



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, September 1, 2013
22ND 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers.

People: **The Lord is our helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to us?**

Leader: Remember our leaders, those who spoke the word of God to us. Imitate their faith.

People: **Through Christ, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN #464** *Joyful, Joyful. We Adore Thee*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal Judge, cleanse our hearts of any ill will we may hold against neighbors. When they do not think as we do, we often judge them as being unenlightened. If they behave differently, we pin labels on them. We choose as our guests those we deem worthy of places of honor within our households. Yet through Christ, You opened heaven to all without regard to their status in society. Forgive our inability to do the same, and save us from all pride and prejudice in our dealings with Your children.

SILENT PRAYER

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Sisters and brothers, recall the words of Scripture. "Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever."

People: **It is Christ who said, "I will never fail you nor forsake you."**

Leader: So, come to Christ and there find the assurance that is ours in confessing our sin,

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

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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

EPISTLE LESSON

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 14:1,7-14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Who's Who at the Party"

Dr. Bill Branch

Campus Chaplain, Lyon College

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

p.14 Hymnal

***HYMN #341**

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

- 13:1 Let mutual love continue.
- 13:2 Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.
- 13:3 Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.
- 13:4 Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers.
- 13:5 Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, "I will never leave you or forsake you."
- 13:6 So we can say with confidence, "The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?"
- 13:7 Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.
- 13:8 Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.
- 13:15 Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name.
- 13:16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Luke 14:1, 7-14

- 14:1 On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely.
- 14:7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable.

- 14:8 "When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honor, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host;
- 14:9 and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, 'Give this person your place,' and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.
- 14:10 But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, 'Friend, move up higher'; then you will be honored in the presence of all who sit at the table with you.
- 14:11 For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."
- 14:12 He said also to the one who had invited him, "When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbors, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid.
- 14:13 But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind.
- 14:14 And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."

The Parables of Jesus



PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2013

MEMBERS:

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

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

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Al Glover, former member
The family of Janice Lewis, relative of Laura Cosner
Marla Shapiro, cousin of Laura Cosner
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
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
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
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:

Wynne Church, Wynne

Commissioned Ruling Elders

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.