



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, August 2, 2015
18TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE *Prelude on "Evan"* Peterson

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 51

Leader: "Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions."

People: "Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from
my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever
before me."

Leader: "Deliver me from bloodshed, O God, O God of my salvation, and
my tongue will sing aloud of your deliverance."

People: "Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise."

All: "Let us worship God!"

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #53** *O God, Who Gives Us Life*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"O God, you have shown us what you expect of us and we confess that we
don't do it very well. Forgive us when we can't see your vision for us, and
when we are afraid, and when we are too involved in too much. Give us
your direction so we may follow your path." (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

Leader: "Friends, hear and believe God's Good News!"

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

***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 *Hymn of Promise* Sleeth

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 31:21-34

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 18:1-8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *Persistent Faith* Bo Lewis

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostle's Creed see insert

***HYMN #175** *Seek Ye First*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *I Will Exalt My God, My King* Martinez

***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 #688 Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE** When the Saints Go Marching In Hammond

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: Kay Cromwell 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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Bo Lewis | Secretary
Erin Shaw |
| Choir Master/Organist
Marty Shell | Nursery Attendant |
| Youth Sponsors
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Marty Shell
Betty Coles
Amanda Chandler
Laura Pierce (clerk) | <u>Class of 2016</u>
Nelson Buchanan
Bill Detmers
Tommy Dunlap
Jemmie Moseley |
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| Betty Coles
Amanda Chandler
Nelson Buchanan
Laura Pierce
Amanda Chandler
Tommy Dunlap
Bill Detmers
Jemmie Moseley
Marty Shell | Budget & Finance

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Worship & Music |
| Pastor Nominating Committee
Kay Cromwell
Lawrence Fikes
Mike Kelley
Denise Mosley
Marty Shell (chair) | |

Announcements

First Presbyterian Church Farmer’s Market Now Open. First Presbyterian Farmer’s Market is open on Tuesdays from 4 to 7 p.m. The market will be open until September 29.

Scripture Readings for Sunday, August 2- 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Jeremiah 31:27-34

31:27 The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will sow the house of Israel and the house of Judah with the seed of humans and the seed of animals.

31:28 And just as I have watched over them to pluck up and break down, to overthrow, destroy, and bring evil, so I will watch over them to build and to plant, says the LORD.

31:29 In those days they shall no longer say: "The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge."

31:30 But all shall die for their own sins; the teeth of everyone who eats sour grapes shall be set on edge.

31:31 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.

31:32 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.

31:33 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.

31:34 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.

Luke 18:1-8

18:1 Then Jesus told them a parable about their need to pray always and not to lose heart.

18:2 He said, "In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor had respect for people.

18:3 In that city there was a widow who kept coming to him and saying, 'Grant me justice against my opponent.'

18:4 For a while he refused; but later he said to himself, 'Though I have no fear of God and no respect for anyone,

18:5 yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will grant her justice, so that she may not wear me out by continually coming.'"

18:6 And the Lord said, "Listen to what the unjust judge says.

18:7 And will not God grant justice to his chosen ones who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long in helping them?

18:8 I tell you, he will quickly grant justice to them. And yet, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?"

Hymn of Promise

In the bulb there is a flower,
In the seed, an apple tree,
In cocoons, a hidden promise:
Butterflies will soon be free.
In the cold and snow of winter,
There's a spring that waits to be,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

There's a song in every silence,
Seeking word and melody,
There's a dawn in every darkness,
Bringing hope to you and me.
From the past will come the future,
What it holds, a mystery,
Until its season, something God alone can see.

In our end is our beginning,
In out time, infinity.
In out doubt, there is believing,
In our life, eternity,
In our death, a resurrection,
At the last, a victory,
Unrevealed until its season,
Something God alone can see.

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 2, 2015

MEMBERS:

Bill Detmers
Dave King
Bernice and Gene Lackey
Mary Wooten
Donna McCaleb
Mildred Gaunt

Logan Mosley
Hester Insley
Mary Kientz
Valerie Reichen
Bea Magee
Nell Horne

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Scott Howell, son of friend of Jemmie Moseley and
Lynda Vick
Scott McGeorge, friend of Laurence Fikes
Cathy Cosner, mother of Zac Cosner
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
Judy Buchanan, wife of Nelson Buchanan
Rev. Jim Miller, friend of the church
Perry Reynolds, friend of the Jane & David
Judkins
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
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:

Trinity, Little Rock

Spring River, Hardy

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD