



**Central Presbyterian Church**  
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
(870) 879-9074  
Sunday, August 31, 2014  
**22<sup>ND</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 105

**Amanda:** O give thanks to the LORD, call on his name, make known his deeds among the peoples.

**People:** **Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wonderful works.**

**Amanda:** Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

**People:** **Seek the LORD and his strength; seek his presence continually. Remember the wonderful works he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered.**

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

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #262** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**O God, too often our days are confusing and cloudy. Sometimes we experience the light of your love, but too often we move about in shadows. Help us be bold to move into your light. 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**

**Amanda:** Hear the Good News!

**People:** **The Scriptures promise that anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun.**

**Amanda:** 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** Exodus 3:1 - 15

**EPISTLE READING** Romans 12:9 - 21

**GOSPEL READING** Matthew 16:21 - 28

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

David S. King

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

"The Nicene Creed"

see insert

**\*HYMN #387**

*Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us*

**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 #438**     *Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

**\*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  
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Erin Shaw

**Guest Organist**

Donald Walker

**Nursery Attendant**

**Youth Sponsors**

Marty Shell  
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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*

**Betty and Dave Will Lead** the Vespers at Trinity Village this afternoon at 4:00. We hope others from our congregation will join us.

**The Choir Will Meet** September 3.

**Thanks to Donna McCaleb** for signing up to be our usher in September! We still need ushers for October and November. 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.

**Bible Study over Lunch on Thursdays** has been a tradition at Central for years, and it's time to begin again. Beginning Thursday, September 11, we invite you to spend a positive hour together reading and listening with friends. A couple of changes: 1) We will meet around the table in the Library; 2) Instead of potluck, let's each bring our own lunch. We can consider going back to potlucks after we see how many of us come on a regular basis.

If you have any questions, Dave is eager to talk with you.

*Announcements continued on insert*

**Exodus 3:1-15**

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up." When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here I am." Then he said, "Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground." He said further, "I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob." And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, "I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt." But Moses said to God, "Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?" He said, "I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain."

But Moses said to God, "If I come to the Israelites and say to them, 'The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,' and they ask me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, "I AM WHO I AM." He said further, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'I AM has sent me to you.'"

God also said to Moses, "Thus you shall say to the Israelites, 'The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you': This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

**Romans 12:9-21**

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; Love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not

repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord." No, "if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads." Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

**Matthew 16:21-28**

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, "God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you." But he turned and said to Peter, "Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life? "For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom."



**Junior High YouthQuake:** This popular annual event is coming up soon - Friday evening, September 26, through Sunday morning, September 28 at Camp Ferncliff. The theme this year is "Presby Family Reunion," based on the Parable of the Prodigal Son in Luke 15:11 - 32. It is open to all campers in 6th through 9th grades. The cost is \$95 per camper and the church will pay \$50 of the cost. Scholarships will also be available. We must have at least one adult advisor to go with our campers. The Camp's registration deadline is September 5, so please let us know as soon as possible. For more information and if you can be a sponsor, please speak with Amanda or Dave.

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**  
"The Heidelberg Confession"

Question 1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

**A. That I belong - body and soul, in life and in death - not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.**

Question 2. How many things must you know that you may live and die in the blessedness of this comfort?

**A. Three. First, the greatness of my sin and wretchedness. Second, how I am freed from all my sins and their wretched consequences. Third, what gratitude I owe to God for such redemption.**

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**Notes on Today's Affirmation 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."

The Protestant Reformation of the early 1500's in Europe grew in different ways, both theologically and geographically. As the Reformed faith - our ancestors - spread from Geneva in Switzerland, the Lutheran movement grew from Germany, and by the mid-1500's, they began to overlap. Leaders of the two groups found they agreed on most issues, but they had real tension about the Lord's Supper. The Lutherans believed that the bread and wine of the sacrament became the actual body and blood of Christ, but our tradition did not. To try to settle their differences leaders of both movements agreed to write a statement that would be acceptable to both traditions. They wrote it in the format of a "catechism," a teaching device of that time which uses questions and answers. There are 129 questions in all. It became known as "The Heidelberg Confession" and was adopted by both in 1562.

***PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 31, 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:*

**Judy and Larry Fetters**, friends of Rose VonTungeln  
**The family of Eddie Limuel**, friend of Erin Shaw  
**Rhett Lunningham**, nephew of David Judkins  
**Ryker Cheek**, nephew of Bubba VonTungeln  
**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:*

**Wynne Church**, Wynne

**Commissioned Ruling Elders**

*OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD*