



**Central Presbyterian Church**  
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
(870) 879-9074  
Sunday, August 3, 2014  
**18<sup>TH</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 17

**Leader:** I call upon you, for you will answer me, O God; incline your ear to me, hear my words.

**People:** **Wondrously show your steadfast love, O savior of those who seek refuge from their adversaries at your right hand.**

**Leader:** As for me, I shall behold your face in righteousness;

**People:** **When I awake I shall be satisfied, beholding your likeness.**

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

**\*OPENING HYMN #118** *The Day of Resurrection*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

You made us in your image, O God, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day we fail to grow into your likeness, yet you are slow to be angry with your children. Do not hold our sins against us, but in your tender love, forgive us. (Silent Prayer) We pray in the name of your Son, our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** Before God and before these people of God, we confess our brokenness.

**People:** **May God forgive us, Christ renew us, and God's Spirit enable us to grow in love.**

**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 32: 22 - 31

**EPISTLE READING** Romans 9: 1 - 5

**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 14: 13 - 21

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

David S. King

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from "The Confession of 1967"

In Jesus of Nazareth, true humanity was realized once for all. Jesus, a Palestinian Jew, lived among his own people and shared their needs, temptations, joys, and sorrows. He expressed the love of God in word and deed and became a brother to all kinds of sinful men. But his complete obedience led him into conflict with his people. His life and teaching judged their goodness, religious aspirations, and national hopes. Many rejected him and demanded his death. In giving himself freely for them, he took upon himself the judgment under which all men stand convicted. God raised him from the dead, vindicating him as Messiah and Lord. The victim of sin became victor, and won the victory over sin and death for all men.

God's reconciling act in Jesus Christ is a mystery which the Scriptures describe in various ways. It is called the sacrifice of a lamb, a shepherd's life given for his sheep, atonement by a priest; again it is ransom of a slave, payment of debt, vicarious satisfaction of a legal penalty, and victory over the powers of evil. These are expressions of a truth which remains beyond the reach of all theory in the depths of God's love for man. They reveal the gravity, cost, and sure achievement of God's reconciling work.

\*HYMN #329 *Break Thou the Bread of Life*

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 #384 *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

\*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.

<b>Transitional Pastor</b> David S. King	<b>Secretary</b> Erin Shaw
<b>Guest Organist</b> Donald Walker	<b>Nursery Attendant</b>
<b>Youth Sponsors</b> Marty Shell George Mosley Amber Poss	<b>Website:</b> <b>www.centralprespb.com</b> Member Login: cpcmmember Member Psswd: 6300trinity



The Session (Board of Elders)	
<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)

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*

**Choir Practice Will Not Meet** August 6 & 13.

**Mark Your Calendars** for Saturday, August 16 when our youth will make a trip to Hot Springs, AR. We will stop for lunch at CiCi’s Pizza and then visit the Mid-America Museum. Watch the bulletin for further details. A sign-up sheet will be on the board in McElyea Hall.

**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.

**We Thank Everyone Who Has Served** this year as ushers, lay readers, and communion stewards! We still need volunteers to usher in September, October, and November. We need lay readers for November and December, and we need communion stewards for October, November, and December.

**CPC Is in Need of a Sound and Lighting Person** to work the sound booth during worship services. If you can serve in this capacity, please see Marty Shell or Bill Detmers.

**Genesis 32:22-31**

- 32:22    The same night he got up and took his two wives, his two maids, and his eleven children, and crossed the ford of the Jabbok.
- 32:23    He took them and sent them across the stream, and likewise everything that he had.
- 32:24    Jacob was left alone; and a man wrestled with him until daybreak.
- 32:25    When the man saw that he did not prevail against Jacob, he struck him on the hip socket; and Jacob's hip was put out of joint as he wrestled with him.
- 32:26    Then he said, "Let me go, for the day is breaking." But Jacob said, "I will not let you go, unless you bless me."
- 32:27    So he said to him, "What is your name?" And he said, "Jacob."
- 32:28    Then the man said, "You shall no longer be called Jacob, but Israel, for you have striven with God and with humans, and have prevailed."
- 32:29    Then Jacob asked him, "Please tell me your name." But he said, "Why is it that you ask my name?" And there he blessed him.
- 32:30    So Jacob called the place Peniel, saying, "For I have seen God face to face, and yet my life is preserved."
- 32:31    The sun rose upon him as he passed Penuel, limping because of his hip.

**Romans 9:1-5**

- 9:1        I am speaking the truth in Christ--I am not lying; my conscience confirms it by the Holy Spirit--
- 9:2        I have great sorrow and unceasing anguish in my heart.
- 9:3        For I could wish that I myself were accursed and cut off from Christ for the sake of my own people, my kindred according to the flesh.
- 9:4        They are Israelites, and to them belong the adoption, the glory, the covenants, the giving of the law, the worship, and the promises;

- 9:5        to them belong the patriarchs, and from them, according to the flesh, comes the Messiah, who is over all, God blessed forever. Amen.

**Matthew 14:13-21**

- 14:13    Now when Jesus heard this, he withdrew from there in a boat to a deserted place by himself. But when the crowds heard it, they followed him on foot from the towns.
- 14:14    When he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them and cured their sick.
- 14:15    When it was evening, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a deserted place, and the hour is now late; send the crowds away so that they may go into the villages and buy food for themselves."
- 14:16    Jesus said to them, "They need not go away; you give them something to eat."
- 14:17    They replied, "We have nothing here but five loaves and two fish."
- 14:18    And he said, "Bring them here to me."
- 14:19    Then he ordered the crowds to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish, he looked up to heaven, and blessed and broke the loaves, and gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the crowds.
- 14:20    And all ate and were filled; and they took up what was left over of the broken pieces, twelve baskets full.
- 14:21    And those who ate were about five thousand men, besides women and children.

***PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 3, 2014***

*MEMBERS:*

***Marty Shell***  
***M.L. McElyea***  
***Mary Wooten***  
***Jo Weaver***  
***Mary Kientz***  
***Agnes Hughes***

***Bernice and Gene Lackey***  
***Valerie Reichen***  
***Bea Magee***  
***Nell Horne***  
***Hester Insley***  
***Mildred Gaunt***

*FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:*

***Kyle Brewton**, acquaintance of Laura Cosner*  
***Alan Warfield**, cousin of Erin Shaw*  
***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*  
***Kelly Robinson**, friend of Karen & David Perdue*  
***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*

*PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:*

***Trinity**, Little Rock*

***Spring River**, Hardy*

*OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD*

**Notes on Today's Affirmation of Faith:  
from "The Confession of 1967"**

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