



**Central Presbyterian Church**  
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**Sunday, April 14, 2013**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP**

**PRELUDE** *Blessings and Honor* Paris

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Sing praises to God, O you faithful ones, and give thanks to God's holy name.

People: God has turned mourning into dancing; we are girded with gladness and will thank God forever.

All: Let us worship God!

**\*OPENING HYMN #462** *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

God of every tribe and language, people and nation, Your dying, rising Son is the Lamb of God who comes to take away the sins of the world. We are sinners, too, thinking first of ourselves, taking whatever we can get, giving as little as possible, being more critical of others than of ourselves, slow to forgive and to seek forgiveness. Forgive our resistance to Your Holy Spirit, who is ready to help us to be obedient in deed and word, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! God has raised Jesus from the death of the cross and has exalted Him as our leader and Savior.

People: **Our Savior grants us repentance and forgiveness of sins.**

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News!

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

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

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**ANTHEM** *Lift High the Cross* Wilson

**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**

**FIRST LESSON** Revelation 5:11-14

**GOSPEL LESSON** John 21:1-19

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Acts 9:1-20

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** *Seeing Nothing* Dr. Dan Festa

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

**\*HYMN #118** *The Day of Resurrection!*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Gelobet seist du, Jesu Christ* 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** *God Is Working His Purpose Out* (insert)

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE\*\*** *The Triumph of Our King* 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: Jemmie Moseley      Lay Reader: Bill Detmers**

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.

<b>Pastor</b> Dr. Dan Festa	<b>Secretary</b> Erin Shaw
<b>Choirmaster/Organist</b> Marty Shell	<b>Nursery Attendant</b> Laura Cosner
<b>Youth Sponsors</b> Marty Shell George Mosley	<b>Website:</b> <b>www.centralprespb.com</b> Member Login: cpcmember Member Psswd: 6300trinity



<b>The Session (Board of Elders)</b>	
<b><u>Class of 2013</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2014</u></b>
Lawrence Fikes	Tommy Dunlap
Steven Howsen	Jo Weaver
George Mosley	Lan Kelley
Dana Neal	Pat Drewett
Laura Pierce (Clerk)	Bill Detmers

<b>Standing Committee Moderators</b>	
Lawrence Fikes	Budget & Finance
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George Mosley	
Dana Neal	Education
Tommy Dunlap	Fellowship & Nurture
Pat Drewett	
Jo Weaver	Missions & Outreach
Bill Detmers	
Lan Kelley	Worship & Music

*Announcements*

**Theology on Tap** will not meet this evening.

**Join Us for a Blue Moon Hymn Sing** this evening at 5 p.m. in McElyea Hall. See the bulletin board in McElyea Hall for more details.

**The Men of the Church Will Have a Breakfast Meeting** on Saturday, April 20, at 8 a.m. We will finalize the plans for our retreat in May. Members and friends of Central are welcome and encouraged to attend.

**The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held** Sunday, April 21, following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

**The Session Will Meet** Sunday, April 21, in the conference room, following the luncheon.

**The Deadline for the May Issue** of the *Central Scene* is **Monday, April 22**, Please turn in all announcements, articles, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.

**All Are Invited to Join us** for a trip to Murry’s Dinner Playhouse for their production of See How They Run on May 11. We will leave the church at 5 p.m. and return around 10:30 p.m. The cost is \$35/person and the deadline to sign up is April 28. See the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall for more details.

**We’re Going to See *The Hobbit*** on Sunday, April 28. This trip will be our youth activity and youth of all ages are invited to attend. Chaperones are also needed. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to travel with us.

## **Lift High The Cross**

Lift high the Cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore his sacred name.

Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,  
Our King victorious, Christ the Son God.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conquering ranks combine.

Each newborn servant of the Crucified  
Bears on the brow the seal of him who died.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As thou hast promised, draw the world to thee.

So shall our song of triumph ever be,  
Praise to the Crucified for victory.

## **God Is Working His Purpose Out**

God is working his purpose out  
as year succeeds to year:  
God is working his purpose out,  
and the time is drawing near;  
nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost east to utmost west,  
where'er the church has gone,  
by the mouth of many messengers  
the call of God has come:  
Give ear to me, you continents;  
you isles, give ear to me,  
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

March we forth in the strength of God,  
with the banner of Christ unfurled,  
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth  
may shine throughout the world:  
fight we the fight with sorrow and sin  
to set their captives free,  
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is done in vain  
unless God blesses the deed;  
vainly we hope for the harvesttide  
till God gives life to the seed;  
yet nearer and nearer draws the time,  
the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God  
as the waters cover the sea.

**Revelation 5:11-14**

- 5:11 Then I looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the living creatures and the elders; they numbered myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,
- 5:12 singing with full voice, "Worthy is the Lamb that was slaughtered to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might and honor and glory and blessing!"
- 5:13 Then I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, singing, "To the one seated on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"
- 5:14 And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" And the elders fell down and worshiped.

**John 21:1-19**

- 21:1 After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way.
- 21:2 Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples.
- 21:3 Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.
- 21:4 Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus.
- 21:5 Jesus said to them, "Children, you have no fish, have you?" They answered him, "No."
- 21:6 He said to them, "Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish.
- 21:7 That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the sea.
- 21:8 But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards off.
- 21:9 When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread.
- 21:10 Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught."
- 21:11 So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn.

- 21:12 Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, "Who are you?" because they knew it was the Lord.
- 21:13 Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish.
- 21:14 This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.
- 21:15 When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my lambs."
- 21:16 A second time he said to him, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Tend my sheep."
- 21:17 He said to him the third time, "Simon son of John, do you love me?" Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" And he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep."
- 21:18 Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go."
- 21:19 (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, "Follow me."

**Acts 9:1-6, (7-20)**

- 9:1 Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest
- 9:2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.
- 9:3 Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.
- 9:4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"
- 9:5 He asked, "Who are you, Lord?" The reply came, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.
- 9:6 But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."
- 9:7 The men who were traveling with him stood speechless because they heard the voice but saw no one.

9:8 Saul got up from the ground, and though his eyes were open, he could see nothing; so they led him by the hand and brought him into Damascus.

9:9 For three days he was without sight, and neither ate nor drank.

9:10 Now there was a disciple in Damascus named Ananias. The Lord said to him in a vision, "Ananias." He answered, "Here I am, Lord."

9:11 The Lord said to him, "Get up and go to the street called Straight, and at the house of Judas look for a man of Tarsus named Saul. At this moment he is praying,

9:12 and he has seen in a vision a man named Ananias come in and lay his hands on him so that he might regain his sight."

9:13 But Ananias answered, "Lord, I have heard from many about this man, how much evil he has done to your saints in Jerusalem;

9:14 and here he has authority from the chief priests to bind all who invoke your name."

9:15 But the Lord said to him, "Go, for he is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before Gentiles and kings and before the people of Israel;

9:16 I myself will show him how much he must suffer for the sake of my name."

9:17 So Ananias went and entered the house. He laid his hands on Saul and said, "Brother Saul, the Lord Jesus, who appeared to you on your way here, has sent me so that you may regain your sight and be filled with the Holy Spirit."

9:18 And immediately something like scales fell from his eyes, and his sight was restored. Then he got up and was baptized,

9:19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength. For several days he was with the disciples in Damascus,

9:20 and immediately he began to proclaim Jesus in the synagogues, saying, "He is the Son of God."

***PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 14, 2013***

*MEMBERS:*

**Mary Wooten**  
**Valerie Reichen**  
**Jo Weaver**  
**Pat Drewett**  
**Ruby Carey**  
**Karen Perdue**  
**Bea Magee**

**Nell Horne**  
**Mildred Turner**  
**Bill Detmers**  
**Bernice and Gene Lackey**  
**Hester Insley**  
**Agnes Hughes**  
**Mildred Gaunt**

*THOSE WITH RESTRICTED MOBILITY AND HOMEBOUND:*

**Bud Elam**

*FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:*

**Harvey Rodgers**, friend of Amanda and Michael Chandler  
**Gwen Simmons**, friend of the church  
**The family of Eddie Lackey**, friend of the Reeves family  
**Judy Curry**, Jo Weaver's hairdresser  
**Ray Nitcher**, friend of Jo Weaver  
**The family of Barbara Simpson**, Denise Mosley'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  
**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:*

**Good Shepherd**, Greenwood

**Presbyterian Church of Bella Vista**

*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.*