



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Sunday, July 27, 2014
17TH 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 119

Leader: Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

People: **Accept my offerings of praise, O LORD, and teach me your ordinances.**

Leader: I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.

People: **Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart. I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN #281** *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we spend our days between light and darkness. Sometimes we find ourselves caught up in your light of your love. More often we are in shadowed places, busy trying to make the best of the dying sunlight. Make us bold to move out to where there are fewer shadows. Give us the light of Christ so our lives may declare your name. (Silent Prayer) In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the Good News!

People: **Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

Leader: Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **Amen!**

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

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Genesis 25:19 - 34

EPISTLE READING Romans 8:26 - 39

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13:1 - 9, 18 - 23

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

***HYMN #487**

When Morning Gilds the Skies

David S. King

p.14 Hymnal

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY**

***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 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 #478** *Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE**

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

Go forth into the world 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: Lan and Mike Kelley Lay Reader: Rick Pierce

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 Choir Will Not Meet July 30.

Thanks for the Recent Updates to our Prayer Concerns list. 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.

Neighbor to Neighbor Is Currently Experiencing a severe shortage of non-perishable food items. Anyone who would like to donate non-perishable food items can leave them on the round table in McElyea Hall.

They are also in need of new or gently used men’s clothing and boy’s/young men’s school uniforms. For more information call 870-534-2883.

Genesis 29:15-28

- 29:15 Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?"
- 29:16 Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel.
- 29:17 Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful.
- 29:18 Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel."
- 29:19 Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me."
- 29:20 So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her.
- 29:21 Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed."
- 29:22 So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast.
- 29:23 But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her.
- 29:24 (Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.)
- 29:25 When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?"
- 29:26 Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn.
- 29:27 Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years."
- 29:28 Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife.

Romans 8:26-39

- 8:26 Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words.
- 8:27 And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.
- 8:28 We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.
- 8:29 For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family.
- 8:30 And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.
- 8:31 What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us?
- 8:32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else?
- 8:33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies.
- 8:34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us.
- 8:35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
- 8:36 As it is written, "For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."
- 8:37 No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us.
- 8:38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,
- 8:39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

- 13:31
- He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field;
- 13:32
- it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches."
- 13:33
- He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."
- 13:44
- "The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.
- 13:45
- "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls;
- 13:46
- on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.
- 13:47
- "Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind;
- 13:48
- when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad.
- 13:49
- So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous
- 13:50
- and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.
- 13:51
- "Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes."
- 13:52
- And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF JULY 27, 2014

MEMBERS:

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Chris Cook, request of Laura Cosner
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Carolyn Stover, co-worker of Maggie Shell-Howsen & friend of Central
Herman Nickolson, friend and coworker of Bubba VonTungeln
Monica Milligan, mother-in-law of Michael VonTungeln
Brooke Wells, granddaughter of Connie & Bill Detmers
Terry & Nathan Bearden, request of Laura Cosner
Lou Ann Barker, niece of Frank Merritt
Dawn Trout, co-worker and friend of Rick Pierce
Doris McCoy, mother of Kay Cromwell

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Cathy Risinger, sister of Kay Cromwell
Helen Gaunt, sister-in-law of Mildred Gaunt
Joe Ward, uncle of Dana Neal
Mary Ward, mother of Dana Neal
Dan Loomis, former pastor
Miranda Goldman, daughter of Suzy VonTungeln’s coworker
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
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Franklin Ward, uncle of Dana Neal
Brad Morris, nephew of Bernice Lackey
Kelly Robinson, friend of Karen & David Perdue
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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

First, Mountain Home

First, Newport

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD