



**Central Presbyterian Church**  
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
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Sunday, August 24, 2014  
**21<sup>ST</sup> 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 95

**Leader:** O come, let us sing for joy to the Lord; let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.

**People:** Let us come before God's presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to God with psalms.

**Leader:** For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

**All:** Let us worship our God!

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #343** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Gracious God, we start each day with the best of intentions, but we always seem to fall short of Your expectations. Sometimes we struggle to overcome temptation; sometimes we fail to respect and honor You with our thoughts, words, and deeds. Forgive us when we don't take seriously Your Guiding Spirit, or when we choose not to follow Your commands. (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 good news is that Christ calls us to new life. In Christ we are freed to begin again and again, and to live in joy.

**Leader:** Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In 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** Exodus 1:8 – 2:10

**EPISTLE READING** Romans 12:1 - 8

**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 16:13 - 20

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

David S. King

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

"The Nicene Creed"

see insert

**\*HYMN #267**

*All Things Bright and Beautiful*

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

**\*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: 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.

**Transitional Pastor**  
David S. King

**Secretary**  
Erin Shaw

**Guest Organist**  
Donald Walker

**Nursery Attendant**

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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*

**Join Us this Evening** 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.

**The Choir Will Not Meet** August 27.

**We Need Two Volunteers** to serve as ushers in September. Please sign the sheet on the bulletin board if you are willing to serve.

**The Church Office Will Be Closed** Monday, September 1, in observance of Labor Day.

**The Men of the Church Will Have a Spaghetti Fundraiser Lunch** on September 7, following morning worship. The cost will be \$6.00 per person, \$10.00 per couple, and \$15.00 families of 3 or more.

**Exodus 1:8-2:10**

Now a new king arose over Egypt, who did not know Joseph. He said to his people, "Look, the Israelite people are more numerous and more powerful than we. Come, let us deal shrewdly with them, or they will increase and, in the event of war, join our enemies and fight against us and escape from the land." Therefore they set taskmasters over them to oppress them with forced labor. They built supply cities, Pithom and Rameses, for Pharaoh. But the more they were oppressed, the more they multiplied and spread, so that the Egyptians came to dread the Israelites. The Egyptians became ruthless in imposing tasks on the Israelites, and made their lives bitter with hard service in mortar and brick and in every kind of field labor. They were ruthless in all the tasks that they imposed on them.

The king of Egypt said to the Hebrew midwives, one of whom was named Shiphrah and the other Puah, "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." But the midwives feared God; they did not do as the king of Egypt commanded them, but they let the boys live. So the king of Egypt summoned the midwives and said to them, "Why have you done this, and allowed the boys to live?" 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." So God dealt well with the midwives; and the people multiplied and became very strong. And because the midwives feared God, he gave them families. 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."

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him three months. 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. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

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

**Romans 12:1-8**

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. 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.

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. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

**Matthew 16:13-20**

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**  
"The Nicene Creed"

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. 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"

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.

*PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 24, 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:*

**Rhett Lunningham**, nephew of David Judkins  
**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**, Morrillton

**First**, Springdale

*OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD*