



**Central Presbyterian Church**  
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Sunday, November 16, 2014  
**33<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** *We Praise You, O God* Kremser

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 123

Bill: "To you I lift up my eyes, O you who are enthroned in the heavens!"

**People:** "As the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maid to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, until he has mercy upon us."

Bill: "Have mercy upon us, O LORD, have mercy upon us, for we have had more than enough of contempt."

**People:** "Our soul has had more than its fill of the scorn of those who are at ease, of the contempt of the proud."

**All:** Let us worship God!

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #12** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, your Son Jesus is the way, the truth, and the life, but too often we forget that. Give us grace to love all your creation and help us walk in His way. Teach us to know you through Him so we may walk in harmony with Your will and share the power of eternal life. (Silent Prayer)  
We pray in the name of Jesus our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, Amen.

**KYRIE ELEISON** ("Lord, Have Mercy")

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Bill: Hear the Good News!

**People:** "The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who revere him."

Bill: 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 #581*

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: As Christ has given each of us Peace, let us extend it now to our Neighbors. The Peace of Christ be with you!

**People:** **And also with you.** (Please extend the right hand of fellowship to those around you by saying: "The Peace of Christ be with you!")

### 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.*

**ANTHEM** *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ* Potter

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Joshua 24:1 - 3a

**EPISTLE READING** 1 Thessalonians 4:13 - 18

**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 25: 1 - 13

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

David S. King

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Heidelberg Confession see insert

**\*HYMN #687** *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Day of Delight and Beauty Unbounded* Gastoldi

**\*DOXOLOGY** ("Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow") *Hymnal #607*

**\*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 #719** *Come, Labor On*

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE\*\*** *And Can It Be* Campbell

**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: To be announced Lay Reader: Bill Detmers**

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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**Nursery Attendant**

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**The Session (Board of Elders)**

**Class of 2014**

Tommy Dunlap  
Bill Detmers  
Lan Kelley  
Pat Drewett

**Class of 2015**

Marty Shell  
Betty Coles  
Amanda Chandler  
Jewelie Mills  
Laura Pierce (clerk)

**Standing Committee Moderators**

Jewelie Mills	Budget & Finance
Amanda Chandler	Building & Grounds
Amanda Chadler	
& Laura Pierce	Education
Tommy Dunlap	
& Lan Kelley	Fellowship & Nurture
Pat Drewett	Missions & Outreach
Bill Detmers	
& Marty Shell	Worship & Music

*Announcements*

**The Presbyterian Women Thank Offering Will Be Received** this morning during worship.

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

**The Session Will Meet** this afternoon in the youth/activities building following the Fellowship Luncheon

**Join Us Saturday, November 22, for a Trip** to see *Don’t Dress for Dinner* at Murry’s Dinner Playhouse. This wildly funny comedy will be the last show of the season, and one you won’t want to miss! The deadline to sign up is **today**. For travel and show times, see the sign up sheet in McElyea Hall.

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

**The Presbyterian Women Are Planning Their Fall Rummage and Bake Sale!** The sale will be Saturday, November 22, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 p.m. Clean out the closets, utility room, and garage and bring us your "gently used" items! If it's sellable, we want it, except for clothes. Your contributions will help fund Neighbor to Neighbor, CASA, the Salvation Army, and Vera Lloyd. Thank you! See Laura Pierce or Betty Coles for more information.

### **Judges 4:1-7**

The Israelites again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD, after Ehud died. So the LORD sold them into the hand of King Jabin of Canaan, who reigned in Hazor; the commander of his army was Sisera, who lived in Harosheth-ha-goiim. Then the Israelites cried out to the LORD for help; for he had nine hundred chariots of iron, and had oppressed the Israelites cruelly twenty years.

At that time Deborah, a prophetess, wife of Lappidoth, was judging Israel. She used to sit under the palm of Deborah between Ramah and Bethel in the hill country of Ephraim; and the Israelites came up to her for judgment. She sent and summoned Barak son of Abinoam from Kedesh in Naphtali, and said to him, "The LORD, the God of Israel, commands you, 'Go, take position at Mount Tabor, bringing ten thousand from the tribe of Naphtali and the tribe of Zebulun. I will draw out Sisera, the general of Jabin's army, to meet you by the Wadi Kishon with his chariots and his troops; and I will give him into your hand.'"

### **1 Thessalonians 5:1-11**

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, "There is peace and security," then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

### **Matthew 25:14-30**

"For it is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.' His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' But his master replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.'

**Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ**

Let us talents and tongues employ,  
Reaching out with a shout of joy:  
Bread is broken; the wine is poured;  
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;  
Pass the Word around; loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one;  
At the table he sets the tone,  
Teaching people to live to bless,  
Love in word and in deed express.

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;  
Pass the Word around; loaves abound!

Jesus calls us in,  
Sends us out bearing fruit in a world of doubt,  
Gives us love to tell, bread to share;  
God (Immanuel) everywhere!

Jesus lives again; earth can breathe again;  
Pass the Word around; loaves abound!

**CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 16, 2014**

*MEMBERS:*

**Logan Mosley**  
**Mildred Turner**  
**Bernice and Gene Lackey**  
**Laura Hayes**  
**Hester Insley**  
**Mary Wooten**

**Mary Kientz**  
**Agnes Hughes**  
**Valerie Reichen**  
**Bea Magee**  
**Nell Horne**  
**Mildred Gaunt**

*FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:*

**The family of Carolyn Brown**, mother of Laura  
Cosner's co-worker  
**Lori Partridge**, friend of Rose VonTungeln  
**Carol Langley**, customer of Laura Cosner  
**Mary Ward**, mother of Dana Neal  
**Annette Knuckles**, co-worker of Tommy Dunlap  
**Cathryn Bennet and Rhonda Bennett**, customers  
of Laura Cosner  
**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  
**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  
**Johnny & Ginger McCaleb**, son and daughter-law  
of Donna McCaleb  
**Brooke Wells**, granddaughter of Connie & Bill

Detmers  
**Carolyn Stover**, co-worker of Maggie Shell-  
Howsen & friend of Central  
**Monica Milligan**, mother-in-law of Michael  
VonTungeln  
**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  
**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

*PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:*

**First, Siloam Springs**

**First, Rogers**

*OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD*

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**  
The Heidelberg Confession

**Question 1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?**

A. That I belong - body and soul, in life and in death - not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

**Question 2. How many things must you know that you may live and die in the blessedness of this comfort?**

A. Three. First, the greatness of my sin and wretchedness. Second, how I am freed from all my sins and their wretched consequences. Third, what gratitude I owe to God for such redemption.

**Notes on Today's Affirmation of Faith:**  
The Heidelberg Confession

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 Protestant Reformation of the early 1500's in Europe grew in different ways, both theologically and geographically. As the Reformed faith - our ancestors - spread from Geneva in Switzerland, the Lutheran movement grew from Germany, and by the mid-1500's, they began to overlap. Leaders of the two groups found they agreed on most issues, but they had real tension about the Lord's Supper. The Lutherans believed that the bread and wine of the sacrament became the actual body and blood of Christ, but our tradition did not. To try to settle their differences leaders of both movements agreed to write a statement that would be acceptable to both traditions. They wrote it in the format of a "catechism," a teaching device of that time which uses questions and answers. There are 129 questions in all. It became known as "The Heidelberg Confession" and was adopted by both in 1562.