



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, February 21, 2016
2ND 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 Dave King
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from The Heidelberg Confession see insert
*HYMN #166 Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING
OFFERTORY God Is My Strong Salvation Vulpius
*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 #440 Jesus, Lover of My Soul
*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION
POSTLUDE** Holy God, We Praise Your Name Gott
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.
Ushers: The Neal Family Lay Reader: Jemmie Moseley



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.

- Pastor David S. King Secretary Erin Shaw
- Choirmaster/Organist Marty Shell Nursery Attendant
- Youth Advisory Team Marty Shell Website: www.centralprespb.com
Maggie Shell-Howsen
Dana Neal
- The Session Class of 2016 Class of 2017
Nelson Buchanan Denise Mosley
Tommy Dunlap Laura Cosner
Jemmie Moseley Betty Coles (clerk)
Benjimen Neal Marty Shell
- Standing Committee Moderators
Betty Coles Budget & Finance
Nelson Buchanan Building & Grounds
Denise Mosley Education
Laura Cosner Fellowship & Nurture
Missions & Outreach
Jemmie Moseley & Marty Shell Worship & Music
- Pastor Nominating Committee
Kay Cromwell
Lawrence Fikes
Mike Kelley
Denise Mosley
Marty Shell (chair)

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 21 - 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

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

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.*

When Peace Like a River

When peace, life a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll,
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say:
It is well, it is well with my soul.

It is well, with my soul;
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blest assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And has shed His own blood for my soul.

It is well, with my soul;
It is well, it is well with my soul.

O Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend;
Even so, it is well with my soul.

It is well, with my soul;
It is well, it is well with my soul.

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 21, 2016

<i>MEMBERS:</i>	
<i>Bernice and Gene Lackey</i>	<i>Donna McCaleb</i>
<i>Emil Brown</i>	<i>Mildred Gaunt</i>
<i>Logan Mosley</i>	<i>Hester Insley</i>
<i>Mary Wooten</i>	<i>Mary Kientz</i>
<i>Valerie Reichen</i>	<i>Bea Magee</i>
<i>FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:</i>	
<i>The family of Franklin Simpson, grandfather of Denise Mosley</i>	<i>Kevin Rushing, friend of Laura Pierce</i>
<i>Allen Wimberly, Benjimen Neal & Avery Peyton’s band director</i>	<i>Doris McCoy, mother of Kay Cromwell</i>
<i>The family of Jay Johnson, the father of Amanda Chandler’s best friend</i>	<i>Georgiana Burnside, daughter of Amanda Chandler’s co-worker</i>
<i>Daniel Conner, customer of Laura Cosner</i>	<i>Jennifer Place, friend of Laura & Zac Cosner</i>
<i>Helen Knoll, great-grandmother of Amber Poss</i>	<i>Rhett Lunningham, nephew of David Judkins</i>
<i>Barbara Byrne, customer of Laura Cosner</i>	<i>Pam Panks, mother of Bubba VonTungeln’s friend</i>
<i>Carla & Brad Young, co-worker of Denise Mosley</i>	<i>Rev. Jim Miller, friend of the church</i>
<i>Kathleen Simpson, mother of Denise Mosley</i>	<i>Perry Reynolds, friend of the Jane & David Judkins</i>
<i>Don Neal, great-uncle of Benjimen Neal</i>	<i>Lori Partridge, friend of Rose VonTungeln</i>
<i>Audrey Brooks, mother-in-law of Nelson Buchanan</i>	<i>Annette Knuckles, co-worker of Tommy Dunlap</i>
<i>Steven Lee, uncle of Amber Poss</i>	<i>Joshua Chambliss and family, nephew of Rose and Suzy VonTungeln</i>
<i>Mary Ward, mother of Dana Neal</i>	<i>Juliet Walker, sister of Bubba VonTungeln’s co-worker</i>
<i>Cathy Risinger, sister of Kay Cromwell</i>	<i>Ryker Cheek, nephew of Bubba VonTungeln</i>
<i>Betty Seymore, aunt of Pat Drewett</i>	<i>Mary McBee, friend of Karen & David Perdue</i>
<i>Scott Howell, son of friend of Jemmie Moseley and Lynda Vick</i>	<i>Wanda Vining, mother-in-law of Pat Drewett</i>
<i>Scott McGeorge, friend of Laurence Fikes</i>	<i>Helen Gaunt, sister-in-law of Mildred Gaunt</i>
<i>Jay Johnson, friend of Amanda Chandler</i>	<i>Dan Loomis, former pastor</i>
<i>Jerry Conley, friend of the Shell family</i>	<i>John Hensley, friend of Laura and Rick Pierce</i>
<i>Dorothy Soto, friend of Lynda Vick</i>	<i>Franklin Ward, uncle of Dana Neal</i>

<i>PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:</i>	
<i>First, Jacksonville</i>	<i>Presbytery Disaster Assistance</i>

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
from The Heidelberg Confession

Question 1. What is your only comfort, in life and in death?

A. That I belong - body and soul, in life and in death - not to myself but to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ, who at the cost of his own blood has fully paid for all my sins and has completely freed me from the dominion of the devil; that he protects me so well that without the will of my Father in heaven not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, that everything must fit his purpose for my salvation. Therefore, by his Holy Spirit, he also assures me of eternal life, and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

Question 2. How many things must you know that you may live and die in the blessedness of this comfort?

A. Three. First, the greatness of my sin and wretchedness. Second, how I am freed from all my sins and their wretched consequences. Third, what gratitude I owe to God for such redemption.

Notes on Today's Affirmation of Faith:
The Heidelberg 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 Protestant Reformation of the early 1500's in Europe grew in different ways, both theologically and geographically. As the Reformed faith - our ancestors - spread from Geneva in Switzerland, the Lutheran movement grew from Germany, and by the mid-1500's, they began to overlap. Leaders of the two groups found they agreed on most issues, but they had real tension about the Lord's Supper. The Lutherans believed that the bread and wine of the sacrament became the actual body and blood of Christ, but our tradition did not. To try to settle their differences leaders of both movements agreed to write a statement that would be acceptable to both traditions. They wrote it in the format of a "catechism," a teaching device of that time which uses questions and answers. There are 129 questions in all. It became known as "The Heidelberg Confession" and was adopted by both in 1562.