



**Central Presbyterian Church**  
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
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Sunday, September 4, 2016  
**23<sup>RD</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**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

from Psalm 139

Lynda: "O LORD, you have searched us and known us."

People: "You know when we sit down and when we rise up; you discern our thoughts from far away. You search out our path and our lying down; you are acquainted with all our ways. Even before a word is on our tongues, O LORD, you know it completely."

Lynda: "You hem us in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon us. Such knowledge is too wonderful for us; it is so high that we cannot attain it. For it was you who formed our inward parts; you knit us together in our mothers' wombs."

People: "How weighty are your thoughts, O God! How vast is the sum of them! They are more than the sand. When I come to the end -- I am still with you."

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

**\*OPENING HYMN #213** *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

**FILLING OF THE BAPTISMAL FONT**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

"Gracious God, we confess all our sins before You. We confess those things we did that were wrong. We confess those things we should have done but did not. We confess those sins we cannot remember. We confess those things we did that we did not recognize as sins. Forgive us for the hardness of our hearts and fill us with your grace. Renew us and inspire us." (Silent Prayer) "We pray in the name of Jesus, 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*

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**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**

Zac Cosner

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Jeremiah 2:4 - 13

**GOSPEL READING** Luke 14:1, 7 - 14

**EPISTLE READING** Hebrews 13:1 - 8, 15 - 16

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

David S. King

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Scots Confession*

see insert

**\*HYMN #686** *God of Our Life*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

**\*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 #761** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE\*\***

**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: Connie Detmers                      Lay Reader: Lynda Vick**

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

**Guest Organist**  
Donald Walker

**Nursery Attendants**  
Laura & Zac Cosner

**Youth Advisory Team**  
Marty Shell  
Maggie Shell-Howsen  
Dana Neal

**Website:**  
**[www.centralprespb.com](http://www.centralprespb.com)**

**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
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**Pastor Nominating Committee**

Kay Cromwell  
Mike Kelley  
Denise Mosley  
Marty Shell (chair)

*Announcements*

**The Church Office Will Be Closed** tomorrow, September 5, in observance of Labor Day.

**NAMI Family-to-Family Classes Will Be Held** beginning Tuesday, September 6, at 6:30 p.m. at Freeway Medical in LR. NAMI Family-to-Family is a free, 12-session educational program for family, significant others, and friends of people living with mental illness. It is taught by NAMI-trained family members who have been there, and includes presentations, discussion and interactive exercises. Research shows that the program significantly improves the coping and problem-solving abilities of the people closest to an individual living with a mental health condition.

**A Meeting Of The Congregation Will Be Held** next Sunday, September 11, at the end of worship to elect the Nominating Committee for the Sessional Class of 2018 and to hear and act upon the report of the Pastor Nominating Committee. All those who worship with us are welcome to attend; only members of Central may vote.

**Central’s Youth Will Host a Fund Raiser Luncheon** next Sunday, September 11, following morning worship. The meal will include salad, spaghetti with all the trimmings, and desserts! Cost for the luncheon will be \$8.00 per adult, kids 6-12 \$5.00, 5 and under free. Be sure to stay after the service for the food and fellowship.

*(Announcements continued on insert)*

## Lectionary for Sunday, September 4 - 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Jeremiah 18:1-11

1 The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: 2 "Come, go down to the potter's house, and there I will let you hear my words." 3 So I went down to the potter's house, and there he was working at his wheel. 4 The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter's hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him.

5 Then the word of the LORD came to me: 6 Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the LORD. Just like the clay in the potter's hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. 7 At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom, that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, 8 but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. 9 And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, 10 but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. 11 Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the LORD: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

### Philemon 1:1-21

1 Paul, a prisoner of Christ Jesus, and Timothy our brother, To Philemon our dear friend and co-worker, 2 to Apphia our sister, to Archippus our fellow soldier, and to the church in your house:

3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

4 When I remember you in my prayers, I always thank my God 5 because I hear of your love for all the saints and your faith toward the Lord Jesus. 6 I pray that the sharing of your faith may become effective when you perceive all the good that we may do for Christ. 7 I have indeed received much joy and encouragement from your love, because the hearts of the saints have been refreshed through you, my brother.

8 For this reason, though I am bold enough in Christ to command you to do your duty, 9 yet I would rather appeal to you on the basis of love--and I, Paul, do this as an old man, and now also as a prisoner of Christ Jesus. 10 I am appealing to you for my child, Onesimus, whose father I have become during my imprisonment. 11 Formerly he was useless to you, but now he is indeed useful both to you and to me. 12 I am sending him, that is, my own heart, back to you. 13 I wanted to keep him with me, so that he might be of service to me in your place during my imprisonment for the gospel;

14 but I preferred to do nothing without your consent, in order that your good deed might be voluntary and not something forced. 15 Perhaps this is the reason he was separated from you for a while, so that you might have him back forever, 16 no longer as a slave but more than a slave, a beloved brother--especially to me but how much more to you, both in the flesh and in the Lord.

17 So if you consider me your partner, welcome him as you would welcome me. 18 If he has wronged you in any way, or owes you anything, charge that to my account. 19 I, Paul, am writing this with my own hand: I will repay it. I say nothing about your owing me even your own self. 20 Yes, brother, let me have this benefit from you in the Lord! Refresh my heart in Christ. 21 Confident of your obedience, I am writing to you, knowing that you will do even more than I say.

### Luke 14:25-33

25 Now large crowds were traveling with him; and he turned and said to them, 26 "Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, 30 saying, 'This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.' 31 Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 If he cannot, then, while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. 33 So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

## *Announcements* (cont.)

**The Evening Circle Will Meet** Monday, September 12, at 6:30 p.m. in the Perdue Library.

**The Men of the Church Will Meet** Saturday, September 17, at 8 a.m., at the Corner Café in Watson Chapel.

**Join Us for Trip to Texas Roadhouse** on Saturday September 17. We will meet at the church at 4:00 p.m. and take the church van to the restaurant. If you would like to travel with us, please sign the sheet in McElyea Hall. For questions or more information, contact Laura Cosner at 870-718-6841.

**Join us on Sunday, September 18, for Rally Sunday.** During worship that morning we will have Sunday School Promotions as well as Sunday School Teacher Recognition for the 2016-2017 year.

**The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held** Sunday, September 18, following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

**The Session Will Meet** Sunday, September 18, in the conference room following the luncheon.

**Dave and Karen Will Host Vespers at Trinity Village** Sunday, September 18, at 4 p.m. in the Great Hall. All are invited to attend.

**We Are In Need Of Volunteers** to help seal the playground equipment. If you would like to help, contact Zac Cosner, 870-550-9825.

**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.

## *CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 4, 2016*

### *MEMBERS:*

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

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

### *FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:*

***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  
***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  
***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:*

***Faith***, Pine Bluff

***First***, Beebe

### *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.***