



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, September 14, 2014
24TH 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 *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* Lemmel

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 103

Rick: Bless the LORD, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name.

People: **Bless the LORD, O my soul, and do not forget all his benefits -- who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the Pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.**

Rick: As far as the east is from the west, so far he removes our transgressions from us.

People: **As a father has compassion for his children, so the LORD has compassion for those who fear him.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

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

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you have set your way before us and sometimes it scares us. Have mercy on us. In all our uncertainties and doubts, give us the grace to ask what you would have us do. Give us your path so we may not stumble. Help us feel your touch in our minds and our bodies. (Silent Prayer) We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rick: 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.**

Rick: 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

ANTHEM *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* Mallory

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 14:19 - 31

EPISTLE READING Romans 14:1 - 12

GOSPEL READING Matthew 18:21 - 35

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

David S. King

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

"The Second Helvetic Confession" see insert

***HYMN #210**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Christus, der ist mein Leven* Bach

***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** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* Luther

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.**

Usher: Donna McCaleb 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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The Session (Board of Elders)

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Bill Detmers	Laura Pierce (clerk)

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

Announcements

Dave Will Be in the Office Tuesday and Thursday next week.

Bible Study over Lunch on Thursdays has been a tradition at Central for years, and it's time to begin again. 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.

The Men of the Church Will Have a Breakfast Meeting Saturday, September 20, at 8 a.m. Location is to be announced.

The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held next Sunday, September 21, following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

The Session Will Meet Sunday, September 21, in the conference room following the Fellowship Luncheon

The Deadline for the October Issue of the Central Scene is Monday, September 22. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, "Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers." So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

Romans 14:1-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarreling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgment on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgment on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honor of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honor of the Lord, since they give thanks to God;

while those who abstain, abstain in honor of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgment on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgment seat of God. For it is written,

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God."

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

Matthew 18:21-35

Then Peter came and said to him, "Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to him, "Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

"For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.' And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, 'Pay what you owe.' Then his fellow slave fell down and pleaded with him, 'Have patience with me, and I will pay you.' But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, 'You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow slave, as I had mercy on you?' And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart."

When I Survey The Wondrous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross,
On which the Prince of glory died;
My richest gain I count by loss
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it Lord, that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet.
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 14, 2014

MEMBERS:

Logan Mosley
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:

Maxine Horne, sister-in-law of Sheila and Jimmy Horn
Juliet Walker, sister of Bubba VonTungeln's co-worker
Judy and Larry Fetters, friends of Rose VonTungeln
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:

Central, Pine Bluff

First, Little Rock

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
"The Second Helvetic Confession"

GOD IS ONE. We believe and teach that God is one in essence or nature, subsisting in himself, all sufficient in himself, invisible, incorporeal, immense, eternal, Creator of all things both visible and invisible, the greatest good, living, quickening and preserving all things, omnipotent and supremely wise, kind and merciful, just and true. Truly we detest many gods because it is expressly written: "The Lord your God is one Lord" (Deut. 6:4). "I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods before me" (Ex. 20:2-3). "I am the Lord, and there is no other god besides me. Am I not the Lord, and there is no other God beside me? A righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me" (Isa. 45:5, 21). "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness" (Ex. 34:6).

GOD IS THREE. Notwithstanding, we believe and teach that the same immense, one and indivisible God is in person inseparably and without confusion, distinguished as Father, Son and Holy Spirit so, as the Father has begotten the Son from eternity, the Son is begotten by an ineffable generation, and the Holy Spirit truly proceeds from them both, and the same from eternity and is to be worshiped with both.

Notes on Today's Affirmation of Faith:
"The Second Helvetic Confession"

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 word "Helvetic" is Latin for "Swiss." In the 1500's the official church of Switzerland was no longer the Roman Catholic Church. The Reformed Church, our Presbyterian ancestors, had become the official church, and it was also growing in other countries like Germany. Since Germany was heavily Lutheran there was serious objection to this Confession. One of the governors of a large part of Germany was put on trial for heresy, and our ancestor Heinrich Bullinger, who had written this statement of faith, helped him in his defense, and he was exonerated. That victory helped spread the Reformed faith into other parts of Europe.