

People: **Here in our worship, we look to the future as we are filled with the gifts of Christmas: love, hope, peace and joy!**

All: **Now we again sing the joyous carols of Christmas and witness to our Savior's birth.**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #40** *Joy to the World*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Leader: Holy God. You have set us apart, a community with a dress code to share Your love. Yet we so often prefer other clothes. You call us to wear compassion;

People: **Forgive us when our style tends toward selfishness and greed.**

Leader: You call us to wear kindness; made

People: **Forgive us when malice comes out of our closets.**

Leader: You call us to wear humility;

People: **Forgive us when we put on pride.**

Leader: You call us to wear meekness;

People: **Forgive us when we adorn ourselves with vanity.**

Leader: You call us to wear patience;

People: **Forgive us when we wrap ourselves in our own timetables.**

Leader: You call us to wear forgiveness;

People: **Forgive us when our grudges fit us all too well.**

Leader: Above all. You call us to clothe ourselves in love.

All: **Forgive us when we wear anything less. Fashion us once again to be Your people made in Your image, wearing signs of Your abundant love for all, woven in the body of Christ.**

SILENT PRAYER

HYMN #44 *O Little Town of Bethlehem (v. 3)*

How silently, how silently, the wondrous gift is given!

So God imparts to human hearts the blessings of His heaven.

No ear may hear His coming, but in this world of sin,

Where meek souls will receive Him still the dear Christ enters in.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: The call to repentance was part of Christ's Advent.

People: **And now He is here. The will of the King who came is love; forgiveness is His way. We have seen what we prepare for again, and it is more than enough.**

All: **Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Thanks be to God!**

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

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

SCRIPTURE READING

Luke 2: 15-32, 36-40

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Many Happy Returns Rev. John Barklind
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH Apostle’s Creed (Traditional) p.14 Hymnal
*HYMN #47 Still, Still, Still

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY Let the Whole Creation Cry 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 #28 Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE** Joy to the World Ritter

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: Sue and Frank Merritt Lay Reader: Bill Detmers

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. John Barklind	Secretary Erin Shaw
Choirmaster/Organist Marty Shell	Nursery Attendant Laura Cosner
Youth Sponsors Marty Shell George Mosley Amber Poss	Website: www.centralprespb.com Member Login: cpcmembre Member Psswd: 6300trinity



The Session (Board of Elders)	
Class of 2013	Class of 2014
Lawrence Fikes	Tommy Dunlap
Steven Howsen	Jo Weaver
George Mosley	Lan Kelley
Dana Neal	Pat Drewett
Laura Pierce (Clerk)	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

2014 Offering Envelopes are available. They are located on the table in the Narthex.

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

The Church Office Will Be Closed Wednesday, January 1, 2014, in observance of New Year’s Day.

The Choir Will Not Meet Wednesday January 1, 2014, in observance of New Year’s Day.

We Will Take Our Christmas Decorations down on Saturday, January 4, 2014. Volunteers are needed and welcomed.

Reminder: End-of-Year Contributions 2013 Pledges & gifts to the church must be received by December 31, 2013 in order to be deducted on your 2013 tax return. Contributions that are received by the church in 2014, cannot be deducted on 2013's tax return, even if the check is dated 2013.

However, a check that is written, mailed, and postmarked in 2013, can be deducted on 2013's tax return even if it is not received by the church until 2014. We will follow these rules in issuing receipts. End-of-year contribution reports will be available no later than January 31, 2014. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

Luke 2:15-32, 36-40

2:15 When the angels had left them and gone into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go now to Bethlehem and see this thing that has taken place, which the Lord has made known to us."

2:16 So they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger.

2:17 When they saw this, they made known what had been told them about this child;

2:18 and all who heard it were amazed at what the shepherds told them.

2:19 But Mary treasured all these words and pondered them in her heart.

2:20 The shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all they had heard and seen, as it had been told them.

2:21 After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was called Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb.

2:22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

2:23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"),

2:24 and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

2:25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.

2:26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

2:27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,

2:28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

2:29 "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

2:30 for my eyes have seen your salvation,

2:31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

2:32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

2:36 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,

2:37 then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day.

2:38 At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

2:39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

2:40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

Hope is like a candle burning in the night.
Hope paints every shadow with its gentle light.
Glowing like a promise till our faith is sight,
Hope is like a candle in the night.

Peace is like sweet music sounding pure and strong
Singing songs of comfort when the night is long
Turning drums of hatred into heaven's song.
Peace is like sweet music pure and strong.

Joy is like a flower blooming in the soul
Sending forth it's fragrance to heal and make us whole.
And when bitter winds are blowing,
When birds refuse to sing,
Joy can turn our winter into spring.

Love is like a diamond wrapped in purest gold.
Nothing is more precious, nothing bought or sold.
Pearl of heaven's glory, wondrous to behold.
Love is like a diamond wrapped in gold.

Joy is like a flower,
Peace is like sweet music.
Hope is like a candle in the night.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 29, 2013

MEMBERS:

Bill Detmers
Agnes Hughes
Mildred Turner
Bernice and Gene Lackey
Mary Wooten
Valerie Reichen

Jo Weaver
Bea Magee
Nell Horne
Hester Insley
Mildred Gaunt

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

The family of Jim Hinson, great uncle of Amber Poss
Erin Shaw, church secretary
Orrin Robinson, friend of the church
Scotty Douthit, brother-in-law of Nelson Buchanan, son-in-law of Bea Magee
Baby Landen Drye, friend of the Cosner family
Carolyn Mebane, former member
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
Dan Loomis, former pastor
Marlene Chambliss, mother-in-law of Suzy & Rose's younger sisters
Miranda Goldman, daughter of Suzy VonTungeln's coworker
Judy Feters, friend of Rose and Suzy VonTungeln

Matthew Stoddard, nephew of Amanda Chandler's co-worker
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:

Kirk of the Hills, Fairfield Bay

One-O-One Church, Gamaliel

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.