



**Central Presbyterian Church**  
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
(870) 879-9074  
Sunday, March 16, 2014  
**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT**



**GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP**

**PRELUDE** *God, My Helper* Martin

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** No one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and spirit.

**People:** Truly I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen.

**Leader:** Everyone who believes in the Son of God may not perish, but have eternal life.

**People:** God sent not the Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world might be saved through Him.

**All:** Let us worship God!

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #488** *The God of Abraham Praise*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You call us to become pilgrims, to follow You in a journey of faith. We would find it easier to follow when not so much is at stake. But, You promise that You will be with us and that our needs will be met. We cling to our possessions, trusting in them for security. You lead us into unfamiliar places, asking that we trust in Your will. O God, Your way is challenging when we choose to be complacent. You make great demands; we are anxious and uncertain. Have mercy upon us and forgive our hesitant steps toward the promise. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** "For the sake of the joy that was set before Him, Jesus endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken His seat at the right hand of the throne of God."

**People:** Our faith depends on Him from start to finish, and He unceasingly intercedes on our behalf.

**Leader:** Therein abides our hope and our assurance.

**All:** In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

**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

**ANTHEM** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Mason

**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** Genesis 15:1-6

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Romans 4:13-25

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** *SOLA FIDE* Rev. David Reed

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostle's Creed (Traditional) p.14 Hymnal

**\*HYMN #838** *Standing on the Promises* (insert)

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Be Still, My Soul* Martin

**\*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 give voice to your concerns or to name those for whom you Love and pray.)

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER** (We use debts and debtors.)

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN #260** *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* (insert)

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE\*\*** *Take the Name of Jesus With You* Broughton

**EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES**

*Go forth into the world with rejoicing to love and serve the Lord.*

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

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

**Ushers: George Mosley Lay Reader: Betty Coles**

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.

<b>Guest Pastor</b> Reverend David Reed	<b>Secretary</b> Erin Shaw
<b>Choirmaster/Organist</b> Marty Shell	<b>Nursery Attendant</b> Laura Cosner
<b>Youth Sponsors</b> Marty Shell George Mosley Amber Poss	<b>Website:</b> <b>www.centralprespb.com</b> Member Login: cpcmmember Member Psswd: 6300trinity



<b>The Session (Board of Elders)</b>	
<b><u>Class of 2014</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2015</u></b>
Tommy Dunlap	Marty Shell
Jo Weaver	Betty Coles
Lan Kelley	Amanda Chandler
Pat Drewett	Jewelie Mills
Bill Detmers	Laura Pierce (clerk)

<b>Standing Committee Moderators</b>	
Jewelie Mills	Budget & Finance
Amanda Chandler	Building & Grounds
Amanda Chadler	
& Laura Pierce	Education
Tommy Dunlap	
& Lan Kelley	Fellowship & Nurture
Pat Drewett	
& Jo Weaver	Missions & Outreach
Bill Detmers	
& Marty Shell	Worship & Music

*Announcements*

**The Church Office Is Accepting Orders** for Easter lilies. The lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Palm Sunday and will remain through Easter. The cost for the lilies is \$12.50 each. If you would like to order a Lily, please fill out one of the forms located on the round table in the Narthex, and return it to the church office by April 6

**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 conference room, at 3 p.m.

**The Deadline for the April Issue** of the *Central Scene* is **tomorrow, March 17**, Please turn in all announcements, articles, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.

**Central Will Host Trinity Village Vespers** on Sunday, March 23, at 4 p.m. in the Trinity Village Great Hall. All are invited to come worship and fellowship with our friends at Trinity Village.

**Our Blue Moon Program Will be** a Family Game Night. Join us on March 30, at 5 p.m. for a night filled with fun. Watch next week’s bulletin for more details!

**Genesis 15:1-6**

- 15:1 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great."
- 15:2 But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?"
- 15:3 And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir."
- 15:4 But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir."
- 15:5 He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be."
- 15:6 And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

**Romans 4:13-25**

- 4:13 For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith.
- 4:14 If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void.
- 4:15 For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.
- 4:16 For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us,
- 4:17 as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") --in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.
- 4:18 Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become "the father of many nations," according to what was said, "So numerous shall your descendants be."
- 4:19 He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

- 4:20 No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God,
- 4:21 being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.
- 4:22 Therefore his faith "was reckoned to him as righteousness."
- 4:23 Now the words, "it was reckoned to him," were written not for his sake alone,
- 4:24 but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead,
- 4:25 who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

**My Faith Looks Up to Thee**

M faith looks up to Thee,  
Thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine,  
Now hear me while I pray,  
Take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day  
Be wholly Thine!

May Thy rich grace impart  
Strength to my fainting heart,  
My zeal inspire;  
As Thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to Thee  
Pure, warm, and changeless be,  
A living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread,  
And griefs around me spread,  
Be Thou my guide;  
Bid darkness turn to day.  
Wipe sorrow's tears away,  
Nor let me ever stray  
From Thee aside.

***PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 16, 2014***

*MEMBERS:*

***Lynda Vick***  
***Ann Woolley***  
***Jo Weaver***  
***Mary Kientz***  
***Agnes Hughes***  
***Mildred Turner***  
***Bernice and Gene Lackey***

***Mary Wooten***  
***Valerie Reichen***  
***Bea Magee***  
***Nell Horne***  
***Hester Insley***  
***Mildred Gaunt***

*FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:*

***Joe Pullman***, request of Laura Cosner  
***Carolyn Brown***, friend of the Cosner's  
***Dawn Trout***, co-worker and friend of Rick Pierce  
***Jessie Scholes***, friend of Maggie Shell-Howsen  
***Doris McCoy***, mother of Kay Cromwell  
***Wanda Vining***, mother-in-law of Pat Drewett  
***Chuck Simpson***, nephew of Denise & George Mosley  
***Cathy Risinger***, sister of Kay Cromwell  
***Franklin Simpson***, grandfather of Denise Mosley  
***Larissa Simpson***, sister-in-law of Denise Mosley  
***Helen Gaunt***, sister-in-law of Mildred Gaunt  
***John Preston Bass, IV***, grandson of Mary Shannon & Lawrence Fikes  
***Orrin Robinson***, friend of the church  
***Scotty Douthit***, brother-in-law of Nelson Buchanan, son-in-law of Bea Magee  
***Baby Landen Drye***, friend of the Cosner's  
***Kathleen Martin***, friend of the Mosley family  
***Pat Mosley***, mother of George Mosley  
***Joe Ward***, uncle of Dana Neal  
***Mary Ward***, mother of Dana Neal

***Dan Loomis***, former pastor  
***Miranda Goldman***, daughter of Suzy VonTungeln's coworker  
***Judy Fetters***, friend of Rose and Suzy VonTungeln  
***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  
***Brad Morris***, nephew of Bernice Lackey  
***Kelly Robinson***, friend of Karen & David Perdue  
***Marian Parks***, aunt of Bill Detmers  
***Cissy Bailey***, sister-in-law of Betty Coles  
***Anne Logan***, friend of Jo Weaver  
***Tracy Robinson***, friend of Karen & David Perdue  
***Carla Fenessee***, friends of Laura & Rick Pierce  
***Brooke Wells***, granddaughter of Connie & Bill Detmers

***PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 9, 2014 (cont.)***

*PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:*

***Walnut Grove***, Farmington ***First***, Mena

*OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD:*

***Keith Camferdam***, Air Force ***Josh May***, Army

***To share your joys and concerns or to update the information listed in this week's Joys & Concerns, contact the church office at 879-9074, fax 879-9076, or email the church at centralpc@cablelynx.com.***