



# Central Scene

Central Presbyterian Church

## Church Mission Statement

To celebrate God's love, nurture growth, share our faith, and serve the needs of others

## Church Membership

Membership in Central Presbyterian Church is open to all who profess faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. New members will be received upon baptism and profession of faith, reaffirmation of faith, or by letter of transfer.

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## Christ Goes with You

John 15:4, NIV: "Remain in me, and I will remain in you. No branch can bear fruit by itself; it must remain in the vine. Neither can you bear fruit unless you remain in me."

Regardless of where you are, Christ is there. When you are atop the mountain praising God and walking in the warmth of His love, He is there. When you are walking through the valley of the shadows, He is there. You may be saying, "Yes, I know that, but..." one thing or another has stolen your joy or your peace. And yet, the joy and peace you need is not yours but that which resides in Christ



## Upcoming Events

### May 7

Presbyterian Women will meet after service. Women are needed to help provide a light lunch – a few sandwiches, salad and dessert. Please let Kay Cromwell know if you can help

### May 8

1<sup>st</sup> Presbyterian Circle Woman Luncheon at noon. \$8-\$10

\*\*\*If you would like to attend please contact their church office by May 3 at [\(870\) 534-7831](tel:8705347831)

### May 14

Youth Sunday  
Fellowship Luncheon

### May 21

Session Meeting

**Choir Practice Wednesday at 6:30pm**

**Noon Bible Study on Thursdays**

**Newsletter Deadline** for the June issue of Central Scene is Monday May 22 Please let us know if you would like to continue your subscription by emailing us at [office@centralprespb.com](mailto:office@centralprespb.com).

Do we fully understand what it means to say that Christ is there, whether good times or bad? The hard truth may be that you will come down from mountaintop experiences, but the wonderful truth of God is that, no matter where you are, you can remain in Christ. No matter how dark the valley seems, the light of Christ can be with you. You can draw near to the warmth of His light, draw near to Him, and draw from His perfect peace, and endless joy. Seek Him out and draw near to Him. Learn from Him what it means to remain in Him. Spend adequate time with Him each day, and you will have all that you need.

written by Randy Chamber  
(From Day By Day) --

Letter to the Church

To our central family,

We extend our deepest heartfelt gratitude for all your support and unwavering kindness during this difficult time.

Sincerely  
  
Sandra, Erin and Ryan Faucette

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Kay Cromwell

SESSION

Class of 2017	Class of 2018
Denise Mosley	Kay Cromwell
Laura Cosner	Mike Kelley
Betty Coles (Clerk)	Lynda Vick
Weston Mosley	Bill VonTungeln

Standing Committee Moderators:

Betty Coles	Budget & Finance
Laura Cosner	Fellowship & Nurture
Kay Cromwell	Missions & Outreach
Mike Kelley	Building & Grounds
Denise Mosley	Education
	Worship & Music

# May 2017

Sun		Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5	6
				Choir Practice 6:30 pm	Noon Bible Study Evening Bible study at 6:30		
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PW Meeting after service		Circle I outing 6:30pm		Choir Practice 6:30 pm	Noon Bible Study Evening bible study at 6:30		
14		15	16	17	18	19	20
				Choir Practice 6:30 pm	Noon Bible Study Evening bible study at 6:30		
21		22	23	24	25	26	27
Fellowship Luncheon Session Meeting				Choir Practice 6:30 pm	Noon Bible Study Evening bible study at 6:30		
28		29	30	31			
				Choir Practice 6:30 pm	Noon Bible Study Evening bible study at 6:30		



### In Memory of

- ✿ Marilyn VonTungeln by
  - Bill VonTungeln
  - Lawrence Fikes
  - Jemmie Moseley
  - Suzy VonTungeln
  - Rose VonTungeln
- ✿ Sue Dell Black by
  - Lawrence Fikes
  - Jimmy & Sheila Horn
  - Rose VonTungeln
  - Suzy VonTungeln
  - Ann Woolley
- ✿ Harry Lindsay by
  - Mildred Gaunt
- ✿ Anna Delle Fish by
  - Jimmy & Sheila Horn
  - Jemmie Moseley
  - Suzy VonTungeln
  - Rose VonTungeln

### In Memory of

- ✿ Val Reichen by
  - Mary Ruth Alderson
  - Lawrence Fikes
  - B.J. and Janice Goodman
  - Jennie Frost
  - Ray and Barbara Hall
  - Linda Johnson
  - Rose VonTungeln
  - Suzy VonTungeln
  - Ann Woolley
  - Jimmy & Sheila Horn
  - Jemmie Moseley
- ✿ Dale Vontungeln by
  - Bill VonTungeln
  - Jimmy & Sheila Horn
  - Jemmie Moseley

## Daily Scripture Readings Easter Season, 2017

<b>Fourth Sunday of Easter</b> May 7, 2017	<u>*Acts 2:42- 47</u>	<u>Psalm 23</u>	<u>1 Peter 2:19-25</u>	<u>John 10:1- 10</u>
<b>Fifth Sunday of Easter</b> May 14, 2017	<u>*Acts 7:55- 60</u>	<u>Psalm 31:1-5, 15- 16</u>	<u>1 Peter 2:2-10</u>	<u>John 14:1- 14</u>

<b>Sixth Sunday of Easter</b> May 21, 2017	<u>*Acts 17:22-31</u>	<u>Psalm 66:8-20</u>	<u>1 Peter 3:13-22</u>	<u>John 14:15-21</u>
<b>Ascension of the Lord</b> May 25, 2017	<u>*Acts 1:1-11</u>	<u>Psalm 47</u> or <u>Psalm 93</u>	<u>Ephesians 1:15-23</u>	<u>Luke 24:44-53</u>
<b>Seventh Sunday of Easter</b> May 28, 2017	<u>*Acts 1:6-14</u>	<u>Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35</u>	<u>1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11</u>	<u>John 17:1-11</u>
<b>Visitation of Mary to Elizabeth</b> May 31, 2017	<u>*1 Samuel 2:1-10</u>	<u>Psalm 113</u>	<u>Romans 12:9-16b</u>	<u>Luke 1:39-57</u>

## History of Hymns: “Here I am, Lord”

also known as “I, The Lord Of Sea And Sky” by Dan Schutte

When I was a young Jesuit, studying theology in Berkeley, California, a friend came to me one day asked me for a favor. “Dan, I know this is late notice, but I’m planning the diaconate ordination ceremony and need a piece of music set to the text of Isaiah chapter 6.” He saw the look of shock on my face knowing I was well aware that the ceremony was only three days away. I told him that I was sick with an awful case of the flu and didn’t know if I could compose anything suitable in that short time. He encouraged me and I told him that at the very least I would try to complete something in time for the ordination. I had always loved the particular Scripture passage (Isaiah 6) where God calls Isaiah to be his servant and messenger to the people and Isaiah responds with both hesitation and doubt, but also with a humble willingness to surrender to God. If it was going to work, it would have to be God’s power and grace making it happen. Much like Isaiah I was not very sure that I could meet the request my friend had made, but I was willing to try. I remember sitting at my desk with a blank music score in front of me and asking God to be my strength. As I sat there praying for help, I remembered also the call of Samuel, where God came calling in the middle of the night and asked Samuel to do something beyond what he thought he was capable of. I worked for two days on the piece and I remember being exhausted. I was making last minute changes to the score as I walked it over to my friend who lived several blocks away. I remember being very unsure of myself, but hoping that it would be what he had wanted for the ordination. And it was ok. It was more than ok. From the very beginning, people loved the piece and clearly identified with the dialogue between God and us that is the core of the song. In the years following, so many have spoken to me or written how they had their own experience of God “calling in the night” and being given the courage to respond. For me, the story of “Here I Am, Lord” tells of the God who overshadows us, giving power to our stumbling words and the simple works of our hands, and making them into something that can be a grace for people. The power God gives is far beyond what we could have planned or created.

