



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, July 14, 2013
15TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts* McGregor

CALL TO WORSHIP

People: We have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel that has come to us.

Leader: **We have not ceased praying and asking that we may be filled with the knowledge of God's will,**

People: So that we may lead lives worthy of the Lord as we bear fruit in every good work.

All: **Let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN #326** *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

God of compassion, we confess before You that we have sinned. We have passed by our neighbors, and ignored opportunities to show them mercy. We have mocked their misery by making excuses to avoid their plight. We who have been taught the law of love practice instead the law of self-interest. Forgive us, we pray, for the sake of the Christ who came to bind up the wounds of the one by the side of the road. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear Paul's words when he writes of God, who has transferred us from the dominion of darkness and to the care of Christ our Savior.

People: **So, walk in Christ's love with assurance of Your redemption and the forgiveness of sins.**

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

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *A Communion Invitation* Martin

Rose VonTungeln, Soloist

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 Amos 7:7-17

EPISTLE LESSON Colossians 1:1-14

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 10: 25-37

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Doing Mercy* Dr. Dan Festa

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed (Traditional) p.14 Hymnal

***HYMN #392** *Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord*

Amos 7:7-17

7:7 This is what he showed me: the Lord was standing beside a wall built with a plumb line, with a plumb line in his hand.

7:8 And the LORD said to me, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A plumb line." Then the Lord said, "See, I am setting a plumb line in the midst of my people Israel; I will never again pass them by;

7:9 the high places of Isaac shall be made desolate, and the sanctuaries of Israel shall be laid waste, and I will rise against the house of Jeroboam with the sword."

7:10 Then Amaziah, the priest of Bethel, sent to King Jeroboam of Israel, saying, "Amos has conspired against you in the very center of the house of Israel; the land is not able to bear all his words.

7:11 For thus Amos has said, 'Jeroboam shall die by the sword, and Israel must go into exile away from his land.'"

7:12 And Amaziah said to Amos, "O seer, go, flee away to the land of Judah, earn your bread there, and prophesy there;

7:13 but never again prophesy at Bethel, for it is the king's sanctuary, and it is a temple of the kingdom."

7:14 Then Amos answered Amaziah, "I am no prophet, nor a prophet's son; but I am a herdsman, and a dresser of sycamore trees,

7:15 and the LORD took me from following the flock, and the LORD said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

7:16 "Now therefore hear the word of the LORD. You say, 'Do not prophesy against Israel, and do not preach against the house of Isaac."

7:17 Therefore thus says the LORD: 'Your wife shall become a prostitute in the city, and your sons and your daughters shall fall by the sword, and your land shall be parceled out by line; you yourself shall die in an unclean land, and Israel shall surely go into exile away from its land.'"

Colossians 1:1-14

1:1 Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and Timothy our brother,

1:2 To the saints and faithful brothers and sisters in Christ in Colossae: Grace to you and peace from God our Father.

1:3 In our prayers for you we always thank God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,

1:4 for we have heard of your faith in Christ Jesus and of the love that you have for all the saints,

1:5 because of the hope laid up for you in heaven. You have heard of this hope before in the word of the truth, the gospel

1:6 that has come to you. Just as it is bearing fruit and growing in the whole world, so it has been bearing fruit among yourselves from the day you heard it and truly comprehended the grace of God.

1:7 This you learned from Epaphras, our beloved fellow servant. He is a faithful minister of Christ on your behalf,

1:8 and he has made known to us your love in the Spirit.

1:9 For this reason, since the day we heard it, we have not ceased praying for you and asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of God's will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding,

1:10 so that you may lead lives worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, as you bear fruit in every good work and as you grow in the knowledge of God.

1:11 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully

1:12 giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

1:13 He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son,

1:14 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Luke 10:25-37

10:25 Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. "Teacher," he said, "what must I do to inherit eternal life?"

10:26 He said to him, "What is written in the law? What do you read there?"

10:27 He answered, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself."

10:28 And he said to him, "You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live."

10:29 But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, "And who is my neighbor?"

10:30 Jesus replied, "A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead.

10:31 Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side.

10:32 So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side.

10:33 But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity.

10:34 He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him.

10:35 The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, 'Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.'

10:36 Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?"

10:37 He said, "The one who showed him mercy." Jesus said to him, "Go and do likewise."

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF JULY 14, 2013

MEMBERS:

The family of Ruby Carey
Lurline Elam
Lynda Vick
Mary Wooten
Valerie Reichen
Jo Weaver
Pat Drewett

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

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Megan Rush, friend of Zac Cosner
Family of Helen Dial, Laura Cosner's great aunt
Miranda Coleman, daughter of Suzy VonTungeln's coworker
Judy Feters, friend of Rose and Suzy VonTungeln
Richard Harrison, friend and customer of Laura Cosner
Kasey Kenward, friend of the Cosner Family
Spencer Buchanan, son of Nelson Buchanan/grandson of Bea Magee
Mrs. Audrey Brooks, mother-in-law of Nelson Buchanan
Matthew Stoddard, nephew of Amanda Chandler's co-worker
Terry Hill, friend of Laura Cosner
Hardy Malone, friend of Rose VonTungeln
John Hensley, friend of Laura and Rick Pierce
Kristina Ward, friend of Amanda and Michael Chandler
Nancy Mugford, friend Laura and Dan
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
Pat Mosley, mother of George Mosley
Bonita Hankins, aunt of George Mosley
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
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:

Bar Memorial, Norman

Hopewell Church, Morrilton

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD:

Keith Camferdam, Air Force
Josh May, Army

Kyle Glover, 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.

Announcements (cont.)

Mark Your Calendars for Vacation Bible School at Central on August 1 - 3. This year, in cooperation with our friends from First Presbyterian, we will enjoy “Kingdom Rock,” where kids stand strong for God. The program will be held Thursday and Friday evenings from 5:30 to 8 p.m., and 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday . Registration forms are available on the church website (www.prespb.com), on the round table in the Narthex, and in the church office.

Be sure to check your weekly bulletins for more details on what promises to be a fun and faith filled event!

Central Has Been Asked to Help support the Neighbor to Neighbor School Supply Program again this year by collecting **60 1-inch, three-ring binders**. You may place the binders on the round table in McElyea Hall. The deadline for school supplies is Friday, August 2. For more information, contact Neighbor to Neighbor at 870-534-2883.

A Communion Invitation Rose VonTungeln, Soloist

Come, if you are lonely,
My door is open wide.
All of you are welcome,
Come and step inside.
Enter with My blessing,
No one is denied.
Come, sit at My table,
Come, sit by My side.

Come, if you are thirsty,
I will pour the wine.
If you hunger, take this bread,
Sit with Me and dine.
Every weary traveler,
Every troubled soul,
Rest for just a moment
And leave the table whole.

The feast I spread before you,
The cup that we will share,
The bread we'll break together,
I've lovingly prepared.

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.