



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Sunday, March 10, 2013
4TH SUNDAY IN LENT

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE *Great Peace Is Mine*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Happy are those whose sin is forgiven, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

People: **Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to the God of deliverance.**

Leader: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go, as you trust in God

People: **Be glad in God and rejoice, O righteous; shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN #272** *God of the Sparrow*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God, our Rock and Redeemer, hear our confession. We worship idols of our own making. When temptation overtakes us, we submit to its charm. We find it easier to grumble at hardships than to praise You for mercies we receive day by day. We test You in every way. Yet You promise that You will not test us beyond our endurance. Forgive us when we take advantage of Your loving nature, and restore us to communion with You. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Brothers and sisters, remember that "God is faithful, and will not let us be tested beyond our strength,

People: **But with the testing....will provide the way out so that we may be able to endure it."**

Leader: Christ is the foundation of our salvation and therein lies our assurance that;

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

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

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 Joshua 5:9-12

EPISTLE LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:16-21

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 15:1-3 11b-32

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

No Longer Worthy

Dr. Dan Festa

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

p.14 Hymnal

***HYMN #358**

Help Us Accept Each Other

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Es Flog Ein Kleins Waldvögelein* Memmingen

***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** #275 *God of Our Life*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *Ever Faithful, Ever Near* 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.**
Usher: George Mosley **Lay Reader: Laura Pierce**

Congratulations to Robert Brown and Fara Faubus on their recent wedding. The couple exchanged vows February 2, 2013, at the Graceland Chapel in Las Vegas, NV.

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 Marty Shell George Mosley	Website: www.centralprespb.com Member Login: cpcmember Member Psswd: 6300trinity



The Session (Board of Elders)	
<u>Class of 2013</u>	<u>Class of 2014</u>
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

The Church Office Is Accepting Orders for Easter lilies. The lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Palm Sunday and will remain through Easter. The cost for the lilies is \$12.50 each. If you prefer not to purchase an actual plant, you may designate your gift for the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund instead. If you would like to order a lily, please fill out one of the forms on the round table in the Narthex and return it to the church office by March 24.

The Evening Circle Will Meet tomorrow March 11, at 6:30 p.m., in the Perdue Library.

The Morning Circle Will Meet Tuesday, March 12, at 10:00 a.m., in the Perdue Library.

The Men of the Church Will Host a Chicken & Dumpling fundraiser on Saturday, March 16 from 11 to 2:00. The cost is \$8 per person and \$20 for a family of 3 or more. All proceeds from the fundraiser will go towards the Men of the Church Annual Retreat in May.

The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held next Sunday, March 17, following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

The Deadline for the April Issue of the *Central Scene* is **Monday, March 18**, Please turn in all announcements, articles, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day

The Session Will Meet Sunday, March 24, in the conference room, following worship.

Joshua 5:9-12		
5:9	The LORD said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.	me.' So he divided his property between them.
5:10	While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho.	15:13 A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living.
5:11	On the day after the passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain.	15:14 When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need.
5:12	The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.	15:15 So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs.
2 Corinthians 5:16-21		15:16 He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything.
5:16	From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.	15:17 But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger!
5:17	So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!	15:18 I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you;
5:18	All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;	15:19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."
5:19	that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.	15:20 So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him.
5:20	So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.	15:21 Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.'
5:21	For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.	15:22 But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet.
Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32		15:23 And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate;
15:1	Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him.	15:24 for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.
15:2	And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."	15:25 "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing.
15:3	So he told them this parable:	15:26 He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on.
15:11b	"There was a man who had two sons.	15:27 He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.'
15:12	The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to	

15:28 Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him.

15:29 But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends.

15:30 But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!'

15:31 Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

15:32 But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee. Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.	Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above. Join with all nature in manifold witness, To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness, Morning by morning new mercies I see. All I have needed Thy hand hath provided, Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.	Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
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PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 10 , 2013

MEMBERS:

Pat Drewett
Ruby Carey
Karen Perdue
Bea Magee
Nell Horne
Mildred Turner
Bill Detmers

Bernice and Gene Lackey
Jo Weaver
Mary Wooten
Hester Insley
Agnes Hughes
Mildred Gaunt

THOSE WITH RESTRICTED MOBILITY AND HOMEBOUND:

Bud Elam

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Walter Collins, dedicated friend of Central
Doris McCoy, mother of Kay Cromwell
Madison Williams, acquaintance of Amanda Chandler
Nick Tschepikow, friend of the Festa's
Zach Towers, friend of Austin Howsen
Franklin Ward, uncle of Dana Neal
Sherry Costello, friend of the Cosner family
Ruby Cox, grandmother of Laura Cosner's friend
Eddie Lackey, friend of the Reeves family
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
Kelly Robinson, friend of Karen & David Perdue
Helen Knoll, grandmother of Amber Poss

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
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 Fenessee, friends of Laura & Rick Pierce
Brooke Wells, granddaughter of Connie & Bill Detmers
Son of Mary and Phil McBee, friends of Bea Magee.
Helen Gaunt, sister-in-law of Mildred Gaunt
Sheila Black Yarbrow, former member
(Leah) Pud Harris

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

Second, Little Rock

First, Yellville

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD:

Keith Camferdam, Air Force
Chris Hill, Army

Kyle Glover, Army
Josh May, 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.