



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, April 24, 2016
4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

Adoration

Fettke

CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 148

Leader: "Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise God in the heights! Praise God, all God's angels; praise God, all God's host!"

Congregation: "Praise God, sun and moon; praise God, all you shining stars!"

Choir: *"Praise God, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!"*

Leader: "Praise the name of the Lord, for God commanded and they were created."

Men: "God established them forever and ever; God fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed."

Kids: "Praise the Lord from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,"

Women: "Fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling God's command!"

Choir: *"Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!"*

Kids: "Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!"

Men: "Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!"

Women: "Young men and women alike, old and young together!"

Leader: "Let them praise the name of the Lord, for God's name alone is exalted; God's glory is above earth and heaven!"

Congregation: **God has raised up a horn for God's people, praise for all God's faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to God. Praise the Lord!**

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #610** *O For a Thousand Tongues*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"Forgive us, O God, when we want too much to be comforted, but not to be comforting. Forgive us when we want too much to be understood, but not to be understanding. Forgive us when we want too much to be loved, but not to be loving. Help us to see that it is in giving that we receive, in pardoning that we are pardoned, in dying that we are born to eternal life."
(Silent Prayer) "We pray in the name of our Risen Lord, Amen!"

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord, Have Mercy")

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Laura: "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."

All: "Thanks be to God! Amen!"

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

This Is My Song

Fettke

Given in loving memory of Lester Shell

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 35:1-7

GOSPEL READING Mark 7:31-37

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Common Miracle

Reverend Bo Lewis

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

see insert

***HYMN #203**

Jesu, Jesu Fill Us With Your Love

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Nur mein Jesus ist mein Leben* Bach
(Only My Jesus Is My Life)

***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 #757** *Today We are All Called to be Disciples*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *Instrument of Worship* Tornquist

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: Laura 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.

Guest Pastor Rev. Bo Lewis	Secretary Erin Shaw
Choirmaster/Organist Marty Shell	Nursery Attendant
Youth Advisory Team Marty Shell Maggie Shell-Howsen Dana Neal	Website: www.centralprespb.com
The Session <u>Class of 2016</u> Nelson Buchanan Tommy Dunlap Jemmie Moseley Benjimen Neal	<u>Class of 2017</u> 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

While Patsy and Dave Are on Vacation, our friend Bo Lewis will lead the worship this morning and next Sunday, May 1.

Central’s Presbyterian Women will Have A General Meeting next Sunday, May 1, in the Perdue Library following morning worship.

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 Ghost,
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."

Lectionary for Sunday, April 24 - 5th Sunday of Easter

Isaiah 35:1-7

1 The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus

2 it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.

3 Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.

4 Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

5 Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped;

6 then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

7 the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

Mark 7:31-37

31 Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. 32 They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. 33 He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. 34 Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." 35 And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. 36 Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. 37 They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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and the life everlasting. Amen.**

This Is My Song

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
Born of His Spirit, washed in His Blood.

Perfect submission, perfect delight!
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;
Angels descending bring from above
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Perfect submission, all is at rest,
I in my Savior am happy and blest;
Watching and waiting, looking above,
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.

This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior for all the day long;
This is my story, this is my song,
Praising my Savior all the day long.

This is my story, this is my song.

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 24, 2016

MEMBERS:

The Howsen Family
Bernice Lackey
Emil Brown
Bill VonTungeln
Mary Wooten
Valerie Reichen

Donna McCaleb
Mildred Gaunt
Hester Insley
Mary Kientz
Bea Magee

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Doris McCoy, mother of Kay Cromwell
Mary Ward, mother of Dana Neal
Miriam Jennings, mother of a co-worker of Zac Cosner
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
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
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:

Alpine Church, Amity **Cleburne Avenue**, West Helena

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.