



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Sunday, August 17, 2014
20TH 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 *Eternal Father, Strong to Save* Dykes

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 133

Leader: How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!

People: **It is like the precious oil on the head, running down upon the beard, on the beard of Aaron, running down over the collar of his robes.**

Leader: It is like the dew of Hermon, which falls on the mountains of Zion. For there the LORD ordained his blessing, life forevermore.

All: **Praise to the Lord! Let us worship God!**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #339** *In Christ There Is No East or West*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. (Silent Prayer) In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the Good News!

People: **The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in lovingkindness. He has not dealt with us according to our sins, nor rewarded us according to our iniquities.**

Leader: As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

All: **AMEN!**

***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

Hymn of Promise

Sleeth

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 37: 1 - 4, 12 - 28

EPISTLE READING Romans 10: 5 - 15

GOSPEL READING Matthew 14: 22 - 33

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

David S. King

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

"A Brief Statement of Faith"

see insert

***HYMN #298**

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

In This Hour

Livingston

***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 #555** *Now Thank We All Our God*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE**

Lift High the Cross

Nicholson

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: Sue & Frank Merritt Lay Reader: Amanda Chandler

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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Jewelie Mills	Budget & Finance
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& Laura Pierce	Education
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& Lan Kelley	Fellowship & Nurture
Pat Drewett	
& Jo Weaver	Missions & Outreach
Bill Detmers	
& Marty Shell	Worship & Music

Announcements

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

The Session Will Not Meet in August.

The Deadline for the September Issue of the Central Scene is **Monday, August 18.** Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.

We’re Going to the Grady Fish Fry! Hosted by the Lions Club of Grady, AR, the fish fry will be held Thursday, August 21, from 5 - 8 p.m. This has been an annual event in Grady since the formation of the Lions Club there in 1956. We will leave the church at 4 p.m. If you would like to travel with us, please sign the sheet on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall.

Come and Join Us next Sunday at 6:00p.m.for a Blue Moon Ice Cream Social. We will play games and enjoy a variety of sweet treats. Volunteers are asked to bring ice cream, cakes, and cookies. Those who have an ice cream freezer are especially invited to provide us with some different and delicious flavors of homemade ice cream. A sign up sheet has been placed on the bulletin board.

Genesis 45:1-15

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence.

Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. I will provide for you there--since there are five more years of famine to come--so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty. And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here.'" Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

I ask, then, has God rejected his people? By no means! I myself am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, a member of the tribe of Benjamin. God has not rejected his people whom he foreknew.

For the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable. Just as you were once disobedient to God but have now received mercy because of their disobedience, so they have now been disobedient in order that, by the mercy shown to you, they too may now receive mercy. For God has imprisoned all in disobedience so that he may be merciful to all.

Hymn of Promise

In the bulb there is a flower,
In the seed, an apple tree,
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
Butterflies will soon be free.
In the cold and snow of winter,
There's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
Seeking word and melody,
There's a dawn in every darkness,
Bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future,
What it holds, a mystery,
Until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning,
In out time, infinity.
In out doubt, there is believing,
In our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection,
At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“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:
"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.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 17, 2014

MEMBERS:

***Laura Brown
Hester Insley
Marty Shell
M.L. McElyea
Mary Wooten
Jo Weaver
Mary Kientz***

***Agnes Hughes
Bernice and Gene Lackey
Valerie Reichen
Bea Magee
Nell Horne
Mildred Gaunt***

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

***Ryker Cheek, nephew of Bubba VonTungeln
Dionne Ellison, friend of Erin Shaw
Kyle Brewton, acquaintance of Laura Cosner
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
Connie Johnson, daycare teacher of Langston
Cosner
Chris Cook, request of Laura Cosner
Johnny & Ginger McCaleb, son and daughter–law
of Donna McCaleb
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
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
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
Ray Nitcher, friend of Jo Weaver
Franklin Ward, uncle of Dana Neal
Brad Morris, nephew of Bernice Lackey
Cissy Bailey, sister-in-law of Betty Coles
Anne Logan, friend of Jo Weaver***

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

First, Bentonville

Westminster, Little Rock

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD