



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, August 11, 2013
19TH 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

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

Mason

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: God says, "Gather to Me My faithful ones, who made a covenant with Me."

Leader: Those who bring thanksgiving as their sacrifice honor God.

People: To those who go the right way I will show the salvation of God.

All: Let us worship God!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #364** *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

By faith You called Abraham to sojourn, O God; by faith Sarah conceived even when she was past the age. We read of their witness and marvel at their obedience; our faith is meager by comparison. We rarely venture out without knowing the destination; we want to know what's in it for us before we commit ourselves to Your call. Forgive our lack of daring and commitment and help us to trust You completely. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Remember that "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen...."

People: **By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible."**

Leader: We can therefore look "forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God." And we can trust that:

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

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Hymn of Promise

Sleeth

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 1:1, 10-20

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:32-40

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Remaining Hopeful

Dr. Dan Festa

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

p.14 Hymnal

***HYMN #526**

For All the Saints

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Near to the Heart of God* McAfee

***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 #307** *Fight the Good Fight*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *Oh, How I Love Jesus/My Jesus I Love Thee* Tornquist

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.**

Ushers: Lawrence Fikes Lay Reader: Nevada Mills

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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The Session (Board of Elders)

<u>Class of 2013</u>	<u>Class of 2014</u>
Lawrence Fikes	Tommy Dunlap
Steven Howsen	Jo Weaver
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
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Jo Weaver	Missions & Outreach
Bill Detmers	
Lan Kelley	Worship & Music

Announcements

We’re Going to the Grady Fish Fry! Hosted by the Lions Club of Grady, AR, the fish fry will be held Thursday, August 15, from 5 - 8 p.m. This has been an annual event in Grady since the formation of the Lions Club there in 1956. We will leave the church at 4 p.m. If you would like to travel with us, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall.

All Are Invited to Join us for another trip to Murry’s Dinner Playhouse. The cost is \$35 per person. We will leave the church at 5 p.m. and return around 10:30 p.m. Continue reading for more details!

South Pacific (August 24)
Rodgers and Hammerstein’s Pulitzer Prize winning *South Pacific* spins a romantic tale of love and loss on a tropical island naval base during World War II as two couples - U.S. Navy nurse Nellie Forbush and French plantation owner Emile de Becque, along with Lt. Joe Cable and a young local native girl - fall in love. You’ll be tapping your toes to all your favorites like “Honey Bun,” “There’s Nothin’ Like a Dame,” “Wash That Man Right Outta My Hair,” along with the classic “Some Enchanted Evening.” The deadline to sign up for this special presentation is **August 18**. Sign up today!

A Meeting of the Congregation Will Be Held
August 18, at the end of worship.

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

- 1:1The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.
- 1:10Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!
- 1:11What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.
- 1:12When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.
- 1:14Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.
- 1:15When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.
- 1:16Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil,
- 1:17learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.
- 1:18Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.
- 1:19If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;
- 1:20but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Luke 12:32-40

- 12:32"Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.
- 12:33Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys.
- 12:34For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

- 12:35"Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit;
- 12:36be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks.
- 12:37Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them.
- 12:38If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.
- 12:39"But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into.
- 12:40You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

- 11:1Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.
- 11:2Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval.
- 11:3By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.
- 11:8By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going.
- 11:9By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise.
- 11:10For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.
- 11:11By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old—and Sarah herself was barren—because he considered him faithful who had promised.
- 11:12Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."
- 11:13All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth,

11:14 for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland.

11:15 If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return.

11:16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.



Hymn of Promise

In the bulb there is a flower,
In the seed, an apple tree,
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
Butterflies will soon be free.
In the cold and snow of winter,
There's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
Seeking word and melody,
There's a dawn in every darkness,
Bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future,
What it holds, a mystery,
Until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning,
In out time, infinity.
In out doubt, there is believing,
In our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection,
At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 11 , 2013

MEMBERS:

Mildred Turner
Carol Brown
Lurline Elam
Lynda Vick
Mary Wooten
Valerie Reichen
Jo Weaver

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

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Dan Loomis, former pastor
Gene Esterhay, father of friend of Brady Vick
Marlene Chambliss, mother-in-law of Suzy & Rose's younger sisters
Cathy Resinger, Kay Cromwell's sister
Megan Rush, friend of Zac Cosner
Miranda Goldman, 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
Brad Morris, nephew of Bernice Lackey
Kelly Robinson, friend of Karen & David Perdue
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
Carla Fenessee, friends of Laura & Rick Pierce
Brooke Wells, granddaughter of Connie & Bill Detmers
Helen Gaunt, sister-in-law of Mildred Gaunt

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

First, Bentonville

Westminster, Little Rock

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.