



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, March 31, 2013

RESURRECTION OF THE LORD/EASTER SUNDAY

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

The Day of Resurrection

Paxton

CALL TO WORSHIP

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

People: **This is the day that God has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Leader: Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen indeed!**

All: **Let us worship the Living God!**

***OPENING HYMN #123** *Jesus Christ Is Risen Today*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

O God, this is Your doing: Christ has passed through the gates of death, but today You have brought Him through the gates of life. Now triumphant, You open the marvelous gates even unto us, who nailed the Messiah to the tree. O let the gates swing wide, that all might enter with thanksgiving! For in Your city we shall behold no temple but You, and no shrine but the Christ; we shall see no sun but Your glory, and no lamp but the Lamb. By this Light shall we walk, coming into Your presence with songs of praise. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

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

Happy Easter
He is Risen! Alleluia!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
LITANY OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Woman, why are you weeping? Who is the one you seek? They’ve carried away the body of my Lord, and nobody knows where they’ve laid Him!

People: **O Mary, don’t you weep, don’t you mourn! O Mary, don’t you weep!**

Leader: Why do you seek the living here among the dead? How can this be, this miracle We’ve seen? Let us run to tell the others, but who will dare believe?

People: **O Mary, don’t you weep, don’t you mourn! O Mary don’t you weep!**

Leader: Have we forgotten what He said, that He would rise again? Yes, we think and tell an idle tale; We are shone the cloths, but we still sit and wonder.

People: **O Mary, don’t you weep, don’t you mourn! O Mary, don’t you weep!**

Leader: Do we not know that none shall die, that all will live forever? But many of us remain at home and close the shutters; our Teacher’s message goes unheeded, it falls on deafened ears.

All: **O Mary, don’t you weep, don’t you mourn! O Mary, don’t you weep! Cause when you get to heaven you’re going to sing and shout; nobody there is going to turn you out! O Mary, don’t you weep!**

*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 *Sound the Trumpet! Praise Him!* Haydn

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 65:17-25
EPISTLE LESSON I Corinthians 15:19-26
GOSPEL LESSON John 20:1-18

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Woman, Why are You Weeping?* Dr. Dan Festa

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
Christ has risen, we are His body, and all the world rises with us! Glory to You, O God, our Savior! Glory to You, for You have hearkened to our unspoken cry and become our salvation, that we might save the world! Glory to You, for the sound of weeping will no more be heard, and the call of distress will no more be raised! The tomb is empty! Grace has triumphed over the grave, and love is alive! O God, love us into loving more and better, that we, the risen body, might bear all things, and believe all things and hope all things, and endure all things- all of us together.

AMEN
*HYMN #122 *Thine Is the Glory*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY *Christ is erstanden* 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.)

INVITATION TO THE TABLE
GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

COMMUNION

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER (We use debts and debtors.)

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***RECESSIONAL HYMN #104** *Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *Fanfare for a Resurrection Day* Scott

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
Communion Steward: Laura Pierce

Isaiah 65:17-25

65:17 For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

65:18 But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

65:19 I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it, or the cry of distress.

65:20 No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

65:21 They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

65:22 They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

65:23 They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the LORD—and their descendants as well.

65:24 Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

65:25 The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent—its food shall be dust! They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the LORD.

1 Corinthians 15:19-26

15:19 If for this life only we have hoped in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.

15:20 But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the first fruits of those who have died.

15:21 For since death came through a human being, the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being;

15:22 for as all die in Adam, so all will be made alive in Christ.

15:23 But each in his own order: Christ the first fruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ.

15:24 Then comes the end, when he hands over the kingdom to God the Father, after he has destroyed every ruler and every authority and power.

15:25 For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet.

15:26 The last enemy to be destroyed is death.

John 20:1-18

20:1 Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb.

20:2 So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

20:3 Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb.

20:4 The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first.

20:5 He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in.

20:6 Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there,

20:7 and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself.

20:8 Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed;

20:9 for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead.

20:10 Then the disciples returned to their homes.

20:11 But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb;

20:12 and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet.

20:13 They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

20:14 When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus.

