



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, November 30, 2014
1ST SUNDAY IN ADVENT

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence* Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP from Romans, ch. 13

Jemmie: We know what time it is - the moment to wake from sleep."

People: **"We awaken to greet the day, yearning for God's peace on this earth."**

Jemmie: "Let us lay down our swords and put aside all works of darkness."

People: **"Let us walk in the light and live as peacekeepers. Let us worship our God as expectant believers."**

All: **"We worship with joy, knowing Christ will come."**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #82** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

FILLING THE BAPTISMAL FONT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord God, as we begin to prepare our hearts to receive the One whom you are sending, forgive us for all the times we have missed seeing you in our midst, for all the times we have doubted your presence, and for all the times we have failed to help others find their way. (Silent Prayer) Forgive us, in the name of Jesus, the One who is coming. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord, Have Mercy")

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jemmie: 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, Emmanuel, Come* Besig

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Isaiah 64:1 - 9

EPISTLE READING I Corinthians 1:3 - 9

GOSPEL READING Mark 13:24 - 37

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON David S. King

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from A Brief Statement of Faith see insert

***HYMN #93** *Lift Up Your Heads*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Ich bin ja, Herr, in deiner Macht* Bach

***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 #97 Watchman, Tell Us of the Night
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE** O Come, O Come Emmanuel Phillips
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: Connie & Bill Detmers Lay Reader: Jemmie Moseley

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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Choirmaster/Organist Marty Shell	Nursery Attendant
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& Marty Shell	Worship & Music

Announcements

Dave and Betty will host Vespers at Trinity Village this afternoon at 4 p.m. in the Great Hall. All are invited to attend.

All Are Invited to Join Us this evening 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 Is Accepting Orders for Christmas Poinsettias. They will be placed in the sanctuary beginning December 14, and will remain through December 26. If you prefer not to purchase an actual plant, you may designate your gift for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund instead. To place an order, please fill out the enclosed forms, and return it to the church office by December 14. The cost is \$12.50.

Neighbor to Neighbor's Holiday Projects Are Underway! Central has been asked to provide 100 cans of cranberry sauce by next Thursday, December 5, for the Christmas baskets. Cans may be placed in the box behind the round table in McElyea Hall. We have also been asked to consider sponsoring 10 children for Christmas. A donation of \$60 per child will insure that a child will wake up Christmas morning with toys and gifts under their tree.

The Evening Circle Will Meet Monday, December 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Perdue Library.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Notes on Today's Affirmation of Faith:
from A Brief Statement of Faith

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."

When the two largest Presbyterian bodies in the country planned to merge in 1983, they decided to create a new statement of the faith they shared that could be used in worship. "It does not pretend to be a complete list of our beliefs, nor does it explain any of them in detail." It is intended to show that despite our diversity there is much about our faith which holds us together.

Isaiah 64:1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence—

as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil-- to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence!

When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence.

From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him.

You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways. But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed.

We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.

There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand.

Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity forever. Now consider, we are all your people.

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Mark 13:24-37

"But in those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake."

Come, Emmanuel, Come

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 30, 2014

All of the world is awaiting a king,
Anxiously seeking the joy He will bring.
Soon He will be with us,
God's love revealed to us.
Come, Emmanuel, Come

We must believe that the moment is near,
Faithfully knowing He soon will appear,
Cast every doubt away, let us prepare the way.
Come, Emmanuel, Come.

Soon angels will sing,
Earth and heaven will ring.
Soon, soon He will come
The world will know God's Son.

Out of the darkness will come a great light
Radiantly guiding us on through the night.
Then we will welcome Him,
We will rejoice in Him.
Come, Emmanuel Come.

Soon heaven will shine,
God will send us a sign,
Soon, soon we will see
How great God's love can be.

Now let us watch and prepare for the King,
Humbly awaiting the joy He will bring,
Let us believe in Him, Open our hearts to Him,
Come, Emmanuel, Come.

MEMBERS:

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

Agnes Hughes
Valerie Reichen
Bea Magee
Nell Horne
Mildred Gaunt

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Perry Reynolds, friend of the Jane & David
Judkins
Betty Neal, mother-in-law of Dana Neal
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
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, Paragould

Church Custodians

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD