



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Sunday, September 21, 2014
25TH 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 *These Treasured Children* Praetorius

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 145

Rick: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless you, and praise your name forever and ever.

People: **Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised; his greatness is unsearchable. One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**

Rick: On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

People: **The might of your awesome deeds shall be proclaimed, and I will declare your greatness.**

All: **The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. Let us worship God!**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #482** *Praise Ye, The Lord Almighty*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we often stumble and fall. We come to you with our hurt, our pain, our confusion, and our remorse. We prefer the comfort of the valley and don't want to try to climb the hills. When the clouds are low we forget about the beauty you made. Help us listen for your word. Lead us on our journey. Fill us with your healing presence. (Silent Prayer) Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rick: Hear the Good News! With God there is great mercy to forgive and there is great power to transform. May the peace of Christ dwell within you.

All: Amen!

***GLORIA PATRI** ("Glory be to the Father") *Hymnal #579*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *The Music of Grace* Martin

Amanda Chandler, Soloist

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 16:2 - 15

EPISTLE READING Philipians 1:21 - 30

GOSPEL READING Matthew 20:1 - 16

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON David S. King

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles Creed (Ecumenical) see insert

***HYMN #487** *When Morning Gilds the Skies*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *All Who Love and Serve Your City* Young

***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 #315** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *Amazing Grace* Traditional

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

Go forth into the world rejoicing. 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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Pat Drewett
Bill Detmers

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Marty Shell
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Jewelie Mills
Laura Pierce (clerk)

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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

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

The Session Will Meet today in the conference room following the Fellowship Luncheon

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

Thanks to All Who Have Served as Lay Readers, Ushers, and Communion Stewards this year. We are still in need of volunteers to serve as Ushers in October and November and Communion Stewards in November and December. Please sign up on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall if you are willing to serve.

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.

Exodus 16:2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, "If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger."

Then the LORD said to Moses, "I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days." So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, "In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?" And Moses said, "When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD."

Then Moses said to Aaron, "Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, 'Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining.'" And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, "I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, 'At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, "What is it?" For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, "It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.

Philippians 1:21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labor for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well—since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

Matthew 20:1-16

For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; and he said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.' So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, 'Why are you standing here idle all day?' They said to him, 'Because no one has hired us.' He said to them, 'You also go into the vineyard.' When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Music of Grace

You gave the birds their glorious music.
You gave the dove her lonesome cry.
You gave the swan her trumpet of beauty.
You taught the wind to whisper and sigh.

You gave the sea her roar of thanksgiving.
You taught the storm to rumble in praise.
God of all sound and Lord of creation,
Teach us Your music, teach us Your music,
Teach us Your music of grace.

The universe drones in silence profound.
The planets are spinning with joyful sound.
The forest all sway at the touch of Your wind.

The mountains and valleys all echo Your praises
Again, again and again.

You gave the church the language of worship,
You gave us hymns and anthems of faith.
God of all art and Lord of salvation,
Teach us Your music, teach us Your music,
Teach us Your music of grace.
Teach us Your music of grace.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 21, 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:

The residents of Weed, California
Joshua Chambliss and family, nephew of Rose
and Suzy VonTungeln
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
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:

Frist, Brinkley

First, Jonesboro

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The Apostles Creed (Ecumenical)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Notes on Today's Affirmation of Faith:
The Apostles 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."

The Apostles Creed was not written by the Apostles, as some thought in the very earliest days of the Christian movement. It developed as faithful followers of Christ tried to combat others whose teachings did not conform to the teachings of the Early Church. An early form of it in Rome dates back to about 180 A.D. Few of the early members of the Church were able to read, so they had to memorize some of the basics of their faith to be admitted to the Church. Many of those statements were built on that early form and over the centuries other phrases were added as new issues arose. By the Eighth Century A.D. it had developed into the form we still use today. Some of the language of that time is still included, such as the word "catholic," which didn't refer to the Roman Catholic Church, but is a word used to mean "world-wide" or "universal."