I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in deepest sin  
My hand will save.  
I who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?  
Refrain:  
Here I am Lord. Is it I Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people’s pain.  
I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
Give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them,  
Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
Till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send? [Refrain]

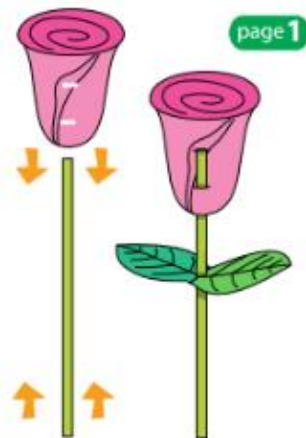
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# Flower Bouquet

**What you will need:** Tape, ribbon or yarn, pencils, pipecleaners, straws, or twigs.

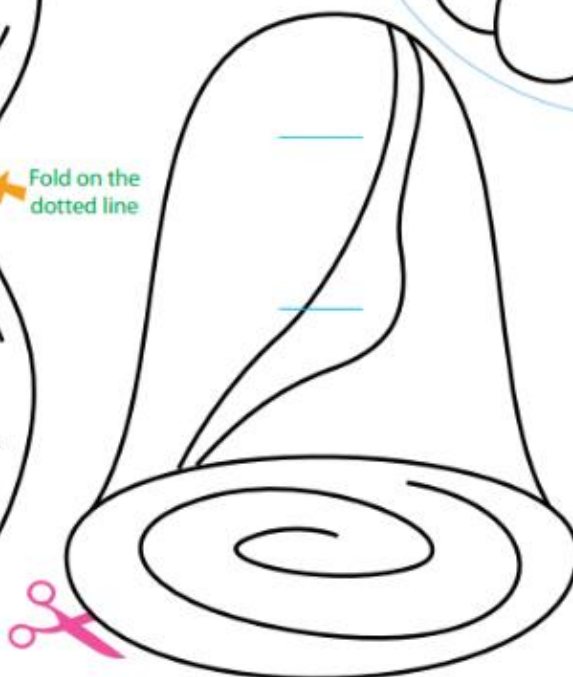
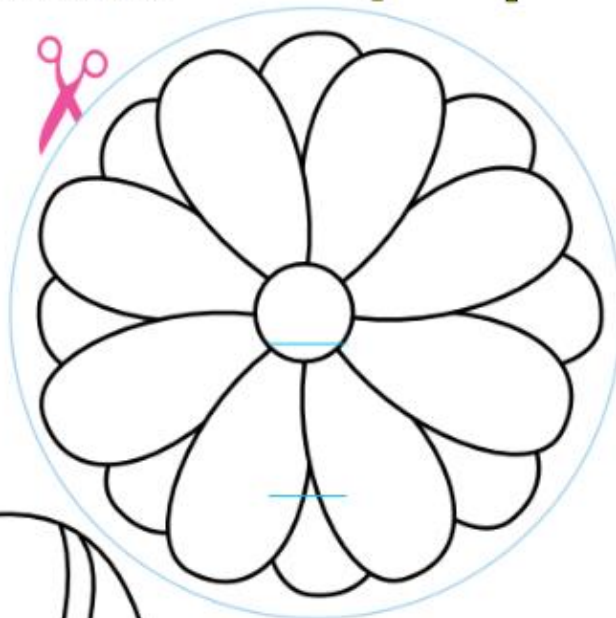
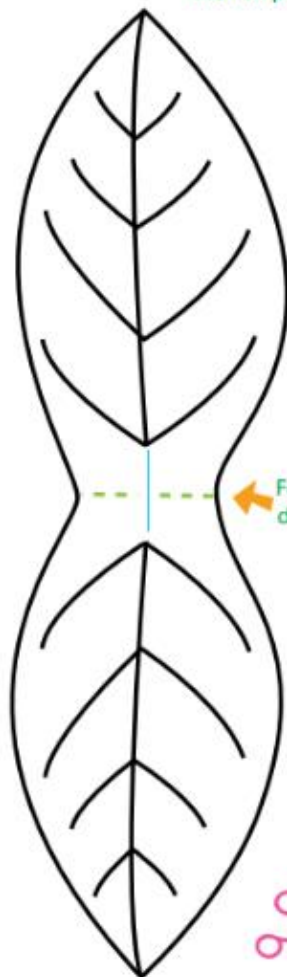
**To make your bouquet, print as many of pages 1 and 2 as you need.**

1. Color, cut and assemble the flowers by threading them through the stems as shown.
2. Push the leaves onto the stem so the fold angles them upwards on the stem. Use tape to secure the roses and leaves as needed.
3. Gather up your bouquet and tie with a pretty ribbon or piece of yarn.



**Tip**

To cut the slits, lightly fold the art in half without making a crease in the paper, then snip on the blue lines.



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