



**Central Presbyterian Church**  
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**Sunday, November 29, 2015**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

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

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP**

**CHORAL PRELUDE** *O Come, O Come Emmanuel*

**LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE** The Neal Family

**CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 15

Laura: "To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul."

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

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

**People:** "Make us know your ways, O Lord: teach us your paths. Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation. For you we wait all the day long."

**All:** "Let us praise and give thanks to God!"

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #463** *How Firm a Foundation*

**FILLING OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

"Merciful God, you sent the prophets to preach repentance and to prepare the way for our salvation. Give us your grace to hear their warnings and to forsake our sins, so we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever."  
(Silent Prayer) "In Jesus' name we pray, Amen."

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

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Laura: "The mercy of The Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. I declare to you, in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven."

**People:** "Thanks be to God. Amen!"

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

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**ANTHEM** *Come, Emmanuel, Come* Besig

**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** Jeremiah 33:14 - 16

**EPISTLE READING** I Thessalonians 3:9 - 13

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 21:25 - 36

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 #833**

*O Love that Wilt Not Let Me Go*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**                      *Lord, To You My Soul Is Lifted*                      Bourgeois

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

**\*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 #354**      *Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE\*\***                      *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*      Traditional/Brinkman

**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: Lynda Vick                      Lay Reader: Laura 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.

<b>Transitional Pastor</b> David S. King	<b>Secretary</b> Erin Shaw
<b>ChoirMaster/Organist</b> Marty Shell	<b>Nursery Attendant</b>
<b>Youth Sponsor</b> Marty Shell	<b>Website:</b> <a href="http://www.centralprespb.com">www.centralprespb.com</a>
<b>The Session</b> <b><u>Class of 2015</u></b> Marty Shell Betty Coles Amanda Chandler Laura Pierce (clerk)	<b><u>Class of 2016</u></b> Nelson Buchanan Bill Detmers Tommy Dunlap Jemmie Moseley
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<b>Pastor Nominating Committee</b> Kay Cromwell Lawrence Fikes Mike Kelley Denise Mosley Marty Shell (chair)	

*Announcements*

**The Church Office Is Accepting Orders** for Christmas Poinsettias. They will be placed in the sanctuary beginning December 20, and will remain through December 26. If you prefer not to purchase an actual plant, you may designate your gift for the Pastor's Discretionary Fund instead. To place an order, please fill out the enclosed form, and return it to the church office by December 13. The cost is \$12.50.

**Dave Will Be in the Office Monday and Tuesday** this week, then out of town until Friday evening. The Thursday Bible Study group will not meet this week.

**All Are Invited to Join us** this evening, at 5 p.m., in McElyea Hall for the Moravian Love Feast. Folks are invited to bring sweet breads, soup, and sandwiches to share. We will gather as members of the family of God, and together we will seek God’s blessing for our community and for our world.

**The Deadline for Neighbor to Neighbor’s Holiday Project is December 1!** Central has been asked to provide 75 cans of **sweet potatoes** for the Christmas baskets. Cans may be placed in the box behind the round table in McElyea Hall. We have also been asked to consider sponsoring 8 or more children for Christmas. A donation of \$60 per child will insure that a child will wake up Christmas morning with toys and gifts under their tree. Any and all contributions are appreciated.

**Join Us for a Christmas Sing-a-long and Potluck!** All are invited to First Presbyterian Church, 5:00 p.m., December 6, to enjoy food, fellowship and warm up your voices as we sing your favorite Christmas carol. We hope to see you there!

## Lectinary Readings for Sunday, November 29 - 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent

### **Jeremiah 33:14-16**

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfill the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: "The LORD is our righteousness."

### **1 Thessalonians 3:9-13**

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

### **Luke 21:25-36**

"There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in a cloud' with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near."

Then he told them a parable: "Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

"Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man."

## Coming Soon 2015 Magi's Market

Watch Your Weekly Bulletin and December *Central Scene* for more details!



