



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Sunday, February 14, 2016
1ST SUNDAY IN LENT



GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

FILLING OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT

see insert

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

Wer nur den lieben Gott

Bach

(If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee)

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 91

Jemmie: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war rise up against me, yet I will be confident."

People: "One thing I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after: to live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple. For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will set me high on a rock."

Jemmie: "Teach me your way, O Lord, and lead me on a level path because of my enemies."

People: "Do not give me up to the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen against me and they are breathing out violence. I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living."

All: "Wait for the Lord; be strong, and let your heart take courage; wait for the Lord! Let us worship God!"

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #438** *Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"Saving Lord, you raise us from death to life, and your Good News is meant to be shared. We confess that we are not as quick to do that as we should be. We admit that we try to make distinctions between ourselves and others, but you challenge us to see one another as equals. Cleanse our hearts and purify our lips, that we may faithfully proclaim that you are Lord." (Silent Prayer) "We pray in Jesus' name, Amen."

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord, Have Mercy")

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jemmie: "Friends, remember that the LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. God will not always accuse, nor will God be angry forever."

People: "God does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for those who respect God. As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us."

All: "We will not fear, for God has redeemed us; God called us by name, we are God's forgiven people. Amen!"

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

When Peace Like a River

Bliss

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 Genesis 15: 1 - 12, 17 - 18

EPISTLE READING Philipians 3:17 - 4:1

GOSPEL READING Luke 13:31 - 35

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*HYMN #166

The Scots Confession

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Dave King

see insert

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY ("Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow")

*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.”)

God Is My Strong Salvation

Vulpus

Hymnal #607

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*RECESSIONAL HYMN #440

*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: The Neal Family

Lay Reader: Jemmie Moseley

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

Holy God, We Praise Your Name

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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.

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Announcements

Pastor Susie of First Presbyterian Will Be at a Conference at the end of this month, and our friends at First Presbyterian plan to worship with us on Sunday morning, the 28th. To give us more opportunity to enjoy being together and to get to know each other better, we will move our Third Sunday Fellowship Meal to the Fourth Sunday this month. The February Session meeting will also be moved to that day, following our meal.

Our Church and First Presbyterian Will Offer several opportunities to worship during Lent:

- ▶ **Palm Sunday, March 20,** both congregations will worship together at First. Our combined choirs, who presented such joyous music together at Christmas, will offer several pieces of special music during the worship.
- ▶ **Maundy Thursday Evening, March 24,** each church will offer a solemn service including The Lord's Supper.
- ▶ **On the Afternoon of Good Friday,** March 25, we are invited to join First for their service in their Chapel.
- ▶ **Then, on Easter Sunday, March 27,** we will begin the day with our Annual Easter breakfast at 8 a.m., followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for our youth. We then will celebrate the resurrection of Jesus in our worship at 10 a.m. on Easter Sunday.

Lectionary for Sunday, February 14 - 1st Sunday in Lent

Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18

After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, "Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great." But Abram said, "O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?" And Abram said, "You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir." But the word of the LORD came to him, "This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir." He brought him outside and said, "Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them." Then he said to him, "So shall your descendants be." And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, "I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess." But he said, "O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?" He said to him, "Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtledove, and a young pigeon." He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, "To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates...."

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

Luke 13:31-35

13:31 At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, "Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you."

13:32 He said to them, "Go and tell that fox for me, 'Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work.'

13:33 Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed outside of Jerusalem.'

13:34 Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing!

13:35 See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, 'Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.'"

Luke 9:28-36, (37-43a)

9:28 Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray.

9:29 And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

9:30 Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him.

9:31 They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem.

9:32 Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him.

9:33 Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" -- not knowing what he said.

9:34 While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud.

9:35 Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!"

9:36 When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

9:37 On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him.

9:38 Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child.

9:39 Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him.

9:40 I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not."

9:41 Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here."

9:42 While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

9:43a And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

Note: *During Lent we will be remembering the promises God makes and the promises we make in our Baptism. As you enter for worship or during the Prelude, we invite you to go to the Baptismal Font just inside the entrance to the Sanctuary, dip a finger or two into the water, touch your forehead, and remember your own baptism. Say to yourself "God loves me" or "I am one of God's people," then be seated, ready for worship.*

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore;
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and power

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify,
True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

Come, ye weary, heavy laden, lost and ruined by he fall;
If you tarry till you're better, you will never come at all.

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;
All the fitness he requireth is to feel you need of him.

Refrain:

I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior, O there are ten thousand charms.

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 14, 2016

MEMBERS:

Emil Brown
Logan Mosley
Bernice and Gene Lackey
Mary Wooten
Valerie Reichen

Donna McCaleb
Mildred Gaunt
Hester Insley
Mary Kientz
Bea Magee

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

The family of Franklin Simpson, grandfather of Denise Mosley
Allen Wimberly, Benjimen Neal & Avery Peyton's band director
The family of Jay Johnson, the father of Amanda Chandler's best friend
Daniel Conner, customer of Laura Cosner
Helen Knoll, great-grandmother of Amber Poss
Barbara Byrne, customer of Laura Cosner
Carla & Brad Young, co-worker of Denise Mosley
Kathleen Simpson, mother of Denise Mosley
Don Neal, great-uncle of Benjimen Neal
Audrey Brooks, mother-in-law of Nelson Buchanan
Steven Lee, uncle of Amber Poss
Mary Ward, mother of Dana Neal
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
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
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
Dan Loomis, former pastor
John Hensley, friend of Laura and Rick Pierce
Franklin Ward, uncle of Dana Neal

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

Synod of the Sun *Church Musicians*

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

Help us keep our Prayer list up-to-date. If you have family or friends who need to be added or removed from the Prayer Concerns list, please let Erin know.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Scots Confession

We confess and acknowledge one God alone, to whom alone we must cleave, whom alone we must serve, whom only we must worship, and in whom alone we put our trust. Who is eternal, infinite, immeasurable, incomprehensible, omnipotent, invisible; one in substance and yet distinct in three persons, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost. 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 his inscrutable providence for such end as his eternal wisdom, goodness, and justice have appointed, and to the manifestation of his own glory.

Notes on Today's Affirmation of Faith:

The Scots Confession

Presbyterians are a "Confessing Church." We have adopted historic statements of faith such as "The Apostles Creed" and created others as a way of telling the world and reminding ourselves who we are, what we believe, and how we intend to live because of that. They do not take the place of the Bible and are intended to help us focus on the essentials of our faith made clear in the Bible. The Presbyterian Book of Confessions includes fourteen statements of faith, including familiar ones like "The Apostles Creed" and the "Longer" and "Shorter Catechisms."

The Scots Confession was written at a turning point in the history of the Scottish nation. After a bloody civil war England recognized Scottish sovereignty in 1560. The Scottish Parliament declared Scotland a Protestant nation and asked half a dozen Protestant church leaders, including our ancestor in faith, John Knox, to compose a confession of faith. In four days they composed "The Scots Confession." The Church of Scotland is the Presbyterian Church in Scotland.