



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Sunday, May 3, 2015
FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

CHORAL PRELUDE #413 *Come into God's Presence*
Congregation & Choir, all verses

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 22

Bill: "Shout Hallelujah, you God-worshippers! Give glory, you sons of Jacob! Adore him, you daughters of Israel!"

People: "God has never let you down, never looked the other way when you were being kicked around."

Bill: "God has never gone away. God has been right here with us, listening. Let the house of Aaron say, 'His steadfast love endures forever!'"

People: "Let those who trust the LORD say, 'His steadfast love endures forever!'"

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #268** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

FILLING THE BAPTISMAL FONT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit." (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

Amanda: "Friends, hear and believe the Good News of Easter!"

People: "Because of God's great love for us, our sins 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

Be Thou My Vision

Parker

Laura & Rick Pierce, Soloists

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 22

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 8:26 - 40

EPISTLE READING I John 4:7 - 21

GOSPEL READING John 15:1 - 8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

David S. King

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Nicene Creed

see insert

***HYMN #703**

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

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 #265** *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun*
***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: Nelson Buchanan Lay Reader: Bill Detmers

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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Choir Master/Organist Marty Shell	Nursery Attendant
Youth Sponsors Marty Shell Amber Poss	Website: www.centralprespb.com



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Jemmie Moseley
Marty Shell Worship & Music

Announcements

Central’s Presbyterian Women Will Have a General Meeting this afternoon following worship, in the Perdue Library.

The CPC Men Are Going to Participate in the NAMI Walk 5K at Dickey-Stephens Park on May 9th. Go to <http://namiwalks.nami.org/cpcpb> to contribute to our team or register to run with us. Men and Women are invited to attend. Each person who registers to run gets a ticket to the AR Travs/NWA Naturals game that night. The funds raised go to the National Alliance on Mental Illness. The men plan on staying in town to attend the Travs game later that night. For more info check our website or contact Zac Cosner.

The Evening Circle Will Meet Monday, May 11, at 6:30 p.m., in the Perdue Library.

Acts 8:26-40

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so he does not open his mouth.

In his humiliation justice was denied him. Who can describe his generation? For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Psalms 22:25-31

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him.

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the LORD. May your hearts live forever!

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations. (over)

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord,

and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

1 John 4:7-21

Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love. God's love was revealed among us in this way: God sent his only Son into the world so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins. Beloved, since God loved us so much, we also ought to love one another. No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us.

By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. And we have seen and do testify that the Father has sent his Son as the Savior of the world. God abides in those who confess that Jesus is the Son of God, and they abide in God. So we have known and believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and those who abide in love abide in God, and God abides in them. Love has been perfected among us in this: that we may have boldness on the day of judgment, because as he is, so are we in this world. There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear; for fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not reached perfection in love. We love because he first loved us. Those who say, "I love God," and hate their brothers or sisters, are liars; for those who do not love a brother or sister whom they have seen, cannot love God whom they have not seen. The commandment we have from him is this: those who love God must love their brothers and sisters also.

John 15:1-8

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

Be Thou My Vision

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
Nought be all else to me, save that thou art.
Thou my best thought by day or by night
Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word,
I ever with thee and thou with me,
Lord Thou my great Father, I thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise.
Thou mine inheritance, now and always,
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's son.
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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.

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF MAY 3, 2015

MEMBERS:

Brianna Rodriguez
Jemmie Moseley
Mary Wooten
Donna McCaleb
Mildred Gaunt
Logan Mosley

Bernice and Gene Lackey
Hester Insley
Mary Kientz
Valerie Reichen
Bea Magee
Nell Horne

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

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
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 Fettes, 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, Lonoke *Vaughn, Bentonville*

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

Notes on Today's Affirmation of Faith:

The Nicene Creed (Traditional)

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."

In A.D. 312, Constantine won control of the Roman Empire. He attributed his victory to the intervention of Jesus Christ, so he elevated Christianity to favored status in the empire. "One God, one Lord, one faith, one church, one empire, one emperor" became his motto. But he soon discovered that "one faith and one church" were fractured by theological disputes, especially conflicting understandings of the nature of Christ, long a point of controversy. To counter a widening rift within the church, Constantine convened a council in Nicaea in A.D. 325. A creed reflecting the position of the majority of the bishops was written and adopted, but the two parties continued to battle each other. In 381, a second council met in Constantinople. It adopted a revised and expanded form of the A.D. 325 creed, now known as the Nicene Creed. It is the most widely used statement of faith among the three major bodies of the Christian faith: Protestant, Roman Catholic, and Eastern Orthodox.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The Nicene Creed (Traditional)

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God;
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father;
by whom all things were made;
Who for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again
according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and sits on the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory,
to judge the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe one holy catholic* and apostolic Church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**