



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Sunday, July 31, 2016
18TH 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 *Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God* Carter

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 5

Karen: "Give ear to my words, O LORD; give heed to my sighing."
People: **"Listen to the sound of our cry, our King and our God, for to you we pray."**
Karen: "O LORD, in the morning you hear my voice; in the morning I plead my case to you, and watch."
People: **"For you are not a God who delights in wickedness; evil will not sojourn with you."**
Karen: "The boastful will not stand before your eyes; you hate all evildoers. You will destroy those who speak lies; the bloodthirsty and the deceitful."
People: **"But through the abundance of your steadfast love, we will enter your house, we will bow down in awe of you. Lead us, O LORD, in your righteousness; make your way straight before us."**
All: **"This is the day that The Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it! Let us worship God!"**

***OPENING HYMN #833** *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

FILLING OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"God, we confess that we have sinned and have fallen short of being the people You intend us be. Too often we find our identity in things of this world: money, homes, work, families, reputation, friends, opinions. We have turned away from your Kingdom to satisfy our own agendas. Help us see more clearly who you intend us to be and what intend for us to do."
(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

Karen: "Christ Jesus came into this world to bring sinners into a new relationship with God. Hear these words of God's grace: In life and in death and in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God!"

All: "Thanks be to God! Amen!"

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Karen: "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 *This Little Light of Mine* Black/Wilson

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 Isaiah 1:1, 10 - 20

GOSPEL READING Luke 12:32 - 40

EPISTLE READING Hebrews 11:1 - 3, 8 - 16

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Scots Confession

David S. King

see insert

*HYMN #688

Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

By All Your Saints Still Striving

Williams

*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 #835

Just a Closer Walk with Thee

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE**

Victory In Jesus

Bartlett

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: George Mosley

Lay Reader: Karen Perdue

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 Attendants

Laura & Zac Cosner
- Youth Advisory Team

Marty Shell

Maggie Shell-Howsen

Dana Neal
- Website:

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Class of 2016

Nelson Buchanan

Tommy Dunlap

Jemie Moseley

Benjimen Neal

Class of 2017

Denise Mosley

Laura Cosner

Betty Coles (clerk)

Marty Shell
- Standing Committee Moderators

Betty Coles

Nelson Buchanan

Denise Mosley

Laura Cosner

Jemie Moseley & Marty Shell

Budget & Finance

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Fellowship & Nurture

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Worship & Music
- Pastor Nominating Committee

Kay Cromwell

Mike Kelley

Denise Mosley

Marty Shell (chair)

Announcements

Dave Will Be in Pine Bluff on Tuesday and Wednesday this week. The Bible Study lunch group will meet on Wednesday, and we will return to our usual Thursday time next week.

We’re having a Youth Lock-In! All school age youth, elementary through high school, are invited to join us on Friday, August 12, in the Youth/Activities building beginning at 7:00 p.m. That evening we will enjoy games, movies, and lots of fun fellowship! We will serve hot dogs with all the trimmings. Bring your sleeping bag and stay the night!

Breakfast will be served bright and early before the kids head home. Parents may pick up their kids at 7:30 a.m. Saturday morning. We are looking for donations of trail mix and other snacks that they kids would enjoy. Join us for food, fun, fellowship and friendship as we celebrate the close of summer!

Lectionary for Sunday, August 7 - 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 1:1, 10-20

1 The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

10 Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah!

11 What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats.

12 When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more;

13 bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation-- I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity.

14 Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them.

15 When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood.

16 Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean; remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil,

17 learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow.

18 Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

19 If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land;

20 but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. 2 Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. 3 By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

8 By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. 9 By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. 10 For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. 11 By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old--and Sarah herself was barren--because he considered him faithful who had promised. 12 Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore."

13 All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, 14 for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. 15 If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. 16 But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

Luke 12:32-40

32 "Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom. 33 Sell your possessions, and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. 34 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

35 "Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; 36 be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. 37 Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. 38 If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves.

39 "But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. 40 You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour."

Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God

Create in me a clean heart, O God;
Create in me a clean heart, O God;
Create in me a clean heart, O God;
And renew a right spirit within me.

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
And uphold me with your free Spirit

This Little Light of Mine

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine,
Let it shine.

Every where I go,
I'm gonna let it shine,
Every where I go,
I'm gonna let it shine,
Every where I go,
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine,
Let it shine.

Jesus gave it to me,
I'm gonna let it shine,
Jesus gave it to me,
I'm gonna let it shine,
Jesus gave it to me,
I'm gonna let it shine,
Let it shine, let it shine,
Let it shine.

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine,
Let it shine. Let it shine,
Let it shine.

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF AUGUST 7, 2016

MEMBERS:

Mary Wooten
Denise Mosley
Bernice Lackey
Bill VonTungeln
Valerie Reichen

Donna McCaleb
Mildred Gaunt
Hester Insley
Mary Kientz
Bea Magee

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

Melissa Amanda McCullough, relative of Amanda Chandler and Laura Pierce
Brent Harrison, friend of Rose & Suzy VonTungeln
Tommy Sechelski, co-worker of Bubba VonTunteln
Tommy Gonzales, Uncle of Michael Chandler
Ashley Raff, co-worker of Denise Mosley
Noie Roberson, sister of Frank Merritt
Quinn Wormer, grandnephew of Connie Detmers
Mary Ward, mother of Dana Neal
Gerry Eilbott Soltz, friend of Lawrence Fikes
Blake & Jordan Sorey & Baby Broox Sorey, friends of the Cosner family
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
Audrey Brooks, mother-in-law of Nelson Buchanan

Steven Lee, uncle of Amber Poss
Cathy Risinger, sister of Kay Cromwell
Scott Howell, son of friend of Jemmie Moseley and Lynda Vick
Scott McGeorge, friend of Laurence Fikes
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
Perry Reynolds, friend of the Jane & David Judkins
Lori Partridge, friend of Rose VonTungeln
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, Bentonville

Westminster, Little Rock

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.