



**Central Presbyterian Church**  
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Sunday, January 25, 2015  
**3<sup>RD</sup> SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY**

**GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP**

**PRELUDE** *You Are Before Me, Lord* Smith

**CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 25

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

Nevada: "Make me to know your ways, O Lord; teach me your paths."

People: "Lead me in your truth, and teach me, for you are the God of my salvation; for you I wait all day long. Be mindful of your mercy, O Lord, and of your steadfast love, for they have been from of old."

All: "Let us worship God!"

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #14** *For the Beauty of the Earth*

**FILLING THE BAPTISMAL FONT**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Almighty God, it is by your grace that you call us and accept us, yet we cannot hear the Good News and we often wander away. Strengthen us by your Spirit and make us worthy of your call. Forgive us when we go down other paths, when we stumble and fall. (Silent Prayer) Hear our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives with you and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

**KYRIE ELEISON** ("Lord, Have Mercy")

*Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.*

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Nevada: Friends, hear and believe the Good News!

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

**\*GLORIA PATRI** ("Glory be to the Father") *Hymnal #581*

### 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.*

**ANTHEM** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* Martin

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Jonah 3:1 - 5, 10

**EPISTLE READING** I Corinthians 7:29 - 31

**GOSPEL READING** Mark 1:14 - 20

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** David S. King

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from "The Heidelberg Confession" see insert

**\*HYMN #721** *Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Herr Jesu Christ, dich zu uns wend'* Bach

**\*DOXOLOGY** ("Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow") *Hymnal #607*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

**ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS** see insert

**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 #724** *O Jesus I have Promised*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE\*\*** *Rise Up O Saints of God* Smith

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**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.**

**Ushers: To be announced** **Lay Reader: Nevada Mills**

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

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**The Session (Board of Elders)**

**Class of 2015**

Marty Shell  
Betty Coles  
Amanda Chandler  
Jewelie Mills  
Laura Pierce (clerk)

**Class of 2016**

**Standing Committee Moderators**

Jewelie Mills Budget & Finance  
Amanda Chandler Building & Grounds  
Amanda Chandler  
& Laura Pierce Education

Fellowship & Nurture  
Missions & Outreach  
Worship & Music

Marty Shell

*Announcements*

**The Men's Fellowship Group Annual Chili Luncheon Is Today** after morning worship.

The cost will be \$6 per person and \$18 per family of 3 or more. To-go orders will be available for purchase. The proceeds raised will go toward various projects around the church including painting the wooden fence around the building, and it will also help fund the Men's bi-annual retreat. We hope to see everyone there!

**The Session Will Meet** this afternoon following the luncheon, in the conference room.

**The Choir Will Not Meet** this Wednesday, January 28.

**2014 Member Contribution Reports Will Be Mailed** no later than January 31, 2015.

**Help Us Tackle Hunger!** Souper Bowl of Caring helps young people across America develop a stronger connection to their communities by caring for their neighbors in need. Join the movement that is transforming Super Bowl weekend into the nation’s largest youth-led weekend of giving and serving. All you need is \$1 to get in the game! Our youth will collect your donations as you leave worship. All the proceeds will go to Neighbor to Neighbor.

**We’re Going to Crystal Bridges** February 20 & 21! Because this is an overnight trip, the deadline for reservations is February 12. This trip is open to all members and friends. Sign up on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall today!

### **Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

### **1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

### **Mark 1:14-20**

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea – for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from 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.

## **Notes on Today's Affirmation of Faith:** The Heidelberg 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 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.

**Great Is Thy Faithfulness**

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee.  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions they fail not;  
As Thou hast been Thou for ever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness, Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Morning by morning new mercies I see.  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided,  
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above.  
Join with all nature in manifold witness,  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!  
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Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord unto me.

**CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 25, 2015**

*MEMBERS:*  
**Zac & Langston Cosner**  
**Mary Wooten**  
**Logan Mosley**  
**Bernice and Gene Lackey**  
**Hester Insley**

**Mary Kientz**  
**Valerie Reichen**  
**Bea Magee**  
**Nell Horne**  
**Mildred Gaunt**

*FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:*  
**The family of Babby Ferguson**, acquaintance of the Vick, Hayes, & Brown families  
**Doris McCoy**, mother of Kay Cromwell  
**Harrylene Moore**, grandmother of Laura Cosner  
**Donald Hunter & family**, friends of the Cosner family  
**Tim Reeves**, uncle of Laura Cosner  
**Ronnie Panks**, father of Bubba VonTungeln’s friend  
**Rev. Jim Miller**, friend of the church  
**Perry Reynolds**, friend of the Jane & David Judkins  
**Betty Neal**, mother-in-law of Dana Neal  
**Lori Partridge**, friend of Rose VonTungeln  
**Carol Langley**, customer of Laura Cosner  
**Mary Ward**, mother of Dana Neal  
**Annette Knuckles**, co-worker of Tommy Dunlap  
**Cathryn Bennet and Rhonda Bennett**, customers of Laura Cosner  
**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  
**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  
**Johnny & Ginger McCaleb**, son and daughter–law of Donna McCaleb  
**Brooke Wells**, granddaughter of Connie & Bill Detmers  
**Monica Milligan**, mother-in-law of Michael VonTungeln  
**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  
**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  
**Franklin Ward**, uncle of Dana Neal  
**Cissy Bailey**, sister-in-law of Betty Coles

*PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:*  
**First**, Benton **Active Ruling Elders and Deacons**

*OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD*