



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, September 28, 2014
26TH 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 *O That I Had a Thousand Voices* König

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 25

Rick: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul.

People: **O my God, in you I trust; do not let me be put to shame; do not let my enemies exult over me.**

Rick: Do not let those who wait for you be put to shame; let them be ashamed who are wantonly treacherous.

People: **Make me to know your ways, O LORD; teach me your paths.**

All: **Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Let us worship God!**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #142** *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, you have told us what you expect of us and we don't believe we can do what you want. Have mercy on us. In all our uncertainties and doubts, give us the grace to see your path and help us not to stumble. (Silent Prayer) We ask this through your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rick: The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love.

People: **For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him.**

Rick: As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Hear and believe God's good news.

All: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!**

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Treasure Each Moment* Martin

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 17:1 - 7

EPISTLE READING Philipians 2:1 - 13

GOSPEL READING Matthew 21:23 - 32

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Nicene Creed

***HYMN #244**

Let Us With a Gladsome Mind

David S. King

see insert

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Since Our Great High Priest* Monk

***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 #155** *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *Go Forth in Triumph* Ritter

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)

<u>Class of 2014</u>	<u>Class of 2015</u>
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

Thanks to Dana Neal for Volunteering to be our Usher in October and our Communion Steward in November. That leaves only two spots to fill! We are still in need of volunteers to serve as Usher in October and Communion Steward in December. Please sign up on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall if you are willing to serve.

Everyone Is Invited to come celebrate Langston Cosner's 1st Birthday Saturday October 4, at 3 p.m. in McEleya Hall.

Next Sunday, October 5, is observed around the world as World Communion Sunday. Please plan to be with us as we celebrate with millions of other believers. The Peacemaking Offering will be received that morning during worship.

The Presbyterian Women Are Gathering "gently used" rummage sale items for their fall sale on November 22. No clothes, please! Bring them to the church and let Laura Pierce or Betty Coles know.

How about a Trip to Crystal Bridges? Keo? The Village? Vera Lloyd? If interested, please put your name on the list in McElyea Hall.

Amber Poss Has Volunteered to bring the PW scrapbooks up to date. If you have pictures, please get them to Amber or Betty Coles.

Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the LORD, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The LORD said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the LORD, saying, "Is the LORD among us or not?"

Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death-- even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Matthew 21:23-32

When he entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, "By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?" Jesus said to them, "I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?" And they argued with

one another, "If we say, 'From heaven,' he will say to us, 'Why then did you not believe him?' But if we say, 'Of human origin,' we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet." So they answered Jesus, "We do not know." And he said to them, "Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

"What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, 'Son, go and work in the vineyard today.' He answered, 'I will not'; but later he changed his mind and went. The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, 'I go, sir'; but he did not go. Which of the two did the will of his father?" They said, "The first." Jesus said to them, "Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

Treasure Each Moment

Treasure each moment,
Live every day.
Drink from the cup
That god fills with His grace.
In sorrow and laughter,
Joy and in strife,
Treasure each moment of life.

Treasure each moment,
Time does not wait,
Touch those around you
And feel their embrace,
In hard times and plenty,
God will provide.
Treasure each moment of life.

Treasure each moment sent from above,
Live in thanksgiving,
Reflecting God's love.
In springtime and winter,
Come rain or shine,
Treasure each moment of life.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 28, 2014

MEMBERS:
Logan Mosley
Laura Brown
Hester Insley
Marty Shell
Mary Wooten
Jo Weaver
Mary Kientz

Agnes Hughes
Bernice and Gene Lackey
Valerie Reichen
Bea Magee
Nell Horne
Mildred Gaunt

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:
The family of Maxine Horne, sister-in-law of
Sheila and Jimmy Horn
The residents of Weed, California
Joshua Chambliss and family, nephew of Rose
and Suzy VonTungeln
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
Cissy Bailey, sister-in-law of Betty Coles
Anne Logan, friend of Jo Weaver

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:
Frist, Gurdon

Churches in Presbyteries in Mexico

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

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.