



**Central Presbyterian Church**  
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**Sunday, January 4, 2015**

**2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS DAY**

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

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Bach

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 29

Nevada: "Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings, ascribe to the LORD  
glory and strength. Ascribe to the LORD the glory of his name;  
worship the LORD in holy splendor."

People: "The voice of the LORD is over the waters; the God of glory  
thunders, the LORD, over mighty waters. The voice of the  
LORD is powerful; the voice of the LORD is full of majesty."

Nevada: "The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD sits enthroned  
as king forever."

People: "May the LORD give strength to his people! May the LORD  
bless his people with peace!"

All: "Let us worship God!"

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #475** *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

**FILLING THE BAPTISMAL FONT**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God, you sent Jesus among us as the light of the world to reveal your  
love for all people. We confess that our sin and our pride hide the  
brightness of your light. We turn away from the poor; we ignore cries for  
justice; we do not strive for peace. Cleanse us of our sin and fill us with  
your Spirit, forgive us and renew us. Help us show forth your glory.  
(Silent Prayer) We pray in the name of Jesus Christ. 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**

*Come, Holy Spirit*

Martin

Amanda Chandler, Soloist

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Genesis 1:1 - 5

**EPISTLE READING** Acts 19:1 - 7

**GOSPEL READING** Mark 1:4 - 11

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

David S. King

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from "A Brief Statement of Faith"

see insert

**\*HYMN #494** *Jesus Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*A Communion Invitation*

Courtney

Rose VonTungeln, Soloist

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

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

**Genesis 1:1-5**

In the beginning when God created the heavens and the earth, the earth was a formless void and darkness covered the face of the deep, while a wind from God swept over the face of the waters. Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light. And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness. God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night. And there was evening and there was morning, the first day.

**Acts 19:1-7**

While Apollos was in Corinth, Paul passed through the interior regions and came to Ephesus, where he found some disciples. He said to them, "Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you became believers?" They replied, "No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit." Then he said, "Into what then were you baptized?" They answered, "Into John's baptism." Paul said, "John baptized with the baptism of repentance, telling the people to believe in the one who was to come after him, that is, in Jesus." On hearing this, they were baptized in the name of the Lord Jesus. When Paul had laid his hands on them, the Holy Spirit came upon them, and they spoke in tongues and prophesied – altogether there were about twelve of them.

**Mark 1:4-11**

John the baptizer appeared in the wilderness, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. And people from the whole Judean countryside and all the people of Jerusalem were going out to him, and were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. Now John was clothed with camel's hair, with a leather belt around his waist, and he ate locusts and wild honey. He proclaimed, "The one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to stoop down and untie the thong of his sandals. I have baptized you with water; but he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit."

In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**  
from A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.**

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**Notes on Today's Affirmation of Faith:**  
from A Brief Statement 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."

When the two largest Presbyterian bodies in the country planned to merge in 1983, they decided to create a new statement of the faith they shared that could be used in worship. "It does not pretend to be a complete list of our beliefs, nor does it explain any of them in detail." It is intended to show that despite our diversity there is much about our faith which holds us together.

## **Come Holy Spirit**

Come, thou Fount of every blessing,  
Tune our hearts to sing Your praise,  
Tune our hearts to sing Your praise.

Come, Holy Spirit,  
Fall upon this sacred place.  
Fill this house of worship  
With Your perfect grace.  
Shine Your light within us.  
Surround us with Your wind.  
Blaze in us a mission,  
Give to us a vision,  
Revive us, Lord, again.

Come, Holy Spirit,  
Lead us in Your way.  
Give us all one language,  
One voice to sing Your praise.  
Make our lives Your holy temple.  
Make our hearts Your royal throne.  
We proclaim Your matchless glory.  
You are God alone.

Come Holy Spirit,  
Make us strong and bold.  
Burn in us Your image.  
Refine us into gold.  
Let us be Your servants.  
Lord, blaze in us anew.

Shine on us Your glory,  
Shine on us Your glory,  
Shine on us, Lord, to day!

Shine on us, bright Holy Spirit,  
Source of everlasting light.  
Burn in us a sense of mission,  
Make us candles in the night.  
Give us courage,

Grant us wisdom.  
Let us all Your grace proclaim  
So the world will know Your glory,  
Drawn to Your eternal flame  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen!

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## **A Communion Invitation**

Come, if you are lonely,  
My door is open wide.  
All of you are welcome,  
Come and step inside.  
Enter with My blessing,  
No one is denied.  
Come, sit at My table,  
Come, sit by My side.

Come, if you are thirsty,  
I will pour the wine.  
If you hunger, take this bread,  
Sit with Me and dine.  
Every weary traveler,  
Every troubled soul,  
Rest for just a moment  
And leave the table whole.

The feast I spread before you,  
The cup that we will share,  
The bread we'll break together,  
I've lovingly prepared.



**CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 11, 2015**

**MEMBERS:**

**Harrison Poss**  
**Family & Friends of Agnes D. Hughes**  
**Mary Wooten**  
**Logan Mosley**  
**Bernice and Gene Lackey**  
**Hester Insley**

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

**FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:**

**Harrylene Moore**, grandmother of Laura Cosner  
**Toni Lardinois & family**, friends of Erin Shaw  
**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  
**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  
**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

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:**

**Mt. Vernon, Pea Ridge**

**First, Huntsville**

**OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD**

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS** (You are each encouraged to name those whom you love and for whom you pray.)

**COMMUNION**

see insert

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER** (We use the wording "debts and debtors.")

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN #291**     *Spirit*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

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

Smith

**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**

**Communion Steward: Tommy Dunlap**

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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**Secretary**

Erin Shaw

**Choirmaster/Organist**

Marty Shell

**Nursery Attendant**

**Youth Sponsors**

Marty Shell  
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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
Marty Shell	Worship & Music

## *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 Evening Circle Will Meet** tomorrow January 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Perdue Library.

**The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held** Sunday, January 18, following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

**The Session Will Meet** Sunday, January 18, following the luncheon, in the conference room.

**The Church Office Will Be Closed** Monday, January 19, in observance of the birthday of Dr. Martin Luther King.

**The Deadline for the February Issue of the Central Scene** is Tuesday, January 20. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.

**2015 Offering Envelopes Are Available.** They are located on the table in the Narthex.

**Volunteers Are Needed** to serve as Ushers, Lay Readers, and Communion Stewards for 2015. Please sign the sheets in McElyea Hall if you are willing to serve.



## THE LORD'S SUPPER

### INVITATION

This is the joyful feast of the people of God! According to Luke, when our risen Lord was at table with his disciples, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened and they recognized him. This is the Lord's table. Our Savior invites those who trust him to share the feast which he has prepared.

### THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We give thanks to you, O God, creator, redeemer, sustainer of all. You made your covenant with us, calling us to love and serve you. When we are wandering in sin you forgive us and lead us home. We give thanks for Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lived and died and rose for us, and is coming in glory to reign.

With thanksgiving, we remember how Jesus took the bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: "Take, eat. Do this in remembrance of me." With thanksgiving, we remember how Jesus took the cup, saying: "This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. As often as you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Remembering Christ's saving love, we celebrate this holy meal and offer ourselves to you, O God, with gratitude and praise.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

(over)

Pour out your Holy Spirit, O God, on your people gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. By your Spirit make us one body in Christ, one in mission and ministry to the world. Nourish us in faith, hope, and love, and strengthen us for service, until we feast with you in glory. All praise and honor and glory are yours, holy God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### **COMMUNION**

Jesus said: "I am the bread of life."

Jesus said: "I am the vine, you are the branches." "Come to me and never be hungry; believe in me and never thirst."

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.  
Thanks be to God.

*Please come to the front using the center aisle. Break off a piece of bread and dip it into the cup. After you have communed please return to your seat using the side aisles. If you prefer, remain in your seat and we will come to serve you.*

### **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (Unison)**

Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us in this holy meal and united us with Christ. Strengthen us in your service so that our daily living may show our thanks, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**