



**Central Presbyterian Church**  
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Sunday, April 3, 2016  
**2<sup>ND</sup> 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** *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* Manz

**CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 150

Maggie: "Praise the Lord! Praise God in God's sanctuary; praise God in  
God's mighty firmament!"

**People:** "Praise God for God's mighty deeds; praise God according to  
God's surpassing greatness!"

Maggie: "Praise God with trumpet sound; praise God with lute and harp!"

**People:** "Praise God with tambourine and dance; praise God with  
strings and pipe!"

Maggie: Praise God with clanging cymbals; praise God with loud clashing  
cymbals!"

**All:** "Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the  
Lord!"

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #234** *Come You Faithful, Raise the Strain*

**FILLING OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

"Forgive us, O God, when our lives are too comfortable. Forgive us for not  
living the Good News of Easter. Forgive us when our doubts and fears  
control us, when we aren't able to accept the miraculous. Help us live to  
the fullest with the gifts you give us. Help us be Easter people, rejoicing  
each day in your presence and your promises." (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**

Maggie: "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** *Treasure Each Moment* 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** Psalm 150

**EPISTLE READING** Acts 5:27 - 32

**GOSPEL READING** John 20: 19 - 31

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON** Dave King

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** from *The Heidelberg Confession* see insert

**\*HYMN #236** *The Strife Is O'er*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Dugroßer Scmerzensmann* 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 #238** *Thine Is the Glory*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE\*\*** *Come Into His Presence* 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: Maggie Shell-Howsen**

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.

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

*Announcements*

**The Evening Circle Will Meet** Monday, April 11, at 6:30 p.m., in the Perdue Library.

**The Session Will Hold A Planning Meeting** Thursday, April 14, at 6:00 p.m. Marty will prepare a light meal for us that evening.

**The Men of the Church Will Meet** for breakfast and their regular meeting Saturday, April 16, at 8 a.m. The location of the meeting will be announced at a later date.

**The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held** Sunday, April 17, following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

**The Session Will Meet** Sunday, April 17, following the Fellowship Luncheon, in the Conference Room.

**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.

## Lectionary for Sunday, April 3 - 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter

### Acts 5:27-32

27 When they had brought them, they had them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, 28 saying, "We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us." 29 But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than any human authority. 30 The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. 31 God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. 32 And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him."

### Psalms 150

1 Praise the LORD! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament!

2 Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness!

3 Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp!

4 Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe!

5 Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals!

6 Let everything that breathes praise the LORD! Praise the LORD!

### Revelation 1:4-8

4 John to the seven churches that are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, 5 and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, 6 and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

7 Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.

8 "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

### John 20:19-31

19 When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 20 After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. 21 Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." 22 When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. 23 If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained."

24 But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. 25 So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe."

26 A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you." 27 Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe." 28 Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!" 29 Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe."

30 Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. 31 But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

## Treasure Each Moment

Treasure each moment,  
Live every day.  
Drink from the cup  
That God fills with His grace.  
In sorrow and laughter,  
Joy and in strife,  
Treasure each moment of life.

Treasure each moment,  
Time does not wait,  
Touch those around you  
And feel their embrace,  
In hard times and plenty,  
God will provide.  
Treasure each moment of life.

Treasure each moment sent from above,  
Live in thanksgiving,  
Reflecting God's love.  
In springtime and winter,  
Come rain or shine,  
Treasure each moment of life.

***CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF APRIL 3, 2016***

*MEMBERS:*

*Bernice Lackey*  
*Emil Brown*  
*Bill VonTungeln*  
*Mary Wooten*  
*Valerie Reichen*

*Donna McCaleb*  
*Mildred Gaunt*  
*Hester Insley*  
*Mary Kientz*  
*Bea Magee*

*FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:*

**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  
**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:*

*First, Harrison* *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.*