



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, December 27, 2015
1ST 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 *Silent Night* Brickman

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 148

Lawrence: "Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise God in the heights! Praise God, all you angels! Praise God, all you people!"

People: "Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars! Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens! Let them praise the name of the LORD, for God commanded and they were created."

Lawrence: "Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps, fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command! Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars! Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!"

People: "Let them praise the name of the LORD, for God's name alone is exalted; God's glory is above earth and heaven. God has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him."

All: "Praise the Lord!"

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #132** *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*

FILLING OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"O God, you show us your glory at Christmas, but through the rest of the year we often have trouble seeing you. You give us your Word, but we often pick and choose the words we want to hear. Forgive us, Lord, for all the times and all the ways we have not paid attention. As we begin another year, open our hearts wider so you may come in." (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

Lawrence: "Friends, hear the Good News! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!"

People: "Thanks be to God. Amen!"

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Hope, Peace, Joy and Love* 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 I Samuel 2:18 - 20, 26

EPISTLE READING Colossians 3:12 - 17

GOSPEL READING Luke 2:41 - 52

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

David S. King

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Scots Confession

see insert

***HYMN #145** *What Child Is This?*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *It Came Upon a Midnight Clear* Warriner

***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 #119** *Hark! The Herald Angels Sing*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *Joy to the World* Martin

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: The Mosley Family **Lay Reader: Lawrence Fikes**



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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David S. King

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Amanda Chandler
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Amanda Chandler Education
Tommy Dunlap Fellowship & Nurture
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Jemmie Moseley
Marty Shell Worship & Music

Pastor Nominating Committee

Kay Cromwell
Lawrence Fikes
Mike Kelley
Denise Mosley
Marty Shell (chair)

Announcements

The Church Office Will Be Closed Friday, January 1, in observance of New Year’s Day.

We will take down our Christmas/Advent Decorations Saturday, January 2, at 9 a.m. Volunteers are needed and welcomed.

Dave Will Be on Vacation the first week of January. Our friend Rev. "Bo" Lewis will lead our worship next Sunday, January 3.

The Choir Will Not Meet Wednesday, January 6.

There Will Be a PW General Meeting following worship January 10, in the Perdue Library.

Lectinary Readings for Sunday, December 27- 1st Sunday after Christmas Day

1 Samuel 2:18-20, 26

Samuel was ministering before the LORD, a boy wearing a linen ephod. His mother used to make for him a little robe and take it to him each year, when she went up with her husband to offer the yearly sacrifice. Then Eli would bless Elkanah and his wife, and say, "May the LORD repay you with children by this woman for the gift that she made to the LORD"; and then they would return to their home.

Now the boy Samuel continued to grow both in stature and in favor with the LORD and with the people.

Colossians 3:12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful. Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

Luke 2:41-52

Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" But they did not understand what he said to them. Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The Scots Confession

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.



Notes on Today's Affirmation of Faith:
The Scots 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 Scots Confession was written at a turning point in the history of the Scottish nation. After a bloody civil war England recognized Scottish sovereignty in 1560. The Scottish Parliament declared Scotland a Protestant nation and asked half a dozen Protestant church leaders, including our ancestor in faith, John Knox, to compose a confession of faith. In four days they composed "The Scots Confession." The Church of Scotland is the Presbyterian Church in Scotland.

Hope, Peace, Joy and Love

Hope is like a candle burning in the night.
Hope paints every shadow with its gentle light.
Glowing like a promise till our faith is sight,
Hope is like a candle in the night.

Peace is like sweet music sounding pure and strong
Singing songs of comfort when the night is long
Turning drums of hatred into heaven's song.
Peace is like sweet music pure and strong.

Joy is like a flower blooming in the soul
Sending forth it's fragrance to heal and make us whole.
And when bitter winds are blowing,
When birds refuse to sing,
Joy can turn our winter into spring.

Love is like a diamond wrapped in purest gold.
Nothing is more precious, nothing bought or sold.
Pearl of heaven's glory, wondrous to behold.
Love is like a diamond wrapped in gold.

Joy is like a flower,
Peace is like sweet music.
Hope is like a candle in the night.

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 27, 2015

MEMBERS:

Lynda Vick
Emil Brown
Valerie Reichen
Bernice and Gene Lackey
Mary Wooten

Donna McCaleb
Mildred Gaunt
Hester Insley
Mary Kientz
Bea Magee

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Kathleen Simpson, mother of Denise Mosley
Don Neal, great-uncle of Benjimen Neal
The family of Joe Ward, uncle of Dana Neal
Judy Buchanan, wife of Nelson Buchanan
Audrey Brooks, mother-in-law of Nelson Buchanan
Steven Lee, uncle of Amber Poss
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
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:

Kirk of the Hills, Fairfield Bay **One-O-One Church**, Gamaliel

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.