**O Come, O Come, Emmanuel**

O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
And ransom captive Israel,  
That mourns in lonely exile here,  
Until the Son of God appear

Rejoice! Rejoice!  
Emmanuel shall come to thee,  
O Israel.



**Come, Emmanuel, Come**

All of the world is awaiting a king,  
Anxiously seeking the joy He will bring.  
Soon He will be with us,  
God's love revealed to us.  
Come, Emmanuel, Come

We must believe that the moment is near,  
Faithfully knowing He soon will appear,  
Cast every doubt away, let us prepare the  
way.  
Come, Emmanuel, Come.

Soon angels will sing,  
Earth and heaven will ring.  
Soon, soon He will come  
The world will know God's Son.

Out of the darkness will come a great  
light  
Radiantly guiding us on through the night.  
Then we will welcome Him,  
We will rejoice in Him.  
Come, Emmanuel Come.

Soon heaven will shine,  
God will send us a sign,  
Soon, soon we will see  
How great God's love can be.

Now let us watch and prepare for the  
King,  
Humbly awaiting the joy He will bring,  
Let us believe in Him, Open our hearts to  
Him,  
Come, Emmanuel, Come.

**CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 29, 2015**

*MEMBERS:*

**The family of Bill Detmers**  
**Emil Brown**  
**Valerie Reichen**  
**Bernice and Gene Lackey**  
**Mary Wooten**

**Donna McCaleb**  
**Mildred Gaunt**  
**Hester Insley**  
**Mary Kientz**  
**Bea Magee**

*FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:*

**The family of Skylar Pickle**, friend of Brianna Rodriguez  
**Steven Lee**, uncle of Amber Poss  
**Maria Wells**, daughter of Connie Detmers  
**Mary Ward**, mother of Dana Neal  
**Cathy Risinger**, sister of Kay Cromwell  
**Betty Seymore**, aunt of Pat Drewett  
**Scott Howell**, son of friend of Jemmie Moseley and Lynda Vick  
**Scott McGeorge**, friend of Laurence Fikes  
**Jay Johnson**, friend of Amanda Chandler  
**Jerry Conley**, friend of the Shell family  
**Dorothy Soto**, friend of Lynda Vick  
**Kevin Rushing**, friend of Laura Pierce  
**Doris McCoy**, mother of Kay Cromwell  
**Randy Shell**, brother of Marty Shell  
**Lois Tucker**, neighborhood friend of the Mosley family  
**Georgiana Burnside**, daughter of Amanda Chandler's co-worker  
**Jennifer Place**, friend of Laura & Zac Cosner

**Rhett Lunningham**, nephew of David Judkins  
**Pam Panks**, mother of Bubba VonTungeln's friend  
**Rev. Jim Miller**, friend of the church  
**Perry Reynolds**, friend of the Jane & David Judkins  
**Lori Partridge**, friend of Rose VonTungeln  
**Annette Knuckles**, co-worker of Tommy Dunlap  
**Joshua Chambliss and family**, nephew of Rose and Suzy VonTungeln  
**Juliet Walker**, sister of Bubba VonTungeln's co-worker  
**Ryker Cheek**, nephew of Bubba VonTungeln  
**Mary McBee**, friend of Karen & David Perdue  
**Wanda Vining**, mother-in-law of Pat Drewett  
**Helen Gaunt**, sister-in-law of Mildred Gaunt  
**Joe Ward**, uncle of Dana Neal  
**Dan Loomis**, former pastor  
**John Hensley**, friend of Laura and Rick Pierce  
**Franklin Ward**, uncle of Dana Neal  
**Cissy Bailey**, sister-in-law of Betty Coles

*PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:*

**First**, Marianna **Westminster**, Hot Springs

*OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD*

**Help us keep our Prayer list up-to-date. If you have family or friends who need to be added or removed from the Prayer Concerns list, please let Erin know.**

**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.**

**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.