



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Sunday, May 22, 2016
TRINITY SUNDAY



GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE *Allein Gott in Der HöH'* Decius
(All Glory Be to God on High)

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 8

Maggie: "O Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens. Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger."

People: "When we look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established; what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?"

Maggie: "You have made us a little lower than God, and crowned us with glory and honor. You have given us dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under our feet,"

People: "Sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field, the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas."

All: "Lord, our God, how majestic is your name in all the earth!"

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #1** *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!*

FILLING OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"Merciful God, we confess that our lives are still touched by sin and selfish desires. We allow our pride to damage our relationships with You and with other people. We set aside Your words of wisdom when we want to get our own way. We deceive ourselves and make foolish choices. Forgive us, Holy Lord, when we wander away from You. Forgive us when we separate ourselves from our loved ones and from our family of faith." (Silent Prayer)
"Hear our prayers, for 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

Maggie: "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 *Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart* Atkinson

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 Proverbs 8:1 - 4

GOSPEL READING John 16: 12 - 15

EPISTLE READING Romans 5:1 - 5

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

David S. King

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

***HYMN #8** *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Spirit of the Living God* Iverson

***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 #267** *Come Christians, Join to Sing*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *Postlude on “Italian Hymn”* Broughton

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.**

Usher: Nelson Buchanan 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.

Transitional Pastor
David S. King

Secretary
Erin Shaw

Choirmaster/Organist
Marty Shell

Nursery Attendant

Youth Advisory Team
Marty Shell
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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

Blue Moon Burgers and Bingo Is Tonight!

Everyone is invited to join us this evening at 5:30 p.m. in McElyea Hall for what promises to be a fun time for all. Everyone is asked to bring a \$5 gift to play Bingo. Please sign up on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall if you plan to attend.

VBS 2016 Planning is Underway! The dates have been set, and preparations are being made for Vacation Bible School 2016. This year’s VBS will be held July 14, 15, & 16, and the curriculum is called ***Cave Quest***. Volunteers are needed! We need teachers, registration workers, arts & crafts & music helpers. If you would like to work with us this year, please let Laura Cosner or Denise Mosley know. Be sure to watch the monthly *Central Scene* and weekly bulletins for more details!

The Church Office Will Be Closed Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

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, May 22 - Trinity Sunday

Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31

1 Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice?

2 On the heights, beside the way, at the crossroads she takes her stand;

3 beside the gates in front of the town, at the entrance of the portals she cries out:

4 "To you, O people, I call, and my cry is to all that live.

22 The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago.

23 Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

24 When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water.

25 Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth--

26 when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil.

27 When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep,

28 when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep,

29 when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth,

30 then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always,

31 rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

Psalms 8

1 O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth! You have set your glory above the heavens.

2 Out of the mouths of babes and infants you have founded a bulwark because of your foes, to silence the enemy and the avenger.

3 When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars that you have established;

4 what are human beings that you are mindful of them, mortals that you care for them?

5 Yet you have made them a little lower than God, and crowned them with glory and honor.

6 You have given them dominion over the works of your hands; you have put all things under their feet,

7 all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,

8 the birds of the air, and the fish of the sea, whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

9 O LORD, our Sovereign, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Romans 5:1-5

1 Therefore, since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. 3 And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, 4 and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, 5 and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

John 16:12-15

12 "I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. 13 When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. 14 He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. 15 All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart;
Wean it from earth; through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art,
And make me love thee as I ought to love.

Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King
All, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?
I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.
O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh.
Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear,
To check the rising doubt, the rebel sigh.
Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love,
One holy passion filling all my frame;
The baptism of the heaven descended Dove,
My heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me; mold me; fill me; use me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF MAY 22, 2016

MEMBERS:

Tommy Dunlap
Austin Graves
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:

The family of Margaret Watson, cousin of Betty Coles
Walter Collins, dear friend of the church
Gerry Eilbott Soltz, friend of Lawrence Fikes
Blake & Jordan Sorey & Baby Broox Sorey, friends of the Cosner family
Ken Hensley, former member
Rebecca and Earl Phillips, friends of Karen and David Perdue
Doris McCoy, mother of Kay Cromwell
Mary Ward, mother of Dana Neal
Lois Tucker, neighbor of The Mosley family
Allen Wimberly, Benjimen Neal & Avery Peyton’s band director
Helen Knoll, great-grandmother of Amber Poss
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
Rhett Lunningham, nephew of David Judkins
Pam Panks, mother of Bubba VonTungeln’s friend
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:

Holly Grove Church, Holly Grove **First**, Alma

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.