



**Central Presbyterian Church**  
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
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Sunday, August 9, 2015  
**19<sup>TH</sup> 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** *Ich dank' dir Schon furch deinen Sohn* Bach

**CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 130

**Rick:** "Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD. Lord, hear my voice! Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!"

**People:** "If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand? But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered."

**Rick:** I wait for the LORD, my soul waits, and in his word I hope; my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning, more than those who watch for the morning."

**People:** "Hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with him is great power to redeem."

**All:** "Let us worship God!"

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #65** *Thou Great Jehovah*

**FILLING OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

"O God, you are with us this morning and within us always. We confess our brokenness and faltering faith. We confess that we have not followed you very well. We have failed too often to the compassionate, caring, patient people you want us to be. Forgive us when hurt others and when we disappoint you. Give strength and courage so we may follow you wherever you lead us." (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:** "Friends, rejoice in 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**

*The Gift of Love*

Hopson

Laura and Rick Pierce, Soloists

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** 2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

**EPISTLE READING** Ephesians 4:25-5:2

**GOSPEL READING** John 6:35, 41-51

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

David S. King

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

see insert

**\*HYMN #418**

*Softly and Tender Jesus Is Calling*

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed*

Davies

**\*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 #738**     *O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE\*\***                     *All Creatures of Our God and King*     Kirkchengesang

**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.

<b>Transitional Pastor</b> David S. King	<b>Secretary</b> Erin Shaw
<b>Choir Master/Organist</b> Marty Shell	<b>Nursery Attendant</b>
<b>Youth Sponsors</b> Marty Shell Amber Poss	<b>Website:</b> <b>www.centralprespb.com</b>

<b>The Session</b> <b><u>Class of 2015</u></b> Marty Shell Betty Coles Amanda Chandler Laura Pierce (clerk)	<b><u>Class of 2016</u></b> Nelson Buchanan Bill Detmers Tommy Dunlap Jemmie Moseley
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<b>Standing Committee Moderators</b>	
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*

**The Noon Bible Study Group Will Meet** on Wednesday, August 12, this coming week. We'll resume meeting on Thursdays the following week. Come join us.

**The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be** Sunday, August 16, following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

**The Session Will Not Meet** for its regular meeting in August. There will be a very brief called meeting following this morning’s worship.

**The Deadline for the September Issue of the Central Scene is Monday, August 17.** Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.

**Dave and Betty Will Host Vespers at Trinity Village** Sunday, August 23, at 4 p.m. in the Great Hall. All are invited to attend.

**Our Annual Hot Dog, Hamburger, Ice Cream Social Will Be Held** 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!!

**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 9- 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33**

The king ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.

So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.

Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on.

And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the LORD has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."

The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

### **Ephesians 4:25-5:2**

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

### **John 6:35, 41-51**

Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.

Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has seen the Father. Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. I am the bread of life. <sup>49</sup>Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

**The Gift of Love**

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
And have the gift to all inspire,  
And have not love, my words are vain,  
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,  
And striving so my love profess,  
But not be given by love within,  
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, spirit, come, our hearts control,  
Our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed,  
By this we worship and are freed.  
Amen.

**CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 9, 2015**

*MEMBERS:*  
**Valerie Reichen**  
**Bill Detmers**  
**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 Veronica Radford**, classmate of Erin Shaw  
**Derrick McDonald**, dear friend of Erin Shaw  
**Shaundra Branscomb**, dear friend of Erin Shaw  
**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  
**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  
**Ryker Cheek**, nephew of Bubba VonTungeln  
**Mary McBee**, friend of Karen & David Perdue  
**Brooke Wells**, granddaughter of Connie & Bill Detmers  
**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**, Bentonville  
**Westminster**, Little Rock

*OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD*