



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, March 15, 2015
FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CHORAL PRELUDE #701 *Lord, Prepare Me*
Choir 1st, Congregation 2nd

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 107

Laura: "O give thanks to the LORD, for God is good; for God's steadfast love endures forever. "

People: "Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, those he redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south."

Laura: "Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he saved them from their distress; he brought them out of darkness and gloom, and broke their bonds asunder."

People: "Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind."

All: "Let us give thanks and worship God!"

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #610** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

FILLING THE BAPTISMAL FONT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"O God, we stumble and fall. We come to you with hurt, pain, confusion, and sometimes with regret and remorse. We prefer the comfort of the valley and don't want to try to climb the hills. When the clouds are low we forget about the beauty you made. Help us listen for your word. Lead us on our journey." (Silent Prayer) "We pray all our prayers 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

Laura: 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 *Thee We Adore* Dubois-Perry

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Numbers 21:4 - 9

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 2:1 - 10

GOSPEL READING John 3:14 - 21

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

David S. King

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed

see insert

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

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *In An Age of Twisted Values* Vulpius

***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 #634** *To God Be The Glory*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *Jesus Christ, My Sure Defense* Crüger

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: To Be Announced **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.

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The Session (Board of Elders)

<u>Class of 2015</u>	<u>Class of 2016</u>
Marty Shell	Nelson Buchanan
Betty Coles	Bill Detmers
Amanda Chandler	Tommy Dunlap
Jewelie Mills	Nevada Mills
Laura Pierce (clerk)	Jemmie Moseley

Standing Committee Moderators

Jewelie Mills	
Betty Coles	Budget & Finance
Amanda Chandler	
Nelson Buchanan	Building & Grounds
Laura Pierce	
Amanda Chandler	Education
Tommy Dunlap	Fellowship & Nurture
Nevada Mills	
Bill Detmers	Missions & Outreach
Jemmie Moseley	
Marty Shell	Worship & Music

Announcements

The Church Is Now Accepting Orders for Easter Lilies. The cost is \$12.50 each. The Lilies will be placed in the sanctuary on Palm Sunday, and will remain through Easter Sunday. If you would like to place an order, please fill out one of the forms located on the round table in the Narthex, and return to the church office. The deadline to place an order is March 22.

The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held this afternoon following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

The Session Will Meet today following the luncheon, in the conference room.

Nell Horne Is Celebrating Her 100th Birthday, and her family invites you to join them for this special occasion by dropping by Lynda Vick's (5 Smugglers Cove, Robinhood Addition) this afternoon between the hours of 3:00 and 5:00. No gifts, please.

The Deadline for the April Issue of the Central Scene is tomorrow. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.

The Men of the Church Will Have Their Regular Breakfast Meeting Saturday, March 21, at 8 a.m., at Café Corner in Watson Chapel.

The Session Has Called a Meeting of the Congregation following worship on Sunday, March 22, to elect the Pastor Nominating Committee.

There Will Be a Special Time for Our Younger Kids, grades 5 and under on Sunday, March 22. We will meet from 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, "Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food." Then the LORD sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, "We have sinned by speaking against the LORD and against you; pray to the LORD to take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. And the LORD said to Moses, "Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live." So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

Ephesians 2:1-10

You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness toward us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life.

John 3:14-21

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God."

Thee We Adore

Thee we adore, O Savior,
Bless Thee and praise Thee forever,
Thee we adore, O Savior,
Bless Thee and praise Thee forever,
For on the holy cross
Thou hast the world from sin redeemed,
Thee we adore, O Savior,
Bless Thee and praise Thee forever.
Thee we adore, O Savior



In an Age of Twisted Values

In an age of twisted values
We have lost the truth we need.
In sophisticated language
We have justified our greed.
By our struggle for possessions
We have robbed the poor and weak.
Hear our cry and heal our nation;
Your forgiveness, Lord, we seek.

We have built discrimination
On our prejudice and fear.
Hatred swiftly turns to cruelty
If we hold resentments dear.
For communities divided
By the wall of class and race,
Hear our cry and heal our nation;
Show us, Lord, your love and grace.

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 15, 2015

MEMBERS:
Donna McCaleb
Mildred Gaunt
Mary Wooten
Logan Mosley
Bernice and Gene Lackey

Hester Insley
Mary Kientz
Valerie Reichen
Bea Magee
Nell Horne

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:
Elaine Powers, friend of Brianna Rodriguez
The friends and family of Yakel Culclager,
TreQuis Sims, TraDesia Sims, and TraVieon
Franklin, friends and cousins of Erin and Ryan Shaw
The family of Harrylene Moore, grandmother of Laura Cosner
Jane & Tim Reeves and Nikki & Daniel Voss, relatives of the Cosner family
Judy Buchanan, wife of Nelson Buchanan
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:
Walnut Grove, Farmington

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OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD