



**Central Presbyterian Church**  
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Sunday, September 18, 2016  
**25<sup>TH</sup> 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** *Remember Not, O God* Southwell

**CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 139

Lynda: "Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD; praise the name of the LORD. Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time on and forevermore."

**People:** "The LORD is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. Who is like the LORD our God, who is seated on high, who looks far down on the heavens and the earth?"

Lynda: "God raises the poor from the dust, and lifts the needy from the ash heap, to make them sit with princes, with the princes of his people."

**People:** "God gives the barren woman a home, making her the joyous mother of children. Praise the LORD!"

**All:** "Worship the Lord with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing! Let us worship God!"

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #327** *From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

**FILLING THE BAPTISMAL FONT**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

"Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, your face is hidden from us by our sins, and we forget your mercy in the blindness of our hearts. Cleanse us from all our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, so that with reverent and humble hearts we may come near to you, confess our faults, and live confidently in your grace."  
(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**

Lynda: "The Scriptures promise us: 'Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.'"

**People:** "'The old life has gone; a new life has begun.'"

Lynda: "This is the Good News! We belong to God!"

**All:** "Amen!"

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

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Lynda: "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**

*I Thank My God For You*

Martin

Descant, Amanda Chandler

**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**

**COMMISSIONING OF OUR CHURCH SCHOOL TEACHERS AND**

**RECOGNITION OF OUR STUDENTS**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**We Also Are in Need of Volunteers** to begin our Sunday afternoon programs with our youth. We need volunteers to lead a short lesson, craft, games and simply spread a little fun! We need your help, just twice a month, 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month, excluding holidays. Let one of the youth sponsors know if you can help.

## Lectionary for Sunday, September 18 - 25<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

### **Jeremiah 8:18-9:1**

8:18 My joy is gone, grief is upon me, my heart is sick.

19 Hark, the cry of my poor people from far and wide in the land: "Is the LORD not in Zion? Is her King not in her?" ("Why have they provoked me to anger with their images, with their foreign idols?")

20 "The harvest is past, the summer is ended, and we are not saved."

21 For the hurt of my poor people I am hurt, I mourn, and dismay has taken hold of me.

22 Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there? Why then has the health of my poor people not been restored?

9:11 O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!

### **1 Timothy 2:1-7**

1 First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for everyone, 2 for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. 3 This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Savior, 4 who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth. 5 For

there is one God; there is also one mediator between God and humankind, Christ Jesus, himself human, 2:6 who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. 7 For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

### **Luke 16:1-13**

1 Then Jesus said to the disciples, "There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. 2 So he summoned him and said to him, 'What is this that I hear about you? Give me an accounting of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.' 3 Then the manager said to himself, 'What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. 4 I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.' 5 So, summoning his master's debtors one by one, he asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' 6 He answered, 'A hundred jugs of olive oil.' He said to him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.' 7 Then he asked another, 'And how much do you owe?' He replied, 'A hundred containers of wheat.' He said to him, 'Take your bill and make it eighty.' 8 And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. 9 And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

10 "Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. 11 If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the true riches? 12 And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? 13 No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth."

**I Thank My God for You**

I Thank my God for you each time I think of you.  
Each time I pray for you, I'm filled with thanksgiving.  
For every word and deed, for helping those in need, I thank the Lord for you and give Him the glory.

And even when we are apart, you are always in my heart.  
We are bonded by God's Holy Spirit. For we are one in God's embrace, One in love's unfailing grace, We give voice to one great alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, I give thanks.  
I thank my God and give my praise.  
Alleluia, I thank my God.

I thank my God for you each time I think of you.  
Each time I pray for you, I'm filled with thanksgiving.  
And when the day is done, and every race is run.  
God's perfect grace will bring us home.

We will be together, forever and ever, ever and ever more.  
I thank my god.

*Today's anthem is in honor of Dave King's service to Central as Transitional Pastor*

**CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 18, 2016**

*MEMBERS:*

**Lynda Vick**  
**Amber Poss**  
**Dana Neal**  
**Bill VonTungeln**  
**Mary Wooten**  
**Bernice Lackey**

**Valerie Reichen**  
**Mildred Gaunt**  
**Hester Insley**  
**Mary Kientz**  
**Bea Magee**

*FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:*

**Mary Ward**, mother of Dana Neal  
**Carla Baumer**, mother of Brianna Rodriguez's friend  
**All who have been affected by the recent flooding in Louisiana and surrounding areas**  
**Erin Shaw and family**, church secretary  
**Maisie Varnell**, mother of Jayme Varnell  
**Brent Harrison**, friend of Rose & Suzy VonTungeln  
**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  
**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  
**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**, Brinkley **First**, Jonesboro

*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.**