



**Central Presbyterian Church**  
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
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**Sunday, September 20, 2015**  
**25<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**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Amanda: "Happy are those who do not follow the advice of the wicked, or take the path that sinners tread, or sit in the seat of scoffers. Their delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law they meditate day and night."

**People: "They are like trees planted by streams of water which yield their fruit in its season, and their leaves do not wither."**

Amanda: "Therefore, the wicked will not stand in judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous."

**People: "For the LORD watches over the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish."**

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

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #12** *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

**FILLING OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

"Lord, you have told us what you expect of us and we don't believe we can do what you want. Have mercy on us. In all our uncertainties and doubts, give us the grace to see your path, and lift us up when we stumble." (Silent Prayer) "We pray in the name of Jesus, 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: "May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins and restore us in his image. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace."

**People: "Thanks be to God. Amen!"**

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

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: "As Christ has given each of us Peace, let us extend it now to our Neighbors. The Peace of Christ be with you!"

**People: "And also with you."** (Please extend the right hand of fellowship to those around you by saying: "The Peace of Christ be with you!")

### **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.*

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Proverbs 31:10 - 31

**EPISTLE READING** James 3:13-4:3, 7 - 8a

**GOSPEL READING** Mark 9:30 - 37

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostle' Creed

**\*HYMN #188** *Jesus Loves Me*

David S. King

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**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**  
**OFFERTORY**

**\*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 #840**     *When Peace Like a River*

**\*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.**

**Usher: Dana Neal**

**Lay Reader: Amanda Chandler**



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

**Guest Organist**  
Donald Walker

**Nursery Attendant**

**Youth Sponsors**  
Marty Shell  
Amber Poss

**Website:**  
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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*

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

**The Session Will Meet** this afternoon in the conference room, following the Fellowship Luncheon.

**The Deadline for the October Issue of the Central Scene** is **tomorrow, September 21.** Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.

**The PW 2015 Cluster 5 Fall Gathering Will Be Held** Saturday, August 26, at First Presbyterian, Pine Bluff. For more information see the flyer on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall. If you would like to attend, please contact Betty Coles. The deadline to register is this Wednesday, September 23.

**You May Have Noticed Workmen at the Church** this week replacing several aging heating/air-conditioning units. This is an expense that is not in our budget, and several of you have kindly made contributions to help with this expense. If you haven't, we would be grateful for your gift. If you have questions, speak with one of the elders or with Dave.

**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, September 20 - 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Proverbs 31:10-31

A capable wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels.

The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain.

She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life.

She seeks wool and flax, and works with willing hands.

She is like the ships of the merchant, she brings her food from far away.

She rises while it is still night and provides food for her household and tasks for her servant girls.

She considers a field and buys it; with the fruit of her hands she plants a vineyard.

She girds herself with strength, and makes her arms strong.

She perceives that her merchandise is profitable. Her lamp does not go out at night.

She puts her hands to the distaff, and her hands hold the spindle.

She opens her hand to the poor, and reaches out her hands to the needy.

She is not afraid for her household when it snows, for all her household are clothed in crimson.

She makes herself coverings; her clothing is fine linen and purple.

Her husband is known in the city gates, taking his seat among the elders of the land.

She makes linen garments and sells them; she supplies the merchant with sashes.

Strength and dignity are her clothing, and she laughs at the time to come.

She opens her mouth with wisdom, and the teaching of kindness is on her tongue.

She looks well to the ways of her household, and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children rise up and call her happy; her husband too, and he praises her:

"Many women have done excellently, but you surpass them all."

Charm is deceitful, and beauty is vain, but a woman who fears the LORD is to be praised.

Give her a share in the fruit of her hands, and let her works praise her in the city gates.

### James 3:13 - 4:3, 7-8a

Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you.

### Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Welcome to our worship. We hope this time together in God's presence will refresh you and energize you in God's service. To help us all experience God's Good News more fully, we encourage you to visit with those around you before and after worship and to maintain a respectful silence during worship. Please turn off cellphones and other electronic devices and end conversations when worship begins. There are materials in the Narthex for children during worship, and Preschoolers may go to the Nursery following the Childrens' Sermon. Worship ends following the musical Postlude. May God bless us as we worship and when we go back into the world as God's People.



*CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 20, 2015*

*MEMBERS:*

*Bill Detmers*  
*Emil Brown*  
*Jemmie Moseley*  
*Lynda Vick*  
*Nell Horne*  
*Denise Mosley*  
*Valerie Reichen*

*Bernice and Gene Lackey*  
*Mary Wooten*  
*Donna McCaleb*  
*Mildred Gaunt*  
*Hester Insley*  
*Mary Kientz*  
*Bea Magee*

*FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:*

*Cathy Risinger, sister of Kay Cromwell*  
*David Ibemesi and family, brother of Erin Shaw*  
*Suzette Lovett and family, 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*  
*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*  
*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, Brinkley* *First, Jonesboro*

*OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD*