



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, September 27, 2015
26TH 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 *Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus* Lemmel

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 19

Amanda: "The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul; the decrees of the LORD are sure, making wise the simple; the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; the commandment of the LORD is clear, enlightening the eyes."

People: "The fear of the LORD is pure, enduring forever; the ordinances of the LORD are true and righteous altogether. More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb."

Amanda: "By them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward."

People: "Keep us, your servants, from the insolent. Do not let them have dominion over us." Then I shall be blameless, and innocent of great transgression.

All: "Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts be acceptable to you, O LORD, our rock and our redeemer."

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

FILLING OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"Lord, Our God, you have brought us to another day. Forgive us when we are not the people you intend us to be. Today, turn us in your direction and away from things that will lead us away from you. Turn us away from those things that hurt and divide people. Help us not be afraid, and help us have confidence in your presence and your leading." (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: "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*

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Assurance* Beck

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 Esther 7:1 - 6, 9 - 10

EPISTLE READING James 5:13 - 20

GOSPEL READING Mark 9:38 - 50

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON David S. King

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

***HYMN #465** *What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Herr Gott, dich loben alle wir* Bach

***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 #66** *Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *God, the Almighty* Davidson

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
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Announcements

The U.S. Marine Band Will Perform this evening from 3-5 p.m. at the University of AR at Pine Bluff. This concert is part of the 2015 U.S. Marine Band National Tour through the south and southwest and is sponsored by the the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff Music Department Band. The concert is free, but tickets are required. Tickets are limited to 4 per request. For questions about tickets, call (202) 433-5809. For questions about the venue, call (870) 575-7184.

Next Sunday Is World Communion Sunday. The Peace & Global Witness Offering (formerly known as the Peacemaking Offering) will be received during morning worship.

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 27 - 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Esther 7:1-6, 9-10; 9:20-22

So the king and Haman went in to feast with Queen Esther. On the second day, as they were drinking wine, the king again said to Esther, "What is your petition, Queen Esther? It shall be granted you. And what is your request? Even to the half of my kingdom, it shall be fulfilled." Then Queen Esther answered, "If I have won your favor, O king, and if it pleases the king, let my life be given me – that is my petition – and the lives of my people – that is my request. For we have been sold, I and my people, to be destroyed, to be killed, and to be annihilated. If we had been sold merely as slaves, men and women, I would have held my peace; but no enemy can compensate for this damage to the king." Then King Ahasuerus said to Queen Esther, "Who is he, and where is he, who has presumed to do this?" Esther said, "A foe and enemy, this wicked Haman!" Then Haman was terrified before the king and the queen.

Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs in attendance on the king, said, "Look, the very gallows that Haman has prepared for Mordecai, whose word saved the king, stands at Haman's house, fifty cubits high." And the king said, "Hang him on that." So they hanged Haman on the gallows that he had prepared for Mordecai. Then the anger of the king abated.

Mordecai recorded these things, and sent letters to all the Jews who were in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus, both near and far, enjoining them that they should keep the fourteenth day of the month Adar and also the fifteenth day of the same month, year by year, as the days on which the Jews gained relief from their enemies, and as the month that had been turned for them from sorrow into gladness and from mourning into a holiday; that they should make them days of feasting and gladness, days for sending gifts of food to one another and presents to the poor.

James 5:13-20

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Mark 9:38-50

John said to him, "Teacher, we saw someone casting out demons in your name, and we tried to stop him, because he was not following us." But Jesus said, "Do not stop him; for no one who does a deed of power in my name will be able soon afterward to speak evil of me. Whoever is not against us is for us. or truly I tell you, whoever gives you a cup of water to drink because you bear the name of Christ will by no means lose the reward.

"If any of you put a stumbling block before one of these little ones who believe in me, it would be better for you if a great millstone were hung around your neck and you were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life maimed than to have two hands and to go to hell, to the unquenchable fire. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off; it is better for you to enter life lame than to have two feet and to be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, tear it out; it is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and to be thrown into hell, where their worm never dies, and the fire is never quenched.

"For everyone will be salted with fire. Salt is good; but if salt has lost its saltiness, how can you season it? Have salt in yourselves, and be at peace with one another."

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.

Assurance

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God.
Born of His Spirit, washed in his blood.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song.
Praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect Submission, all is at rest,
I in my savior am happy and blest,
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior, all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song.
Praising my Savior all my life long.

The anthem today is a unique arrangement reflecting the favorite hymn of Blessed Assurance on a background of Jesu, Joy of Man's Desiring by J.S. Bach.

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 27, 2015

MEMBERS:

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

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

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

The family of Larry Fetters, friend of Rose and Suzy VonTungeln
Betty Atkinson, sister-in-law of Lynda Vick
Cathy Risinger, sister of Kay Cromwell
Betty Seymore, aunt of Pat Drewett
Scott Howell, son of friend of Jemmie Moseley and Lynda Vick
Scott McGeorge, friend of Laurence Fikes
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, Gurdon **Churches in Presbyteries in Mexico**

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD