



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, February 1, 2015
4TH 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

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 111

Leader: "Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the LORD."

People: "Full of honor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds; the LORD is gracious and merciful."

Leader: "The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy. They are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness."

People: "The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever."

All: "Let us worship God!"

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #12** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

FILLING THE BAPTISMAL FONT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We give you thanks and praise, O God, for you have shown us what is good and what you require of us. Forgive us when we can't see your vision for us, or when we are afraid, or when we are too involved in too much, or when we can't find our way. Remind us of what you expect and give us your energy to live this way. (Silent Prayer) Hear our prayers, O Lord. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord, Have Mercy")

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: 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

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Deuteronomy 18:15 - 20

EPISTLE READING I Corinthians 8:1 - 13

GOSPEL READING Mark 1:21 - 28

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Scots Confession

***HYMN #450**

Be Thou My Vision

David S. King

see insert

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY

***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 #169** *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE**

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: To be announced

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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Worship & Music

Announcements

Welcome to Our Old Friend, Jess Anthony, this morning. Marty has been at a conference of Presbyterian Church Musicians in Kentucky this week, and we are pleased to have Jess with us again.

Today is the Souper Bowl of Caring! Don’t forget to get in the game as you leave worship today. For more information, see the insert in this week’s bulletin.

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!

The Evening Circle Will Meet Monday, February 8, at 6:30 p.m. in the Perdue Library.

Also Coming up in February:

* Our third Sunday lunch, February 15, will be the Annual Youth Valentine Banquet, a fund-raiser for Youth Programs. You don't have to bring anything, this won't be potluck. Just come and enjoy.

* All of you who are in sixth grade and up are invited to a special time just for you on Sunday afternoon, February 8, from 4:00 to 5:00.

* There will be a special time for our younger kids, too -- Sunday afternoon, February 22, from 4:00 to 5:00.

* The Men’s Group Breakfast meeting is planned for Saturday, February 21, at 8.am, at the Corner Cafe in Watson Chapel.

Deuteronomy 18:15-20

The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your own people; you shall heed such a prophet. This is what you requested of the LORD your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly when you said: "If I hear the voice of the LORD my God any more, or ever again see this great fire, I will die." Then the LORD replied to me: "They are right in what they have said. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their own people; I will put my words in the mouth of the prophet, who shall speak to them everything that I command. Anyone who does not heed the words that the prophet shall speak in my name, I myself will hold accountable. But any prophet who speaks in the name of other gods, or who presumes to speak in my name a word that I have not commanded the prophet to speak--that prophet shall die."

1 Corinthians 8:1-13

Now concerning food sacrificed to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." Knowledge puffs up, but love builds up. Anyone who claims to know something does not yet have the necessary knowledge; but anyone who loves God is known by him.

Hence, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "no idol in the world really exists," and that "there is no God but one." Indeed, even though there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth—as in fact there are many gods and many lords—yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist.

It is not everyone, however, who has this knowledge. Since some have become so accustomed to idols until now, they still think of the food they eat as food offered to an idol; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. "Food will not bring us close to God." We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. But take care that this liberty of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. For if others see you, who possess knowledge, eating in the temple of an idol, might they not, since their conscience is weak, be encouraged to the point of eating food sacrificed to idols? So by your knowledge those weak believers for whom Christ died are destroyed. But when you thus sin against members of your family, and wound their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. Therefore, if food is a cause of their falling, I will never eat meat, so that I may not cause one of them to fall.

Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

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.

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 1, 2015

MEMBERS:

Mary Wooten
Logan Mosley
Bernice and Gene Lackey
Hester Insley
Mary Kientz

Valerie Reichen
Bea Magee
Nell Horne
Mildred Gaunt

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Jane & Tim Reeves and Nikki & Daniel Voss,
relatives of the Cosner family
The family of Katelyn Parker, *friend of Laura Cosner*
Janet Buchanan, *wife of Nelson Buchanan*
The family of Babby Ferguson, *acquaintance of the Vick, Hayes, & Brown families*
Doris McCoy, *mother of Kay Cromwell*
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*
Mary Ward, *mother of Dana Neal*
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*
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, McGehee **Inquirers and Candidates for Ministry**

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

TACKLE HUNGER

SOUPER BOWL OF CARING

EXACTLY 25 YEARS AGO, the Souper Bowl of Caring began with a simple prayer from a single youth group:

“Lord, even as we enjoy the Super Bowl football game, help us be mindful of those without a bowl of soup to eat.”

Since that day, more than \$100 million has been raised for local charities across the country through Souper Bowl of Caring. It has become a powerful movement that is transforming the time around Super Bowl weekend into the nation’s largest celebration of giving and serving.

Through this mission, young people learn what it’s like to make a positive difference in the world – as they collect food, raise money and volunteer to work in charities that provide shelter to the homeless, food to the hungry and compassion to those in need.

Be part of this movement that is sharing God’s love with those in need. Please give generously on Super Bowl Sunday. Every dollar donated goes to

Neighbor to Neighbor of Pine Bluff _____,
our 2015 Souper Bowl of Caring charity of choice.

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