



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Sunday, May 29, 2016
9TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE *O Sing a New Song to the Lord* Buck

CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 96

Maggie: "O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth. Sing to the Lord, bless God's name; tell of God's salvation from day to day."

People: "Declare God's glory among the nations, God's marvelous works among all the peoples. For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; God is to be revered above all gods."

Maggie: "For all the gods of the peoples are idols, but the Lord made the heavens. Honor and majesty are before God; strength and beauty are in God's sanctuary."

People: "Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength. Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to God's name; bring an offering, and come into God's courts."

All: "Let us worship the Lord in holy splendor; Let all the earth tremble before God!"

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #299** *You Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim*

FILLING OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"Forgive us, O God, when we sing old, tired, lifeless songs. Forgive us when we get stuck and can't see beyond our immediate needs. Help us sing new songs to praise you. Help us see your presence in your creation, and help us see your hand in our lives. Forgive us when we just put one foot in front of the other, and help us see more clearly your Spirit leading us through your world. Lift us up by the power of your Spirit and help us be faithful to you." (Silent Prayer) "In Jesus' name we pray, 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 *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* Smith

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 1 Kings 18:20 - 40

GOSPEL READING Luke 7:1 - 10

EPISTLE READING Galatians 1:1 - 12

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

David S. King

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *from A Brief Statement of Faith* see insert

***HYMN #441** *Hear the Good News of Salvation*

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Erschienen ist der herr Licht Tag

Bach

(The Glorious Day Has Dawned)

***DOXOLOGY** ("Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow") *Hymnal* #607

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.”)

***RECESSIONAL HYMN #307** *God of Grace and God of Glory*

POSTLUDE**

Lord, We Praise You

Skilling

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

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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

Jimmie Moseley
& Marty Shell Worship & Music

Pastor Nominating Committee

Kay Cromwell
Lawrence Fikes
Mike Kelley
Denise Mosley
Marty Shell (chair)

Announcements

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 tomorrow, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day.

Mark Your Calendars for the Annual

NAMIWalk – Saturday, June 11, at 10 a.m., at Dickey Stephens ballpark in North Little Rock. Our church has been a long-time supporter of NAMI's programs and advocacy for individuals and families dealing with emotional problems, and we had a great turn-out last year. In addition, everyone who takes part will get a free ticket to that evening's ballgame against Northwest Arkansas Naturals. The game will begin at 5:30 and will be followed by a concert. Check with Dave for more information.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

Notes on Today's Affirmation of Faith:
from A Brief Statement of Faith

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."

When the two largest Presbyterian bodies in the country planned to merge in 1983, they decided to create a new statement of the faith they shared that could be used in worship. "It does not pretend to be a complete list of our beliefs, nor does it explain any of them in detail." It is intended to show that despite our diversity there is much about our faith which holds us together.

Lectionary for Sunday, May 29 - 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 18:20-40

20 So Ahab sent to all the Israelites, and assembled the prophets at Mount Carmel. 21 Elijah then came near to all the people, and said, "How long will you go limping with two different opinions? If the LORD is God, follow him; but if Baal, then follow him." The people did not answer him a word. 22 Then Elijah said to the people, "I, even I only, am left a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets number four hundred fifty. 23 Let two bulls be given to us; let them choose one bull for themselves, cut it in pieces, and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it; I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood, but put no fire to it. 24 Then you call on the name of your god and I will call on the name of the LORD; the god who answers by fire is indeed God." All the people answered, "Well spoken!" 25 Then Elijah said to the prophets of Baal, "Choose for yourselves one bull and prepare it first, for you are many; then call on the name of your god, but put no fire to it." 26 So they took the bull that was given them, prepared it, and called on the name of Baal from morning until noon, crying, "O Baal, answer us!" But there was no voice, and no answer. They limped about the altar that they had made. 27 At noon Elijah mocked them, saying, "Cry aloud! Surely he is a god; either he is meditating, or he has wandered away, or he is on a journey, or perhaps he is asleep and must be awakened." 28 Then they cried aloud and, as was their custom, they cut themselves with swords and lances until the blood gushed out over them. 29 As midday passed, they raved on until the time of the offering of the oblation, but there was no voice, no answer, and no response.

