



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, November 23, 2014
CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE *Instrument of Worship* Tornquist

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 100

Bill: "Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness; come into his presence with singing."

People: "Know that the LORD is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture."

Bill: "Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name."

People: "For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations."

All: Let us worship God!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #343** *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, we confess that we have often turned away from you and wandered in our own wildernesses. You offer your love to us but too often we don't hear because we cannot believe you love us that much. We don't do well enough at serving others and are much too good at serving ourselves. (Silent Prayer) Help us be more faithful servants. In Jesus' name we pray, 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: Friends, hear and believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!

***GLORIA PATRI** ("Glory be to the Father") *Hymnal #581*

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 *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Althouse

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Ezekiel 34:11- 16, 20 - 24

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 1:15 - 23

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25:31 - 46

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON David S. King

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from The Confession of 1967 see insert

***HYMN #643** *Now Thank We All our God*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Song of Remembrance* Fettke

***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.)

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

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #542 God Be With You
CONGREGATIONAL MEETING
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE** Variations for Thanksgiving Curtis
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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& Lan Kelley	Fellowship & Nurture
Pat Drewett	Missions & Outreach
Bill Detmers	
& Marty Shell	Worship & Music

Announcements

There Will Be a Very Brief Meeting of the Session in the conference room today following worship.

The Church Office Will Be Closed November 27 & 28, in observance of the Thanksgiving Holiday.

We Will Decorate for Christmas/advent Saturday, November 29, at 9 a.m. Volunteers are encouraged and welcomed.

Lectionary Year B Begins next Sunday, November 30.

All Are Invited to Join Us next Sunday at 5:30 p.m., in McElyea Hall for the **Moravian Love Feast**. Folks are invited to bring sweet breads, soup, and sandwiches to share. We will gather as members of the family of God, and together we will seek God's blessing for our community and for our world.

The Church Office Will Begin Accepting Orders for Christmas Poinsettias next Sunday, November 30. Be sure to check next week’s bulletin for order forms and more details.

Neighbor to Neighbor's Holiday Projects Are Underway! Central has been asked to provide 100 cans of cranberry sauce by **December 5**, for the Christmas baskets. Cans may be placed in the box behind the round table in McElyea Hall.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

This is the joyful feast of the people of God! According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We give thanks to you, O God, creator, redeemer, sustainer of all. You made your covenant with us, calling us to love and serve you. When we are wandering in sin you forgive us and lead us home. We give thanks for Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lived and died and rose for us, and is coming in glory to reign.

With thanksgiving, we remember how Jesus took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me." With thanksgiving, we remember how Jesus took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Remembering Christ's saving love, we celebrate this holy meal and offer ourselves to you, O God, with gratitude and praise.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

(over)

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, on your people gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. By your Spirit make us one body in Christ, one in mission and ministry to the world. Nourish us in faith, hope, and love, and strengthen us for service, until we feast with you in glory. All praise and honor and glory are yours, holy God, now and forever. **Amen.**

COMMUNION

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These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Please come to the front using the center aisle. Break off a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. After you have communed please return to your seat using the side aisles. If you prefer, remain in your seat and we will come to serve you.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this holy meal and united us with Christ. Strengthen us in your service so that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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Notes on Today's Affirmation of Faith:
from "The Confession of 1967"

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which all men stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all men.

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for man. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

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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 Confession of 1967" was written as two major Presbyterian bodies were on a path toward becoming one. It spoke to a time of great stress in our country, as we tried to deal with an increasingly unpopular war in Vietnam, breaking down of long-standing racial barriers, and a growing movement for equality of women. It was built around the theme expressed by Paul in II Corinthians: "God was in Christ reconciling the world to himself." It begins with the paragraphs we read together this morning.

Lectionary for Christ the King Sunday- November 23, 2014

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

For thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Matthew 25:31-46

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Come, Christians , Join to Sing

Come, Christians , Join to Sing Alleluia! Amen!
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!
Let all, with heart and voice,
Before His throne rejoice;
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!
He is our guide and friend; to us He'll condescend.
His love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,
Singing for evermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"

Alleluia! Come join us, come join us!
Sing Alleluia! Amen!



Song of Remembrance

Do this in remembrance of me.
Do this in remembrance of me.
This bread is my body, this cup is my blood,
Share them among you in love.

Do this in remembrance of me.
This is my body given for you;
This cup is the New Covenant,
Sealed with my blood.

Do this in remembrance of me.
Do this in remembrance of me;
And whenever you eat this bread;
Whenever you drink this cup,
You proclaim the Lord's death 'till He comes, Until He comes.

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 23, 2014

MEMBERS:

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

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 Luningham, 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, Marianna

Westminster, Hot Springs

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD