



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, April 28, 2013
5TH 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

Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty

Neander

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let everything that has being praise the name of our God!

People: **Mountains and hills, fruit trees and all cedars, shall praise the name of God.**

Leader: Young men and women alike, old and young together shall praise the name of God.

People: **We shall praise Your name, O God, for Your glory is above earth and heaven.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN #275** *God of Our Life*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of hope, You promise to make all things new, to make a new heaven and a new earth. You have been patient in Your desire to restore Your world to its original perfection. You have shown great forbearance to belligerent and stubborn humanity. Forgive our unwillingness to be changed, to be open to others, to open the doors of the church to those quite different from ourselves. We are sorry for the petty quarrels that spoil the resemblance the church should have to a warm and loving family. Continue Your patience with us until we are mature in Your love and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! We are not only baptized with water, but with the Holy Spirit.

People: **God has given us the same gift that He gave the apostles when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ.**

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

House of Grace

Martin

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 21:1-6

GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:31-35

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Acts 11:1-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

A Vision

Dr. Dan Festa

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

p.14 Hymnal

***HYMN #339**

Be Thou My Vision

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Let the Whole Creation Cry* Hintze

***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 #430** *Come Sing, O Church, in Joy*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *God of Grace and God of Glory* Hughes

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

Congratulations to Christopher Graves and Tricia Jones on the birth of their son, Tristan Michael, who was born April 23, in Hot Springs, AR. Tristian weighed 7 lbs., 8 ¼ ozs. and was 21 ½ inches long.

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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George Mosley	Lan Kelley
Dana Neal	Pat Drewett
Laura Pierce (Clerk)	Bill Detmers

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

Announcements

We’re Going to Murry’s! Join us for a trip to Murry’s Dinner Playhouse to see 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 **today**. See the sign up sheet on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall for more details.

Everyone Is Invited to Join the Presbyterian Women on a trip to Garvan Gardens on Saturday, May 11. We will leave the church at 8:30 a.m. and return around 3 p.m. To sign up or for more detailed information see the sign-up sheet on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall.

A Presbyterian Women’s General Meeting Will Be Held Sunday, May 5, following morning worship in the Perdue Library.

Our Annual Summer Youth Trip is right around the corner. This year we will travel to Magic Springs. For more information or to sign-up see the sheet on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall. Deadline to sign-up is June 2.

Revelation 21:1-6

- 21:1 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more.
- 21:2 And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.
- 21:3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;
- 21:4 he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."
- 21:5 And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."
- 21:6 Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

John 13:31-35

- 13:31 When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him.
- 13:32 If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once.
- 13:33 Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.'
- 13:34 I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another.
- 13:35 By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

Acts 11:1-18

- 11:1 Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God.
- 11:2 So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him,

- 11:3 saying, "Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?"
- 11:4 Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying,
- 11:5 "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me.
- 11:6 As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air.
- 11:7 I also heard a voice saying to me, 'Get up, Peter; kill and eat.'
- 11:8 But I replied, 'By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'
- 11:9 But a second time the voice answered from heaven, 'What God has made clean, you must not call profane.'
- 11:10 This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.
- 11:11 At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.
- 11:12 The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house.
- 11:13 He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, 'Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter;
- 11:14 he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.'
- 11:15 And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.
- 11:16 And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.'
- 11:17 If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?"

11:18 When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, "Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life."

House of Grace

Here is a home where friends become family.
Here is a church where peace resides,
A place of charity, a place with harmony,
A fellowship where hope and love abide.

This is a house of grace, we are a temple of living praise.
Throw open the doors, tell the world Christ is Lord.
Welcome home, this is a house of grace.

Here is a light that shines in the darkness.
Here is a peace that calms the storm,
A place where joy is found, a place where love abounds,
A fellowship that serves the risen Lord.

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ the King,
And we His new creation, now lift our voice and sing
We must sing!

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 28 , 2013

MEMBERS:

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

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

THOSE WITH RESTRICTED MOBILITY AND HOMEBOUND:

Bud Elam

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Kristina Ward, friend of Amanda and Michael Chandler
Nancy Mugford, friend Laura and Dan
The family of Harvey Rodgers, friend of Amanda and Michael Chandler
Gwen Simmons, friend of the church
Judy Curry, Jo Weaver’s hairdresser
Ray Nitcher, friend of Jo Weaver
Doris McCoy, mother of Kay Cromwell
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 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:

Alpine Church, Amity

Cleburne Avenue, West Helena

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.