



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Sunday, March 17, 2013
5TH 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 *Jesus, Priceless Treasure* Crüger

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: You fill our mouths with laughter, O God; with our tongues we shout for joy.

People: You have done great things for us, O God; we come before You with praise on our lips.

All: Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN #386** *O For a World*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of mercy, hear us as we confess our sin. Power beguiles us and we deem ourselves worthy. Our good works convince us that we can assure our salvation. We heap treasures about us as signs of merit and status, then build elaborate defenses to keep our prizes secure. Forgive the illusion of our own greatness, and in Christ humble us to receive Your reward. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Paul reminds us that he counted everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus, his Savior.

People: **Through Christ came the righteousness from God based on faith, not personal attainment.**

Leader: From faith came the promise of resurrection from the dead.

People: Friends, forgetting what lies behind, let us 'press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.'

Leader: Therein lies our assurance that:

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

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As Christ has given each of us Peace, let us extend it now to our Neighbors. The Peace of Christ be with you!

People: **And also with you.** (Please extend the right hand of fellowship to those around you by saying: "The Peace of Christ be with you!")

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Parker

Laura & Rick Pierce, Soloists

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

PSALM

Psalm 126

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Isaiah 43:16-21

GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:1-8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Family Photo

Dr. Catherine Allsbury

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed (Traditional) p.14 Hymnal

***HYMN #434**

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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***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 #531** *Not for Tongues of Heaven’s Angels*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE**

Awake, Thou Wintry Earth

Birchwood

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

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
Dr. Catherine Allsbury

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
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 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 would like to order a lily, please fill out the enclosed form and return it to the church office by **next Sunday, March 24.**

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

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

On March 24, Following the Last Hymn, we will process as a congregation to the newly renovated and completed playground for a brief service of dedication. We hope that everyone will join with us as we mark this joyous occasion.

The Session Will Meet next Sunday, March 24, following morning worship.

The Thursday Noon Bible Study Will Not Meet on March 28.

On Maundy Thursday, March 28, We Will Celebrate a Last Supper meal in McElyea Hall, at 6:00 p.m. The meal will include the communion elements.

Announcements continued on insert

Psalm 126

126:1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream.

126:2 Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The LORD has done great things for them."

126:3 The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoiced.

126:4 Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the watercourses in the Negeb.

126:5 May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

126:6 Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

Isaiah 43:16-21

43:16 Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,

43:17 who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

43:18 Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

43:19 I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

43:20 The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,

43:21 the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

John 12:1-8

12:1 Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.

12:2 There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.

12:3 Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

12:4 But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said,

12:5 "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?"

12:6 (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)

12:7 Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial.

12:8 You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."



Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Nought be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me,
Lord Thou my great Father, I thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise.
Thou mine inheritance, now and always,
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's son.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Announcements (cont.)

The Sanctuary Will Be Open on Good Friday, March 29, for quiet meditation from noon until 3 p.m.

Our Easter Morning Breakfast, Will Begin at 8:00 a.m., on Sunday, March 31. Sunday School will not meet Easter morning.

An Easter Egg Hunt Will Be Held at about 9:00 a.m. Easter morning, March 31, in front of the Youth Activities building.

Easter/Resurrection of the Lord worship will begin at **10:00 a.m.**, Sunday, March 31. Please note this one-time change in worship time.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Will Be Received during morning worship Sunday, March 31.

The Neighbor to Neighbor Annual Fish Fry and Silent Auction Will Be Held on Friday, April 5, at St. Joseph Catholic Church. It will be catered by the Knights of Columbus. Lunch will be served from 11:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m., and dinner will be served from 5:00 p.m. until 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$12.00. Carry-outs will be available for lunch and dinner. Delivery will be available for lunch orders of 10 or more to the same location.

All proceeds from the Fish Fry and Auction will go toward maintaining Neighbor to Neighbor's food programs, utility assistance, and prescriptions for their clients. All are invited to participate in this annual event and help them continue to make a difference in the lives of so many in our community. For more information or to purchase tickets, please call (870) 534-2883.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 17, 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:

***Walnut Grove*, Farmington**

***First*, Mena**

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.