20:15 Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

20:16 Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher).

20:17 Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'"

20:18 Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 31 , 2013

MEMBERS:

Valerie Reichen
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:

***Judy Curry**, Jo Weaver’s hairdresser*
***Ray Nitcher**, friend of Jo Weaver*
***The family of Barbara Simpson**, Denise Mosley’s grandmother*
***The family of Katie King**, Michael Chandler’s grandmother*
***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 Fennessee**, 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:

***First**, Harrison*

***First**, North Little Rock*

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.

Easter Lilies Placed in the Sanctuary

Jemmie Moseley & Family

In honor of Nell Horne
In memory of Martin Moseley, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. Bryan Moseley, and Mr. & Mrs. Bonner G. Davis, Sr.
In appreciation of Roxanne Malgarejo, caregiver
In memory of J.T. Weaver

Jo Weaver

Lynda Vick and Family
and Nell Horne
Mary Shannon & Lawrence Fikes
Pat, Lee, Leslie, Lainey, Luke,
and Derik Drewett
Billy R. VonTungeln &
The VonTungeln Family
Sue & Frank Merritt

In memory of Earl Wayne Vick, Jr. and Leon Horne
For the Glory of God

In memory of Mike Drewett

In memory of Nancy VonTungeln
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. William. D. Merritt, Mr. & Mrs. John R. Kitchens, Sr., John R. Kitchens, Jr., and Peggy Wilson

Gary Johnson

In honor of Drs. Laura and Dan Festa and Cynthia, Matt & Anne Johnson
In memory of Lester Shell, Margie Watson, Bob & Nell Dunlap, Georgia Diffey, and Randi Shell

Marty Shell & Tommy Dunlap

Valerie Reichen and
Donna & Marlin Shipman
Laura & Zachary Cosner

In memory of Murray Reichen
In memory of Danleigh Joyce Cosner, John & Janet Reeves, Kay Reeves, Charles E. Moore, Sonny & Joyce Boshers, John & Mary Cosner, Dona Graumann, Dora VonTungeln, and Nancy VonTungeln

Erin Shaw and Ryan

In honor of the Shaw, Hall & Coleman Families; in remembrance of Cleashindra Hall; and in memory of Freddie Johnson
In honor of the Johnson, Faucette, Versey, & Kincade Families and Ruby Carey; and in memory of Eric B. Faucette

Marie Bennet
Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Buchanan

In memory of James (Red) Bennett
In honor of Beatrice Magee
In memory of Grady Magee

Diane and Jim Key

In memory of The Hercher families: Emil & Agnes and Ernest & Elizabeth

Announcements

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering Will Be Received this morning during morning worship. See the bulletin insert for more information.

We're Traveling to Murry's Dinner Playhouse to see *Rex's Exes*, a deliriously funny Southern-fried farce. Featuring the Verdeen cousins of Sweetgum, TX - Gaynelle, Peaches, and Jimmy Wyvette, they find themselves teetering on the brink of disasters again. Join us for all the comedy and chaos that will leave you wishing your family celebrations is half as much fun! We will leave at 5 p.m. on April 6, 2013. Tickets are \$35/person and the church bus will be available for transportation. If you would like to travel with us sign the sheet on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall. The deadline to sign up is **today**.

Deposits for the Men's Retreat Are Due Tomorrow. For more information contact Dan or the church office.

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.

The Men of the Church Will Host a Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser on Sunday, April 5, following morning worship. The plates will be \$8/person or \$20 for a family of three or more. All proceeds from the dinner will go toward the Men's Annual Retreat in May.

The Evening Circle Will Meet Monday, April 8, at 6:30 p.m., in the Perdue Library.

The Morning Circle Will Meet Tuesday, April 9, at 10:00 a.m., in the Perdue Library.

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.

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Dr. Dan Festa

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Erin Shaw

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Marty Shell

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Laura Cosner

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The Session (Board of Elders)

Class of 2013

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George Mosley
Dana Neal
Laura Pierce (Clerk)

Class of 2014

Tommy Dunlap
Jo Weaver
Lan Kelley
Pat Drewett
Bill Detmers

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