



Central Presbyterian Church
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Sunday, July 17, 2016
16TH 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

CHORAL PRELUDE *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* Fishel

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 119

Lawrence: "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path."

People: "Accept our offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach us your ways. We hold our lives in our hands continually, but we do not forget your commands."

Lawrence: "The wicked have laid a snare for us, but we do not stray from your paths."

People: "Your decrees are our inheritance forever; they are the joys of our hearts. We incline our hearts to perform your statutes forever, to the end."

All: "O LORD our God, we will give thanks to you forever."

***OPENING HYMN #331** *God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

FILLING OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"Lord, You choose us to carry out Your will, to bring Your light and hope into a world that desperately needs it. Often we think there must be others who are better than we are. You call us to reach out to the least of your people, and that overwhelms us. Forgive us for giving in to our fears and for running from Your call. Give us strength so we can say 'Here I am, Lord, send me.'" (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

Lawrence: "Anyone who is in Christ is a New Creation. The old life is gone, a new life has begun. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace."

All: "Thanks be to God! Amen!"

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Lawrence: "As Christ has given each of us Peace, let us extend it now to our Neighbors. The Peace of Christ be with you!"

People: "And also with you." (Please extend the right hand of fellowship to those around you by saying: "The Peace of Christ be with you!")

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Love Lifted Me* John T. Benson, Jr.
Rose VonTungeln & Amanda Chandler, Soloists

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 Amos 8:1 - 12

GOSPEL READING Luke 10:38 - 42

EPISTLE READING Colossians 1:15 - 28

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

David S. King

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostles' Creed*

see insert

***HYMN #450** *Be Thou My Vision*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *My Song Forever Shall Record* Praetorius
(Psalm 89)

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

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *God of Grace* Manz

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: Tommy Dunlap Lay Reader: Lawrence Fikes

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.

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David S. King

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Betty Coles	Budget & Finance
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Denise Mosley	Education
Laura Cosner	Fellowship & Nurture
	Missions & Outreach

Jemmie Moseley & Marty Shell	Worship & Music
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Pastor Nominating Committee

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

Announcements

There Will a Very Brief Meeting of the Session following lunch.

Erin Will Be Out Of The Office Monday, July 18, through Wednesday, July 20. She will be back in the office Thursday morning.

The Annual Trinity Brunch Has Been Set for Thursday, July 21, at 10 a.m. in the Trinity Village Great Hall. The residents truly enjoy the brunch. They love the food, but they especially enjoy the company. If you have children or grandchildren who are available, bring them too! If you have any questions or would like to help, contact Kay Cromwell for more information.

The Annual Neighbor to Neighbor School Supply Drive Is Underway! Central has been asked to help support the School Supply Program again this year by collecting 60 1 or 1 1/2-inch, three-ring binders. You may place the binders on the round table in McElyea Hall. Additionally, good, clean school uniforms can always be used. The deadline for school supplies is Friday, July 22. For more information, contact Neighbor to Neighbor at 870-534-2883.

Camp Comes to the City! First Presbyterian's Vacation Bible School will be held August 1 - 5, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Camp counselors from Camp Ferncliff come and provide a "day-camp" experience for your kids and grandkids. Registration forms are available on the round table in the Narthex and the church office. For more information, see the flyer on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall.

Lectionary for Sunday, July 17 - 16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:1-12

1 This is what the Lord GOD showed me--a basket of summer fruit.

2 He said, "Amos, what do you see?" And I said, "A basket of summer fruit." Then the LORD said to me, The end has come upon my people Israel; I will never again pass them by.

3 The songs of the temple shall become wailings in that day," says the Lord GOD; "the dead bodies shall be many, cast out in every place. Be silent!"

:4 Hear this, you that trample on the needy, and bring to ruin the poor of the land,

5 saying, "When will the new moon be over so that we may sell grain; and the sabbath, so that we may offer wheat for sale? We will make the ephah small and the shekel great, and practice deceit with false balances,

6 buying the poor for silver and the needy for a pair of sandals, and selling the sweepings of the wheat."

7 The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

8 Shall not the land tremble on this account, and everyone mourn who lives in it, and all of it rise like the Nile, and be tossed about and sink again, like the Nile of Egypt?

9 On that day, says the Lord GOD, I will make the sun go down at noon, and darken the earth in broad daylight.

10 I will turn your feasts into mourning, and all your songs into lamentation; I will bring sackcloth on all loins, and baldness on every head; I will make it like the mourning for an only son, and the end of it like a bitter day.

11 The time is surely coming, says the Lord GOD, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the LORD.

12 They shall wander from sea to sea, and from north to east; they shall run to and fro, seeking the word of the LORD, but they shall not find it.

Luke 10:38-42

38 Now as they went on their way, he entered a certain village, where a woman named Martha welcomed him into her home. 39 She had a sister named Mary, who sat at the Lord's feet and listened to what he was saying. 40 But Martha was distracted by her many tasks; so she came to him and asked, "Lord, do you not care that my sister has left me to do all the work by myself? Tell her then to help me." 41 But the Lord answered her, "Martha, Martha, you are worried and distracted by many things; 42 there is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, which will not be taken away from her."

Colossians 1:15-28

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; 16 for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. 17 He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. 18 He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. 19 For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, 20 and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

21 And you who were once estranged and hostile in mind, doing evil deeds, 22 he has now reconciled in his fleshly body through death, so as to present you holy and blameless and irreproachable before him—23 provided that you continue securely established and steadfast in the faith, without shifting from the hope promised by the gospel that you heard, which has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven. I, Paul, became a servant of this gospel.

24 I am now rejoicing in my sufferings for your sake, and in my flesh I am completing what is lacking in Christ's afflictions for the sake of his body, that is, the church. 25 I became its servant according to God's commission that was given to me for you, to make the word of God fully known, 26 the mystery that has been hidden throughout the ages and generations but has now been revealed to his saints. 27 To them God chose to make known how great among the Gentiles are the riches of the glory of this mystery, which is Christ in you, the hope of glory. 28 It is he whom we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone in all wisdom, so that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