30 Then Elijah said to all the people, "Come closer to me"; and all the people came closer to him. First he repaired the altar of the LORD that had been thrown down; 31 Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, to whom the word of the LORD came, saying, "Israel shall be your name"; 32 with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD. Then he made a trench around the altar, large enough to contain two measures of seed. 33 Next he put the wood in order, cut the bull in pieces, and laid it on the wood. He said, "Fill four jars with water and pour it on the burnt offering and on the wood." 34 Then he said, "Do it a second time"; and they did it a second time. Again he said, "Do it a third time"; and they did it a third time, 35 so that the water ran all around the altar, and filled the trench also with water.

36 At the time of the offering of the oblation, the prophet Elijah came near and said, "O LORD, God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel, let it be known this day that you are God in Israel, that I am your servant, and that I have done all these things at your bidding. 37 Answer me, O LORD, answer me, so that this people may know that you, O LORD, are God, and that you have turned their hearts back." 38 Then the fire of the LORD fell and consumed the burnt offering, the wood, the stones, and the dust, and even licked up the water that was in the trench. 39 When all the people saw it, they fell on their faces and said, "The LORD indeed is God; the LORD indeed is God." 40 Elijah said to them,

"Seize the prophets of Baal; do not let one of them escape." Then thy seized them; and Elijah brought them down to the Wadi Kishon, and killed them there.

Luke 7:1-10

1 After Jesus had finished all his sayings in the hearing of the people, he entered Capernaum. 2 A centurion there had a slave whom he valued highly, and who was ill and close to death. 3 When he heard about Jesus, he sent some Jewish elders to him, asking him to come and heal his slave. 4 When they came to Jesus, they appealed to him earnestly, saying, "He is worthy of having you do this for him, 5 for he loves our people, and it is he who built our synagogue for us." 6 And Jesus went with them, but when he was not far from the house, the centurion sent friends to say to him, "Lord, do not trouble yourself, for I am not worthy to have you come under my roof; 7 therefore I did not presume to come to you. But only speak the word, and let my servant be healed. 8 For I also am a man set under authority, with soldiers under me; and I say to one, 'Go,' and he goes, and to another, 'Come,' and he comes, and to my slave, 'Do this,' and the slave does it." 9 When Jesus heard this he was amazed at him, and turning to the crowd that followed him, he said, "I tell you, not even in Israel have I found such faith." 10 When those who had been sent returned to the house, they found the slave in good health.

Galatians 1:1-12

1 Paul an apostle—sent neither by human commission nor from human authorities, but through Jesus Christ and God the Father, who raised him from the dead—2 and all the members of God's family who are with me, To the churches of Galatia:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, 4 who gave himself for our sins to set us free from the present evil age, according to the will of our God and Father, 5 to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen.

6 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting the one who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel—7 not that there is another gospel, but there are some who are confusing you and want to pervert the gospel of Christ. 8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should proclaim to you a gospel contrary to what we proclaimed to you, let that one be accursed! 9 As we have said before, so now I repeat, if anyone proclaims to you a gospel contrary to what you received, let that one be accursed!

10 Am I now seeking human approval, or God's approval? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still pleasing people, I would not be a servant of Christ.

11 For I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the gospel that was proclaimed by me is not of human origin; 12 for I did not receive it from a human source, nor was I taught it, but I received it through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

O Master, Let Me Walk With thee

O Master, let me walk with Thee
In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret, help me bear
The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move
By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay,
And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee
In closer, dearer company;
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray
Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only thou canst give,
With Thee, O Master, let me live.

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF MAY 29, 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:

Quinn Wormer, grandnephew of Connie Detmers
Mary Ward, mother of Dana Neal
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
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:

Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village

First, Searcy

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.