



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
(870) 879-9074
Sunday, March 9, 2014
1ST 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 *O God, in a Mysterious Way* Scottish Psalter

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let all who are faithful offer prayer to You; at a time of distress, the rush of mighty waters shall not reach them.

People: **You are a hiding place for us; You preserve us from trouble; You surround us with glad cries of deliverance.**

Leader: I will instruct you and teach you the way you should go. I will counsel you with My eye upon you.

People: **Be glad in God and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #327** *O Word of God Incarnate*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

When confronted by temptations, we are easily overcome. They lure us with promises we find hard to resist. We harbor fantasies of how our lives might have been. Our dreams become pervasive, hiding the truth of Your love. Gracious God, have mercy upon us; enable us to discern deception when it appears. Enlighten us to Your genuine renewal in Christ. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings..."

People: **Because Christ Himself was tested by what He suffered, He is able to help those who are being tested."**

Leader: Therein lies our assurance that Christ intercedes on our behalf. Let us live as those made righteous in Him!

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

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *I Wanna Thank You Lord* Simms

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING Romans 12:1-8

OLD TESTAMENT READING Exodus 1:15–2:10

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Mid-Wives* Rev. Bo Lewis

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

***HYMN #334** *When Israel Was in Egypt's Land*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Take My Life

Malan

***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 #414** *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE**

God the Omnipotent

Thygerson

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.

Guest Pastor
Reverend Bo Lewis

Secretary
Erin Shaw

Choirmaster/Organist
Marty Shell

Nursery Attendant
Laura Cosner

Youth Sponsors
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The Session (Board of Elders)

Class of 2014

Tommy Dunlap
Jo Weaver
Lan Kelley
Pat Drewett
Bill Detmers

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	
& Jo Weaver	Missions & Outreach
Bill Detmers	
& Marty Shell	Worship & Music

Announcements

NAMI Arkansas Is Offering its FREE

Family-to-Family class for families and caregivers of persons suffering from Mental Illnesses. The class begins March 10. The class runs for 12 weeks on Monday evenings from March 3rd - May 19, 2014; 6:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m at Freeway Medical Tower (University exit from I-630) in Little Rock. For more information and to register please call Connie or Bill Detmers at 870-879-4514.

The Evening Circle Will Meet Monday, March 10, at 6:30 p.m., in the Perdue Library.

The Morning Circle Will Meet Tuesday, March 11, at 10 a.m., in the Perdue Library.

The Church Office Will Begin Accepting Orders

for Easter lilies next Sunday, March 16. 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 the enclosed form and return it to the church office by April 6

The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held

Sunday, March 16, following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

The Session Will Meet Sunday, March 16, in the conference room, at 3 p.m.

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

Romans 12:1-8

12:1 I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.

12:2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God--what is good and acceptable and perfect.

12:3 For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

12:4 For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function,

12:5 so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another.

12:6 We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith;

12:7 ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching;

12:8 the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

Exodus 1:15-2:10

1:15 The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah,

1:16 "When you act as midwives to the Hebrew women, and see them on the birthstool, if it is a boy, kill him; but if it is a girl, she shall live."

1:17 But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live.

1:18 So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?"

1:19 The midwives said to Pharaoh, "Because the Hebrew women are not like the Egyptian women; for they are vigorous and give birth before the midwife comes to them."

1:20 So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong.

1:21 And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families.

1:22 Then Pharaoh commanded all his people, "Every boy that is born to the Hebrews you shall throw into the Nile, but you shall let every girl live."

2:1 Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman.

2:2 The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months.

2:3 When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river.

2:4 His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

2:5 The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it.

2:6 When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, "This must be one of the Hebrews' children," she said.

2:7 Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, "Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?"

2:8 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Yes." So the girl went and called the child's mother.

2:9 Pharaoh's daughter said to her, "Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages." So the woman took the child and nursed it.

2:10 When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, "because," she said, "I drew him out of the water."



I Wanna Thank You, Lord

I wanna thank You, Lord, for blessing me,
I wanna thank You, Lord, for saving me,
I wanna thank You, Lord, for delivering me
And setting my soul free.

I wanna thank You, Lord, for all You've done,
I wanna thank You, Lord, for Your only Son,
I just wanna thank You, Lord,
You've been so good to me.

You've been my doctor, in the sick room,
You've been my lawyer in the courtroom,
You've been my comfort in my sorrow, My hope for tomorrow,
You've been my all, my everything, That's why I will always sing,
I just wanna thank You, Lord, You've been so good to me

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 9, 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:

The family of Lane Porter, stepmother of Dana Neal

The family of Jacki Drewett, relative of Pat Drewett

The family of Marlene Chambliss, mother-in-law of Suzy & Rose's younger sisters

The family of Zach Towers, friend of Austin Howsen

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 Fettes, 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:

Second, Little Rock *First, Yellville*

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.