



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, February 28, 2016
3RD 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

Still, Still, With Thee

Birchwood

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 27

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 #649** *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"Lord, you call us to walk on trails and boulevards whose ends we can't see. You lead us on paths no one else has walked. We find ourselves in situations where there don't seem to be solutions. Forgive us when we don't have the faith or courage to walk with you. Help us feel your hand leading us and your love supporting us. Pour into our hearts the water of your grace, so we may live this day and all our days empowered by your presence and comforted by your peace." (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*

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: "As Christ has given each of us Peace, let us extend it now to our Neighbors. The Peace of Christ be with you!"

People: "And also with you." (Please extend the right hand of fellowship to those around you by saying: "The Peace of Christ be with you!")

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

House of Grace

Martin

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 The Apostles’ Creed see insert

*HYMN #451 Open My Eyes, That I Might See

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY Alle in Gott in der Höh sei Ehr 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 #442 Just As I Am, Without One Plea

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE** God of Grace and God of Glory Hughes

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

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The Session Class of 2016 Nelson Buchanan Tommy Dunlap Jemmie Moseley Benjimen Neal Class of 2017 Denise Mosley Laura Cosner Betty Coles (clerk) 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

Welcome to Our Sisters and Brothers from First Presbyterian. We're pleased you have joined us this morning.

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 - 2nd 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.'"

The Lectionary for Sunday, January 28 (3rd Sunday in Lent) is as follows:

Isaiah 55:1-9

Ps. 63:1-8

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

Luke 13:1-9

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.*

House of Grace

Here is a home where friends become family.
Here is a church where peace resides,
A place of charity, a place with harmony,
A fellowship where hope and love abide.

This is a house of grace, we are a temple of living praise.
Throw open the doors, tell the world Christ is Lord.
Welcome home, this is a house of grace.

Here is a light that shines in the darkness.
Here is a peace that calms the storm,
A place where joy is found, a place where love abounds,
A fellowship that serves the risen Lord.

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ the King,
And we His new creation, now lift our voice and sing
We must sing!

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF FEBRUARY 28, 2016

MEMBERS:

The family of Gene Lackey
Emil Brown
Logan Mosley
Mary Wooten
Valerie Reichen

Donna McCaleb
Mildred Gaunt
Hester Insley
Mary Kientz
Bea Magee

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Lois Tucker, neighbor of The Mosley family
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:

Woodlands, Hot Springs Village

Holiday Island Church

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 Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Notes on Today's Affirmation of Faith:
The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

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 Apostles' Creed was not written by the Apostles, as some thought in the very earliest days of the Christian movement. It developed as faithful followers of Christ tried to combat others whose teachings did not conform to the teachings of the Early church. An early form of it in Rome dates back to about 180 A.D. Few of the early members of the Church were able to read, so they had to memorize some of the basics of their faith to be admitted to the Church. Many of those statements were built on that early form and over the centuries other phrases were added as new issues arose. By the Eighth Century A.D. it had developed into the form we still use today. Some of the language of that time is still included, such as the word "catholic," which didn't refer to the Roman Catholic Church, but is a word used to mean "world-wide" or "universal."