



**Central Presbyterian Church**  
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Sunday, September 6, 2015  
**23<sup>RD</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**

Psalm 125

Amanda: "Those who trust in the LORD are like Mount Zion, which cannot be moved, but abides forever."

**People: "As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the LORD surrounds his people, from this time on and forevermore."**

Amanda: "For the scepter of wickedness shall not rest on the land allotted to the righteous, so that the righteous might not stretch out their hands to do wrong."

**People: "Do good, O LORD, to those who are good, and to those who are upright in their hearts."**

**All: "Let us come before the Lord with thanksgiving!"**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #610** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

**FILLING OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

"God, our Creator, we pray for all of us, full of joys and sorrows. Remind us that we are people Jesus came to serve. We confess our sins and ask for your forgiveness. Give comfort and healing to all who are hurting. Give faith and hope to all who are seeking. We pray in Jesus' name, Amen."

(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**

**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 22:1 - 2, 8 - 9, 22 - 23

**EPISTLE READING** James 2:1 - 17

**GOSPEL READING** Mark 7:24 - 37

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

David S. King

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Heidelberg Confession see insert

**\*HYMN #343** *Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life*

**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 #318**     *In Christ There Is No East or West*

**\*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:**  
[www.centralprespb.com](http://www.centralprespb.com)

**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*

**It Is Time for Jr. High YouthQuake!** Current 6<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> 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.

**The Church Office Will Be Closed** tomorrow in observance of Labor Day.

**Next Sunday is Rally Day.** We will officially begin our new Christian Education Year next Sunday, September 13, by recognizing all those who participate in the education and nurture of our members during morning worship.

**The Choir Will Not Meet** September 16.

**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 6 - 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time**

### **Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23**

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches, and favor is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common: the LORD is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity, and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed, for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor, or crush the afflicted at the gate;

for the LORD pleads their cause and despoils of life those who despoil them.

### **James 2:1-10, (11-13), 14-17**

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, "You shall not commit adultery," also said, "You shall not murder." Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

### **Mark 7:24-37**

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go--the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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 6, 2015***

*MEMBERS:*

*Bill Detmers*  
*Emil Brown*  
*Jimmie Moseley*  
*Lynda Vick*  
*Denise Mosley*  
*Valerie Reichen*  
*Bernice and Gene Lackey*

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

*FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:*

***The family of Gwen Shell, friend of Central  
David Ibemesi and family, brother of Erin Shaw  
Suzette Lovett and family, friend of Erin Shaw  
The family of Derrick McDonald, friend of Erin  
Shaw  
The family of Joy Jefferson, friend of Erin Shaw  
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 Lungham**, 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:*

***Faith**, Pine Bluff* ***First**, Little Rock*

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD