



**Central Presbyterian Church**  
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**Sunday, May 8, 2016**

**7<sup>TH</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**

*Of the Father's Love Begotten*

Douglas

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 97

**Maggie:** "The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad! Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne."

**People:** "Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side. His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles. The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth."

**Maggie:** "The heavens proclaim The Lord is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!"

**People:** "The light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart."

**All:** "Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name! Let us worship God."

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #661** *His Eye Is on the Sparrow*

**FILLING OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

"Have mercy on us, O God. In your great compassion, do not hold our sins against us. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Do not cast us from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore us to the joy of your salvation, and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. (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: "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**

*Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether*

Friedell

**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 97

**GOSPEL READING** John 17:20-26

**EPISTLE READING** Acts 16:16-34

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

David S. King

\***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.

\***HYMN** #358

*Steal Away*

## Lectionary for Sunday, May 8 - 7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter

### **Psalm 97**

1 The LORD is king! Let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!

2 Clouds and thick darkness are all around him; righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.

3 Fire goes before him, and consumes his adversaries on every side.

4 His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.

5 The mountains melt like wax before the LORD, before the Lord of all the earth.

6 The heavens proclaim his righteousness; and all the peoples behold his glory.

7 All worshipers of images are put to shame, those who make their boast in worthless idols; all gods bow down before him.

8 Zion hears and is glad, and the towns of Judah rejoice, because of your judgments, O God.

9 For you, O LORD, are most high over all the earth; you are exalted far above all gods.

10 The LORD loves those who hate evil; he guards the lives of his faithful; he rescues them from the hand of the wicked.

11 Light dawns for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart.

12 Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to his holy name!

### **Acts 16:16-34**

16 One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. 17 While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, "These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation." 18 She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And it came out that very hour.

19 But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the marketplace before the authorities. 20 When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, "These men are disturbing our

city; they are Jews 21 and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe." 22 The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. 23 After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. 24 Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. 26 Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul shouted in a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." 29 The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them outside and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 They answered, "Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. 34 He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

### **John 17:20-26**

20 "I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, 21 that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. 22 The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, 23 I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. 24 Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

25 "Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. 26 I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them."

## **Draw Us In The Spirit's Tether**

Draw us in the Spirit's tether;  
For when humbly, in thy name,  
Two or three are met together,  
Thou are in the midst of them;  
Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Here we touch your garment's hem.

As the disciples used to gather  
In the name of Christ to sup,  
Then with thanks to God the giver  
Break the bread and bless the cup,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living  
Make as sacraments to you,  
That by caring, helping, giving,  
We may be disciples true,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
We will serve with faith anew.

**CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF MAY 8, 2016**

**MEMBERS:**

**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 G. A. Shandy**, brother of Hester Insley and Mary Wooten  
**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:**

**First, Hot Springs**

**Ministries to Hispanic Persons**

**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.**



## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### **CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

#### **OFFERTORY**

*Lobt Gott, ihr Christen, allzugleich*      Bach  
(*Praise God, Ye Christians, All Together*)

**\*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 #418**      *Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling*

#### **\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE\*\***      *When In Our Music God Is Glorified*      Stanford

#### **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

Maggie Shell-Howsen

Dana Neal

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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*

**The Evening Circle Will Meet** tomorrow, May 9, at 6:30 p.m., in the Perdue Library.

**Next Sunday Is the Day of Pentecost.**

Everyone is encouraged to wear red that morning. The Pentecost offering also will be received during morning worship.

**The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held** next Sunday, May 15, following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

**The Session Will Meet** next Sunday, May 15, following the Fellowship Luncheon, in the Conference Room.

**The Deadline for the June Issue of *Central Scene*** is Monday, May 16. Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.

**Blue Moon Burgers and Bingo Will Be** Sunday May 22, at 5:30 p.m. 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*. Be sure to watch the monthly *Central Scene* and weekly bulletins for more details!