



**Central Presbyterian Church**  
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
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**Sunday, March 3, 2013**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> 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** *Contemplation On "Warehan"* Peterson

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: O God, You are my God, I seek You, my soul thirsts for You.

People: **So I have looked upon You in the sanctuary, beholding Your power and glory.**

Leader: Because Your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise You.

People: **So I will bless You as I long as I live; I will lift up my hands and call on Your name.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #83** *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

**We have tasted Your goodness, O God, in Christ our Savior. In that name we come asking forgiveness. We confess that we are greedy, while others go hungry. The daily bread You give is not enough; we must indulge our appetites. Our egos need feeding as well; we crave recognition and ignore our neighbors. Show us once more that Christ is our cup and our portion; may we find in Him our heart's delight. (Silent Prayer) Amen.**

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Brothers and sisters, be assured that our commonwealth is in heaven.

People: **From it we await a Savior, who is Christ Jesus, who shall change our bodies into glory, and we shall dwell eternally in God's realm.**

Leader: Trust in Christ, for therein lies our forgiveness.

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

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

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**ANTHEM** *Amazing Grace* Leavitt, Jr.

**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 55:1-9

**EPISTLE LESSON** I Corinthians 10:1-13

**GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 13:1-9

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Cut It Down* Dr. Dan Festa

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Apostle's Creed (Traditional)* p.14 Hymnal

**\*HYMN #338** *Kum ba Yah*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Christ, unser Herr, zum Jordan kam* 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 #85** *What Wondrous Love Is This*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE\*\*** *Adagio from “Fantasia in C”* Franck

**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

**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 March 24.

**Correction: Daylight Saving Time Begins** next Sunday, March 10. Don’t forget to set your clocks ahead one hour!

**The Evening Circle Will Meet** Monday, 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** Sunday, March 17, following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

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

**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

**Isaiah 55:1-9**

- 55:1 Ho, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price.
- 55:2 Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.
- 55:3 Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David.
- 55:4 See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples.
- 55:5 See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.
- 55:6 Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near;
- 55:7 let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- 55:8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.
- 55:9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**1 Corinthians 10:1-13**

- 10:1 I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea,
- 10:2 and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea,
- 10:3 and all ate the same spiritual food,
- 10:4 and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ.

- 10:5 Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.
- 10:6 Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did.
- 10:7 Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play."
- 10:8 We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day.
- 10:9 We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents.
- 10:10 And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer.
- 10:11 These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come.
- 10:12 So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall.
- 10:13 No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

**Luke 13:1-9**

- 13:1 At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices.
- 13:2 He asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?"
- 13:3 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did.
- 13:4 Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem?
- 13:5 No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

13:6 Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none.

13:7 So he said to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?'

13:8 He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it.

13:9 If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down."

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound  
That saved a wretch like me  
I once was lost, but now am found,  
Was blind, but now I see.

Through many dangers toils and snares,  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years  
Bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise,  
Than when we first begun.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 3, 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:

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:

Woodlands, Hot Springs Village

Holiday Island Church

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.