



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, August 23, 2015
21ST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE *How Lovely, Lord* Hopson
CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 84

Rick: "How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!"

People: "My soul longs, indeed it faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and my flesh sing for joy to the living God."

Rick: "Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God."

People: "Happy are those who live in your house, ever singing your praise. O LORD of hosts, happy is everyone who trusts in you."

All: "Let us praise God!"

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #275** *A Mighty Fortress Is our God*

FILLING OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"Gracious God, forgive us when we grumble instead of giving thanks, when we resent instead rejoicing, when we hold back instead of offering more of who we are. We give thanks that despite our stumbling, you still call us your children. Help us be more faithful servants." (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

Rick: "Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace."

People: "Thanks be to God. Amen!"

***GLORIA PATRI** ("Glory be to the Father") *Hymnal #581*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Standing on the Promises* Carter

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.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING 1 Kings 8 (1, 6, 10 - 11), 22 - 30, 41 - 43

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 6:10 - 20

GOSPEL READING John 6: 56 - 69

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 #294** *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*
(Sung to tune of Hymn #143)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *May the God of Hope Go With Us* Schutmaat

***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 #269** *Lead On, O King Eternal*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *When We All Get to Heaven*

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: Rick 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.

Transitional Pastor
David S. King

Secretary
Erin Shaw

Choir Master/Organist
Marty Shell

Nursery Attendant

Youth Sponsors
Marty Shell
Amber Poss

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The Session
Class of 2015
Marty Shell
Betty Coles
Amanda Chandler
Laura Pierce (clerk)

Class of 2016
Nelson Buchanan
Bill Detmers
Tommy Dunlap
Jemmie Moseley

Standing Committee Moderators

Betty Coles Budget & Finance

Amanda Chandler
Nelson Buchanan Building & Grounds
Laura Pierce

Amanda Chandler Education
Tommy Dunlap Fellowship & Nurture
Bill Detmers Missions & Outreach

Jemmie Moseley
Marty Shell Worship & Music

Pastor Nominating Committee

Kay Cromwell
Lawrence Fikes
Mike Kelley
Denise Mosley
Marty Shell (chair)

Announcements

CALLING ALL YOUTH. Join Us this Afternoon from 3:30 - 6:00 pm for a back-to-school swim party at Rose & Suzy’s home. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall. We will have hot dogs and all the trimmings.

Dave and Betty Will Host Vespers at Trinity Village this afternoon at 4 p.m. in the Great Hall. All are invited to attend.

Our Annual Hot Dog, Hamburger, Ice Cream Social Will Be Held next Sunday, August 30, at 5:30 p.m. Be sure to bring your favorite homemade ice cream flavor. The church will provide hot dogs and hamburgers. A sign up sheet for you to share which of your favorite toppings and fixings you plan to bring is on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall. Join us for fun, food and fellowship!!

It Is Time for Jr. High YouthQuake! Current 6th - 9th graders are invited to attend. If you register by September 8, the cost is \$95 per youth/Adult Advisor. If you register by September 14, the cost is \$105 per youth/Adult Advisor. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall or contact one of our Youth Sponsors.

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

Lectinary Readings for Sunday, August 23- 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 8:(1,6,10-11), 22-30, 41-43

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion.

Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place, underneath the wings of the cherubim.

And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD.

Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. He said, "O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

"Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name –for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm–when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.

Ephesians 6:10-20

Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

John 6:56-69

Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."

Standing on the Promises

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,
Through eternal ages let his praises ring,
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,
Bound to him eternally by love's strong cord,
Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,
Listening every moment to the Spirit's call,
Resting in my Savior as my all in all, Standing on the promises of God.

Refrain

Standing, Standing
Standing on the promises of God my Savior,
Standing, Standing,
I'm standing on the promises of God

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 23, 2015

MEMBERS:

The family of J.B. Hercher
Bill Detmers
Jemmie Moseley
Lynda Vick
Denise Mosley
Valerie Reichen
Dave King
Bernice and Gene Lackey

Mary Wooten
Donna McCaleb
Mildred Gaunt
Hester Insley
Mary Kientz
Bea Magee
Nell Horne

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

***The family of James Blackledge,** friends of Laura Cosner*
***Betty Seymore,** aunt of Pat Drewett*
***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*

***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*
***Ryker Cheek,** nephew of Bubba VonTungeln*
***Mary McBee,** friend of Karen & David Perdue*
***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*
***John Hensley,** friend of Laura and Rick Pierce*
***Franklin Ward,** uncle of Dana Neal*
***Cissy Bailey,** sister-in-law of Betty Coles*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

***First,** Morrilton* ***First,** Springdale*

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD