



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Sunday, October 12, 2014
28TH 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 *Unseen God, Your Hand Has Guided* Monk

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 106

Laura: Praise the LORD! O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever.

People: **Who can utter the mighty doings of the LORD, or declare all his praise?**

Laura: Happy are those who observe justice, who do righteousness at all times.

People: **Remember me, O LORD, when you show favor to your people; help me when you deliver them;**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #138** *Holy, Holy, Holy*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, forgive us when we are blind to your presence in life. Forgive us for failing to appreciate your goodness. Forgive us for worshiping you with our lips while being far from you in our hearts. Loving God, cleanse and renew us. (Silent Prayer) Speak your Good News to us, we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Laura: Hear the Good News!

People: **Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, Christ prays for us.**

Laura: I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

All: **Amen!**

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* 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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 32:1 - 14

EPISTLE READING Phillipians 4:1 - 9

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22:1 - 14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

David S. King

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Shorter Catechism see insert

***HYMN #92** *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Grotenhuis

***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 name those whom you love and for whom you pray.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER (We use the wording “debts and debtors.”)

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***RECESSIONAL HYMN #387** *Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

Go forth into the world rejoicing. Love and serve the Lord.

*** Those who are able, please stand.**

**** Please be seated and remain for the postlude if you can.**

Usher: Dana Neal 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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& Laura Pierce	Education
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& Lan Kelley	Fellowship & Nurture
Pat Drewett	
& Jo Weaver	Missions & Outreach
Bill Detmers	
& Marty Shell	Worship & Music

Announcements

The Church Office Will Be Closed tomorrow in observance of Columbus Day.

The Evening Circle Will Meet tomorrow evening at 6:30 p.m. in the Perdue Library.

"Glory to God," Our New Hymnals, Will Be Dedicated during our worship on Sunday, October 19. We will give thanks that morning for the joy of singing, for those whose gifts helped us provide this new music, and for those friends and family members in whose memory many of the books are provided.

Stewardship Dedication Sunday is October 19. The Harvest Luncheon will be held following morning worship. During lunch, pledge cards will be distributed for planning the 2015 budget.

The Session Will Meet October 19, in the conference room following the fellowship luncheon.

The Deadline for the November Issue of Central Scene is Monday, October 20. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.

Central Will Host the Trinity Village Birthday Party on October 21 at 2:30 p.m. October and November Trinity resident birthdays will be celebrated. All are invited to attend.

Exodus 32:1-14

When the people saw that Moses delayed to come down from the mountain, the people gathered around Aaron, and said to him, "Come, make gods for us, who shall go before us; as for this Moses, the man who brought us up out of the land of Egypt, we do not know what has become of him." Aaron said to them, "Take off the gold rings that are on the ears of your wives, your sons, and your daughters, and bring them to me." So all the people took off the gold rings from their ears, and brought them to Aaron. He took the gold from them, formed it in a mold, and cast an image of a calf; and they said, "These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!" When Aaron saw this, he built an altar before it; and Aaron made proclamation and said, "Tomorrow shall be a festival to the LORD." They rose early the next day, and offered burnt offerings and brought sacrifices of well-being; and the people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to revel.

The LORD said to Moses, "Go down at once! Your people, whom you brought up out of the land of Egypt, have acted perversely; they have been quick to turn aside from the way that I commanded them; they have cast for themselves an image of a calf, and have worshiped it and sacrificed to it, and said, 'These are your gods, O Israel, who brought you up out of the land of Egypt!'" The LORD said to Moses, "I have seen this people, how stiff-necked they are. Now let me alone, so that my wrath may burn hot against them and I may consume them; and of you I will make a great nation."

But Moses implored the LORD his God, and said, "O LORD, why does your wrath burn hot against your people, whom you brought out of the land of Egypt with great power and with a mighty hand? Why should the Egyptians say, 'It was with evil intent that he brought them out to kill them in the mountains, and to consume them from the face of the earth'? Turn from your fierce wrath; change your mind and do not bring disaster on your people. Remember Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, your servants, how you swore to them by your own self, saying to them, 'I will multiply your descendants like the stars of heaven, and all this land that I have promised I will give to your descendants, and they shall inherit it forever.'" And the LORD changed his mind about the disaster that he planned to bring on his people.

Philippians 4:1-9

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

Matthew 22:1-14

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, 'Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.' But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, 'The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.' Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

"But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, 'Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?' And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, 'Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' For many are called, but few are chosen."

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness,
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above.
Join with all nature in manifold witness,
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF OCTOBER 12, 2014

MEMBERS:

Jo Weaver
Logan Mosley
Laura Hayes
Hester Insley
Mary Wooten
Mary Kientz

Agnes Hughes
Bernice and Gene Lackey
Valerie Reichen
Bea Magee
Nell Horne
Mildred Gaunt

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

The family of Carl Ford, friend of Erin Shaw and family
The family of Herman Nickolson, friend and coworker of Bubba VonTungeln
Joshua Chambliss and family, nephew of Rose and Suzy VonTungeln
Juliet Walker, sister of Bubba VonTungeln’s co-worker
Judy and Larry Fetters, friends of Rose VonTungeln
Rhett Lunningham, nephew of David Judkins
Ryker Cheek, nephew of Bubba VonTungeln
Kyle Brewton, acquaintance of Laura Cosner
Dad and Stepmom of Vance and Jennifer Freeman, cousins of Amanda Chandler
Betty Seymore, aunt of Pat Drewett
Mary McBee, friend of Karen & David Perdue
Connie Johnson, daycare teacher of Langston Cosner
Chris Cook, request of Laura Cosner
Johnny & Ginger McCaleb, son and daughter–law of Donna McCaleb
Carolyn Stover, co-worker of Maggie Shell-Howsen & friend of Central

Monica Milligan, mother-in-law of Michael VonTungeln
Brooke Wells, granddaughter of Connie & Bill Detmers
Terry & Nathan Bearden, request of Laura Cosner
Lou Ann Barker, niece of Frank Merritt
Doris McCoy, mother of Kay Cromwell
Wanda Vining, mother-in-law of Pat Drewett
Cathy Risinger, sister of Kay Cromwell
Helen Gaunt, sister-in-law of Mildred Gaunt
Joe Ward, uncle of Dana Neal
Mary Ward, mother of Dana Neal
Dan Loomis, former pastor
Matthew Stoddard, nephew of Amanda Chandler’s co-worker
John Hensley, friend of Laura and Rick Pierce
Kristina Ward, friend of Amanda and Michael Chandler
Judy Curry, Jo Weaver’s hairdresser
Ray Nitcher, friend of Jo Weaver
Franklin Ward, uncle of Dana Neal
Cissy Bailey, sister-in-law of Betty Coles
Anne Logan, friend of Jo Weaver

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

First, Van Buren ***First***, Batesville

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Shorter Catechism

Q. 1. What is the chief end of man?

A. Man's chief end is to glorify God, and to enjoy him forever.

Q. 2. What rule has God given to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him?

A. The Word of God which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy him.

Q. 3. What do the Scriptures principally teach?

A. The Scriptures principally teach what man is to believe concerning God, and what duty God requires of man.

Q. 4. What is God?

A. God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable, in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

Q. 5. Are there more Gods than one?

A. There is but one only, the living and true God.

Q. 6. How many Persons are there in the Godhead?

A. There are three Persons in the Godhead: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

Q. 7. What are the decrees of God?

A. The decrees of God are his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he has foreordained whatsoever comes to pass.

Q. 8. How does God execute his decrees?

A. God executes his decrees in the works of creation and providence.

Q. 9. What is the work of creation?

A. The work of creation is God's making all things of nothing, by the word of his power, in the space of six days, and all very good.

Q. 10. How did God create man?

A. God created man male and female, after his own image, in knowledge, righteousness, and holiness, with dominion over the creatures.



Notes on Today's Affirmation of Faith:

The Shorter Catechism

Presbyterians are a "Confessing Church." We have adopted historic statements of faith such as "The Apostles Creed" and created others as a way of telling the world and reminding ourselves who we are, what we believe, and how we intend to live because of that. They do not take the place of the Bible and are intended to help us focus on the essentials of our faith made clear in the Bible. The Presbyterian Book of Confessions includes fourteen statements of faith, including familiar ones like "The Apostles Creed" and the "Longer" and "Shorter Catechisms."

The mid-1600s were a time of great upheaval in Great Britain and that also involved the Christian movement. Meetings were held in Westminster Abbey to find those areas where the Anglicans and our Reformed ancestors could agree, and soon the church of Scotland got involved. Those meetings produced the lengthy Westminster Standards, and as a device to teach them, they created a Longer Catechism for adults. In 1648 the British Parliament approved the Shorter Catechism for teaching children. Many of us learned parts of the Shorter Catechism when we prepared to make professionals of our faith.