



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, March 22, 2015
FIFTH 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 #719** *Come Labor On*

FILLING THE BAPTISMAL FONT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"O God, we often turn from you and wander in our own wildernesses. Too often when you offer your love to us, we miss it. Too often we are not able to believe that you actually love us. Too often we have been unloving. Too often we get caught up on our own self-serving lives instead of serving others. Heal us, merciful God. Help us hear again your ancient promises."
(Silent Prayer) "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

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 *Beneath the Cross* Fettke

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** from A Brief Statement of Faith see insert

***HYMN #223** *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Create In Me a Clean Heart, O God* Carter

***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 #724** *O Jesus I Have Promised*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *Ever Faithful, Ever Near* Ritter

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

MEETING OF THE CONGREGATION

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
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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 today, March 22.

The Session Has Called a Meeting of the Congregation following worship this morning for the purpose of electing a Pastor Nominating Committee.

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

Dave Will Be Taking a Week's Vacation this week and will not be in the office. He won't be here to lead the Bible Study Lunch Bunch on Thursday, but that's no reason the group can't still meet. He will be here to lead our worship next Sunday.

Dave and Betty will host Vespers at Trinity Village next Sunday, at 4 p.m. in the Great Hall. All are invited to attend.

Jeremiah 31:31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt--a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, "Know the LORD," for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

Hebrews 5:5-10

So also Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"; as he says also in another place, "You are a priest forever, according to the order of Melchizedek."

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

"Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say--' Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

Beneath the Cross

Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me, "come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus,
My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
His family is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams;
Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus,
See the children called by God.

There's a hiding place
Beneath the mighty cross.
I find mercy there
And a refuge for the lost.

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
The path before the crown,
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
To be His perfect bride.

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
We will gladly live our lives.
Beneath the cross,
Beneath the cross,
Beneath the cross of Jesus.

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
Create in me a clean heart, O God;
Create in me a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from your presence;
Cast me not away from your presence;
Cast me not away from your presence;
And take not your Holy Spirit from me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation;
Restore to me the joy of your salvation;
Restore to me the joy of your salvation;
And uphold me with your free Spirit.

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 22, 2015

MEMBERS:

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

Hester Insley
Mary Kientz
Valerie Reichen
Bea Magee
Nell Horne

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Rhett Lunningham, nephew of David Judkins
Pam Panks, mother of Bubba VonTungeln’s friend
Elaine Powers, friend of Brianna Rodriguez
Judy Buchanan, wife of Nelson Buchanan
Doris McCoy, mother of Kay Cromwell
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
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 United, Fayetteville

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OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD