



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, November 9, 2014
32ND 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 "Sleepers, Wake" A Voice Astounds Us Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 70

Leader: "Be pleased, O God, to deliver me. O LORD, make haste to help me"

People: "Let those be put to shame and confusion who seek my life. Let those be turned back and brought to dishonor who desire to hurt me. Let those who say, 'Aha, Aha!' turn back because of their shame."

Leader: "Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you. Let those who love your salvation say evermore, 'God is great!'"

People: "But I am poor and needy; hasten to me, O God! You are my help and my deliverer; O LORD, do not delay!"

All: Let us worship God!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #362** Rejoice, Rejoice, Believers

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of life, we confess that we have often turned from you and wandered in our own wildernesses of fear and doubt. Sometimes when you offer your love to us, we turn away, unable to believe we are loveable. Forgive us when we are unloving, when we do not serve others but serve only ourselves. Heal us, merciful God. Help us be faithful servants. (Silent Prayer) We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord, Have Mercy")

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

Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the Good News!

People: The Lord is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and plenteous in mercy. As far as the East is from the West, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.

Leader: 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* #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 *This Is My Song* Fettke
Given in Loving Memory of Lester Shell

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 Nicene Creed see insert

***HYMN #624** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Seek Ye First* Lafferty

***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 #353** *My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less*

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *By Faith Justified* Broughton

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: To be announced

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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Announcements

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

The Presbyterian Women Thank Offering Will Be Received Sunday, November 16, during morning worship.

The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held Sunday, November 16, following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

The Session Will Meet Sunday, November 16, in the conference room 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 Sunday, November 16. For travel and show times, see the sign up sheet in McElyea Hall.

The Deadline for the October Issue of the Central Scene is **Monday, November 17**. 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.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The Nicene Creed (Traditional)

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God;
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
Who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory,
to judge the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe one holy catholic* and apostolic Church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Notes on Today's Affirmation of Faith:
The Nicene Creed (Traditional)

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."

In A.D. 312, Constantine won control of the Roman Empire. He attributed his victory to the intervention of Jesus Christ, so he elevated Christianity to favored status in the empire. "One God, one Lord, one faith, one church, one empire, one emperor" became his motto. But he soon discovered that "one faith and one church" were fractured by theological disputes, especially conflicting understandings of the nature of Christ, long a point of controversy. To counter a widening rift within the church, Constantine convened a council in Nicaea in A.D. 325. A creed reflecting the position of the majority of the bishops was written and adopted, but the two parties continued to battle each other. In 381, a second council met in Constantinople. It adopted a revised and expanded form of the A.D. 325 creed, now known as the Nicene Creed. It is the most widely used statement of faith among the three major bodies of the Christian faith: Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox.

Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25

Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many.

"Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD." Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God."

But Joshua said to the people, "You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good." And the people said to Joshua, "No, we will serve the LORD!" Then Joshua said to the people, "You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him." And they said, "We are witnesses." He said, "Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel." The people said to Joshua, "The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey." So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

Matthew 25:1-13

"Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, 'Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.' Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, 'Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.' But the wise replied, 'No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.' And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, 'Lord, lord, open to us.' But he replied, 'Truly I tell you, I do not know you.' Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This Is My Song

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His Blood.

Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight; Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior for all the day long; This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

This is my story, this is my song.



Seek Ye First

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
And its righteousness,
And all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia!

Ask, and it shall be given unto you;
Seek, and you shall find,
Knock, and the door shall be opened unto you, Allelu, alleluia!

You sill not live by bread alone
But by every word,
That proceeds from the mouth of God,
Allelu, alleluia!

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 9, 2014

MEMBERS:

Mildred Turner
Emil Brown
Bernice and Gene Lackey
Friends and family of Jo Weaver
Logan Mosley
Laura Hayes
Hester Insley

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

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

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, Siloam Springs

First, Rogers

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD