



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Sunday, March 13, 2016
5TH 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

When God Delivered Israel

Warren

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Psalm 126

Zac: "When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream."

People: "Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, 'The Lord has done great things for them.'"

Zac: "The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb."

People: "Those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves."

All: "Be glad and shout for joy! Let us give thanks to God!"

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #829** *My Faith Looks Up to Thee*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"God of us all: thousands of years ago you called people we read about in the Bible to travel with you on faith's great adventure. We give thanks in our time that you are traveling with us as you did with them. Sometimes your way seems uncertain. Sometimes the road is hard. Sometimes we get discouraged and we lose track of your path. Shine your light on the road before us. Help us look back at where we have been and see the

mistakes that we have made. Help us look ahead and help us walk together into your future. Help us learn to love you more deeply and to share your love with all who travel with us." (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

Zac: "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

Beneath the Cross

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 Isaiah 43:16 - 21

EPISTLE READING Philippians 3:4b - 14

GOSPEL READING John 12: 1 - 8

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Scots Confession*

*HYMN #629 *Jesus, The Very Thought of You*

Dave King

see insert

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *A Prophet Woman Broke a Jar* Lowry

*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 #630 *Fairest Lord Jesus*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE** *Judge Eternal, Throned In Splendor* Powell

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 Mosley Family Lay Reader: Zac Cosner

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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Announcements

The Church Office Is Accepting Orders for Easter Lilies. For more information, order forms are available on the round table in the Narthex.

The Evening Circle Will Meet tomorrow, March 14, at 6:30 p.m., in the Perdue Library.

Next Sunday Is Palm Sunday. That morning, Central and First Presbyterian 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. There will be no worship services at Central.

Calling All Kids! We will decorate Easter eggs Sunday afternoon, March 20, at 4:00 p.m. in McElea Hall. Please let Rose or Suzy know if you plan to join us so we can have a correct count for this event.

On Maundy Thursday Evening, March 24, we will worship around the tables following a meal at 6 p.m. in McElyea Hall. Please help us prepare by signing the sheet on the bulletin board if you plan to attend.

On the Evening of Good Friday, March 25, we are invited to join First at 5:30 p.m. for their service in their Chapel.

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, March 13 - 5th Sunday in Lent

Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters,

who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:

Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old.

I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.

The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people,

the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) 12:7 Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

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.

Beneath the Cross

Beneath the cross of Jesus
I find a place to stand,
And wonder at such mercy that calls me as I am.
For hands that should discard me
Hold wounds which tell me, "come."
Beneath the cross of Jesus,
My unworthy soul is won.

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
His family is my own.
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams;
Now one through grace alone.
How could I now dishonor
The ones that You have loved?
Beneath the cross of Jesus,
See the children called by God.

There's a hiding place
Beneath the mighty cross.
I find mercy there
And a refuge for the lost.

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
The path before the crown,
We follow in His footsteps
Where promised hope is found.
How great the joy before us
To be His perfect bride.

Beneath the cross of Jesus,
We will gladly live our lives.
Beneath the cross,
Beneath the cross,
Beneath the cross of Jesus.

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF MARCH 13, 2016

MEMBERS:
Emil Brown
Bill VonTungeln
The family of Gene Lackey
Logan Mosley
Mary Wooten
Valerie Reichen

Donna McCaleb
Mildred Gaunt
Hester Insley
Mary Kientz
Bea Magee

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:
Jo Brown, dear friend of Karen & David Perdue
Al White, III, friend of Karen & David Perdue
Lois Tucker, neighbor of The Mosley family
Allen Wimberly, Benjimen Neal & Avery Peyton's
band director
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:
Youth and Children's Program Directors

First, Mena

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.