



**Central Presbyterian Church**  
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**Sunday, September 8, 2013**  
**23<sup>RD</sup> 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:** O Lord, You have searched me and known me, and are acquainted with all my ways.

**People:** **Even before a word is on my tongue, O Lord, You know it completely.**

**Leader:** For it was You who formed my inward parts; You knit me together in my mother's womb.

**People:** **How weighty to me are Your thoughts, O God! I try to count them – they are like the sand.**

**All:** **Let us worship God!**

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

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**God in Christ, who endured the cross in Your own flesh for our sakes, hear us as we confess our sin. We would be Your bold disciples, but we fear suffering. We would carry our cross, but it weights too much. We count the cost of following You – as long as there are benefits; but to renounce all we have is a devastating prospect. Forgive the conditions we make when we try to obey, and free us by Your grace to forsake all and follow You.**

**SILENT PRAYER**

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** God is just and takes no pleasure in the death of the wicked.

**People:** **Through Christ there is hope of eternal forgiveness.**

**Leader:** Let us turn back from our past and embrace God's promised assurance:

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

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

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**ANTHEM**

**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!*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**  
**OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY** ("Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow") *Hymnal #592*

**\*PRAYER OF 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 #260**     *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE\*\***

**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: Lan & Mike Kelley**

**Lay Reader: Laura Pierce**



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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Budget & Finance

Building & Grounds

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Fellowship & Nurture

Missions & Outreach

Worship & Music

*Announcements*

**The Evening Circle Will Meet** tomorrow, September 9, at 6:30 p.m., in the Perdue Library.

**The Morning Circle Will Meet** Tuesday, September 10, at 10:00 a.m., in the Perdue Library.

**Central Will Host the Birthday Celebration** at Trinity Village on Wednesday, September 25, at 2:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help prepare for this event, and everyone is invited to attend. To volunteer or for more information contact Sue Merritt or the church office.

**The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held** Sunday, September 15, following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

**The Session Will Meet** Sunday, September 15, in the conference room, following the luncheon.

**The Deadline for the October Issue** of the *Central Scene* is **Monday, September 16**, Please turn in all announcements, articles, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.

## Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

<sup>1</sup>Let mutual love continue. <sup>2</sup>Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. <sup>3</sup>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.<sup>a</sup> <sup>4</sup>Let marriage be held in honor by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. <sup>5</sup>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." <sup>6</sup>So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;

I will not be afraid.

What can anyone do to me?"

<sup>7</sup>Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. <sup>8</sup>Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

<sup>15</sup>Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. <sup>16</sup>Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

## Luke 14:1, 7-14

<sup>1</sup>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.

<sup>7</sup>When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honor, he told them a parable. <sup>8</sup>"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; <sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>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. <sup>11</sup>For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted."

<sup>12</sup>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. <sup>13</sup>But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. <sup>14</sup>And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous."