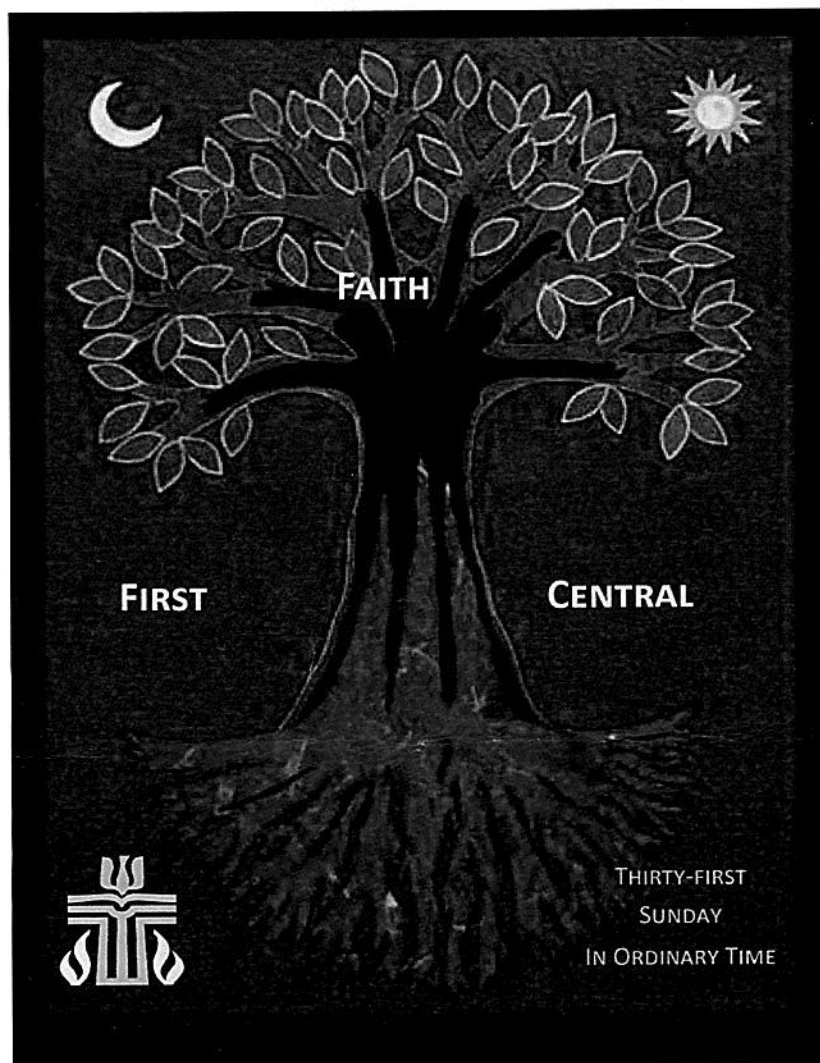


Heritage Sunday



FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PINE BLUFF, ARKANSAS

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015, 10:30 A.M.

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PERSONAL PRAYER OF PREPARATION (silence)

Holy God, who calls your people into one beloved community, who teaches us the way of peace through life together, who enlightens the very eyes of our hearts, may we, like the saints who have gone before us, see the hope to which Christ calls us, that in one heart and mind, we may show the unity of your church, and bring honor to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

PRELUDE AND PROCESSIONAL

Mr. Wendall Hall, bagpipes

WELCOME

Pastor Harlis R. Wright, Faith

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Ruling Elder Rick Pierce, Central

Our God of the ages was beside our ancestors all their days.

Our God of the ages has been beside us all our days.

Our God of the ages is beside us now.

**Our God of the ages goes before us, guards behind us,
is on our right side, and our left side,
today, tomorrow, and all our days.**

Let us worship our God of the ages!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Glory to God Hymnal No. 39

"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

CALL TO CONFESSION

Ruling Elder Jo Neal, First

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (first silently; then in unison)

The People

**O God of the ages, who indeed went before our ancestors, and who goes
before us still, we humbly confess to you our shortcomings and our sins.**

**We go about our daily lives forgetting our neighbors, your friends. We fail
to reach out, to extend a kind word, to offer help and reconciliation, even
when we know you command us to. Forgive us, we pray, and may your
bounteous goodness teach us to nurture unity and peace among all your
people, for the sake of Jesus Christ and the world he came to save. Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Honorable Judge John E. Kearney, Faith

Hear the good news!

In Christ we have also obtained the inheritance of our ancestors.

Christ was born for us.

Christ lived for us and died for us.

Christ rose for us and reigns for us.

Christ prays for us.

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.

Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning,
is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen; Amen.*

***SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(The children may come forward as the Peace of Christ is shared)

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Dr. Mary E. Benjamin, Faith

Pour out your Spirit upon us, O God, and with your Word enlighten the eyes of
our hearts that we may know the hope to which you have called us. In Christ's
name, Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Ruling Elder Dr. Bettye Wright

ANTHEM

The Choirs of Faith Presbyterian, Central Presbyterian, First Presbyterian
Marty Shell, Director - Dr. Jess Anthony, piano

"The Gift of Love"

Hal Hopson

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
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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.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

Rev. David S. King, Central

EPISTLE READING

Revelations 21:1-6a

Rev. Susan Carter Wiggins, First

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 28: 16-20

Pastor Wright, Faith

SERMON

"Honoring Our Presbyterian Heritage" Pastor Wright, Faith

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

Glory to God Hymnal No.300
"They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love"

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Ruling Elder Rick Pierce, Central

The Scots Confession (1560)

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. God, who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. By whom we confess and believe all things in heaven and earth, visible and invisible, to have been created, to be retained in their being, and to be ruled and guided by God's inscrutable providence for such end as God's eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of God's own glory.

THE EUCHARIST

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

CALL TO OFFERING

Ruling Elder Neal, First

Acknowledging that all we have received in our lives are gifts to us from our God, let us now with deep gratitude, return to God a portion of our blessings through the generous giving of our offering. Please note that this morning's loose offering will be given to *Neighbor to Neighbor*, for their ongoing ministry in our community. You may include offerings and tithes to each church in the envelopes provided.

OFFERTORY

Dr. Anthony, piano

*DOXOLOGY

The Presbyterian Hymnal (Blue) No.591

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore.
Amen.*

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

The People

(led by Ruling Elder Hazel Smith, Faith)

Blessed are you, God of all creation; through your goodness we have these gifts to share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory and for the service of your kingdom. Amen.

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The Presbyterian Churches of Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Faith Presbyterian Church 913 University Drive

Founded in 1952, Faith Presbyterian Church's first pastor was the Reverend Paul L. Taylor, who served until 1956. The congregation met for almost a year in an Episcopal church building before moving to its present location. The stately red brick building was erected in 1954. During the tenures of the Reverends David Shipley, Isaac Crosby, Haywood Henry, and Leon Bracy, the youth program was strengthened, and there was much more participation in church activities by students from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff. The present pastor is Mr. Harlis Wright (Commissioned Ruling Elder).

Central Presbyterian Church 6300 Trinity Drive

Organized on April 4, 1910, Central Presbyterian Church has had three names: Poplar Street Presbyterian, 1910-1911; Dr. S.C. Alexander Memorial Presbyterian, June 1911—November, 1925; and Central Presbyterian, November, 1925 until the present time. The first minister was A. A. Boyd, who served from 1910 until 1920. In 1995, construction was begun at the church's present location on Trinity Drive.

First Presbyterian Church 717 West 32nd Avenue

First Presbyterian Church was organized under the leadership of Reverend John Ivy Boozer, on May 15, 1858. By 1861, the congregation had purchased property at Fourth and Chestnut and constructed a small white frame building with a tall spire, which was destroyed by fire thirty-two years later. On April 15, 1895, a new red brick, granite-trimmed church with stained glass windows was dedicated. In 1957, the congregation moved to the present location, under the pastorate of Rev. Dr. William L. McColgan, who served as minister for twenty-six years. Services were held in the Fellowship Hall until the sanctuary was built and dedicated on March 31, 1974.

The Kirkin' o' the Tartans: While the Kirkin' o' the Tartan service celebrates our Scottish heritage, it is truly a Scottish-American custom, believed to have been originated by Reverend Peter Marshall, pastor of New York Avenue Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC in the 1941, when he preached a sermon titled "The Kirkin' o' the Tartans" during a prayer service to raise funds for British war relief. In 1954, the Washington, DC "Kirkin'" was moved to the National Cathedral. Traditionally, the service includes a celebration of the lifting of the Proscription Act of 1762, which banned the public display of traditional Scottish Highland dress, a presentation of the tartans, and a blessing. Today, many Scottish, Caledonian and St. Andrew's Societies across the United States and Canada hold Kirkin' of the Tartans; while the majority seem to be in Presbyterian Churches, one may also find them in Episcopalian, Methodist, Roman Catholic and other denominations.

Source: Wilkinson, Todd, "The Kirkin' o' the Tartan Tradition," Scottish Tartans Museum, Franklin, NC, <http://www.scottishtartans.org/kirkin.htm>.

Neighbor To Neighbor is an ecumenical non-profit organization that provides services for the citizens of Jefferson County, including a soup kitchen Monday-Friday, clothing, financial assistance with utilities, as well as care for the elderly, and seasonal baskets. Neighbor To Neighbor is located at 1419 South Pine Street, and their phone number is (870) 534-2883. While the need in our community is great, funds are extremely limited, and thus, donations are always needed.

First

Announcements

Monthly Mission Offerings:

Neighbor to Neighbor is in need of cake mixes! We have been asked to collect 100 Cake mixes for Christmas Baskets. Please drop off in front of church office. We reached our goal for Thanksgiving!

The Presbyterian Women's current mission is the Samaritan's Purse Christmas boxes. We need articles for our boxes, school supplies, small toys (no weapons), hygiene items, etc.

Central

Announcements

Neighbor to Neighbor's Holiday Projects Are Underway! Central has been asked to provide 100 cans of sweet potatoes by **November 2**, for the Thanksgiving baskets. Cans may be placed in the box behind the round table in McElyea Hall.

The Session Has Called a Meeting of the Congregation following worship on Sunday, November 8, to elect a committee to nominate elders for our Session next year.

Central's Men of the Church will meet Saturday, November 7, at 10 a.m., at the church for a clean-up day and trip to Pinnacle Mountain. All are invited to join us for clean-up and the trip.