



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Sunday, March 24, 2013
PALM SUNDAY

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

Ride On! Ride On!

Powell

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We give thanks to You, O God, for You are good; Your steadfast love endures forever!

People: **Open to me the gates of righteousness that I may enter through them and give God thanks.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN #89** *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God of love, who sent Jesus among us, hear our confession and forgive our sin. When we invoke Christ's name for selfish reasons, have mercy upon us. When our faith is convenient and does not lead to commitment, surround us with grace, that we may repent. We are prone to call on You to satisfy our needs; we practice obedience without cost to our comfort. Forgive our leisurely approach to Your sacrifice for us as Christ intercedes on our behalf. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear Paul's words when he reminds us to "let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who... being found in human likeness...humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross."

People: **As we confess Jesus Christ as Savior, God is just and forgives our sin.**

Leader: Therein lies our assurance.

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

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

The Gift of Love

Hopson

Nevada Mills, 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 118:1-2, 19-29

EPISTLE LESSON

Philippians 2:5-11

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 19:28-40

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Shouting Stones

Dr. Dan Festa

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

p.14 Hymnal

***HYMN #256**

It Is Well with My Soul (insert)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Herr Jesu Christ, du hast bereit* 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 #91** *Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!*

PLAYGROUND DEDICATION

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *All Glory, Laud and Honor* 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.**
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.

Pastor Dr. Dan Festa	Secretary Erin Shaw
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The Session (Board of Elders)	
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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

Today is the Deadline to order Easter lilies. 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 located on the round table in the Narthex and return it to the church office today.

The Session Will Meet in the conference room this afternoon following worship.

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.

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., next 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 in front of the Youth Activities building.

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

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Will Be Received next Sunday during morning worship.

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

118:1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

118:2 Let Israel say, "His steadfast love endures forever."

118:19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

118:20 This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

118:21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

118:22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

118:23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

118:24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

118:25 Save us, we beseech you, O LORD! O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

118:26 Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD. We bless you from the house of the LORD.

118:27 The LORD is God, and he has given us light. Bind the festal procession with branches, up to the horns of the altar.

118:28 You are my God, and I will give thanks to you; you are my God, I will extol you.

118:29 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever.

Philippians 2:5-11

2:5 Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,

2:6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,

2:7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form,

2:8 he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross.

2:9 Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name,

2:10 so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

2:11 and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Luke 19:28-40

19:28 After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem.

19:29 When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples,

19:30 saying, "Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here.

19:31 If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it.'"

19:32 So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them.

19:33 As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?"

19:34 They said, "The Lord needs it."

19:35 Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it.

19:36 As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road.

19:37 As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen,

19:38 saying, "Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

19:39 Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop."

19:40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

The Gift of Love

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed,
By this we worship and are freed.
Amen.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 24 , 2013

MEMBERS:

Jo Weaver
Pat Drewett
Ruby Carey
Karen Perdue
Bea Magee
Nell Horne
Mildred Turner

Bill Detmers
Bernice and Gene Lackey
Mary Wooten
Hester Insley
Agnes Hughes
Mildred Gaunt

THOSE WITH RESTRICTED MOBILITY AND HOMEBOUND:

Bud Elam

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

The family of Michael Chandler’s grandmother
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 Yarbro, former member
(Leah) Pud Harris

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

First United, Fayetteville

West Fork Church, West Fork

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.