

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.

Words From the Pastor

The Great Commission

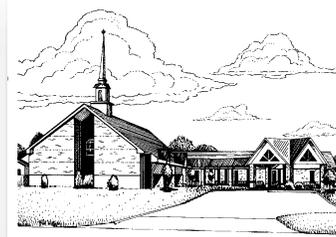
Matthew 28:18–20 (NASB95)

- 18 And Jesus came up and spoke to them, saying, “All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.
- 19 “Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit,
- 20 teaching them to observe all that I commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age.”

Did you know that the first thing the church did was the preaching of Gospel to this lost world?

On the day of the Pentecost, disciples of Jesus Christ received the Holy Spirit, and they began to speak in many different languages. God gave the gift of tongues to the apostles for one purpose, and that was for communication of the Gospel. Remember this! There was a purpose. Every gift God gives, He gives for a reason. And the purpose of the speaking of the tongues was to communicate the Gospel.

They had a problem with communication because people had come from many different nations. Jews were dispersed into many different nations and cities. Though they were identified as the same Jews by the bloodlines and the Judaism, they spoke different languages. There was the language barrier. And because God anointed the day for the birth of the church, He gave the apostles the gift of tongues so that they could communicate His message.



Upcoming Events

June 11th

Women's Circle 6:00pm

June 17th

Fellowship Luncheon
Session Meeting

Sunday School 9:30 AM

**Young Adults Sunday
School 9:30 AM**

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

**Noon Bible Study
Thursdays**

**Evening Bible Study
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Today, you and I might not have the gift of speaking of tongues, Yet the mission of the Church to communicate the message is still valid. Instead of speaking of tongues God provides us with many other gifts and tools instead.

You being American living in America is one of them. Instead of sending you out to other nations, God gathers all nations into your neighbor. Instead of letting you speak their language, God made them speak your language. God works mysteriously.

So, look around! And see what you can do to witnessing Jesus.

Whether you speak tongue or not, you still are a church and to you, my brothers and sisters, Jesus gave us the mission. The moment you become a Christian, the moment I become a Christian, God commissions us to share the message of the gospel with our little section of the world.

A pastor gave a message on home evangelism and one family thought they had better do something to witness to Jesus. So, they invited their neighbors to dinner the following Friday night. When it came to the meal, the believers were keen to show their neighbors that they upheld Christian standards in their home. So, she asked little 5-year-old Johnny to say grace. Little Johnny was a bit shy. "I don't know what to say" There was an awkward pause, followed by a reassuring smile from the boy's mother. "Well darling," she said, "Just say what Daddy said at breakfast this morning." Obediently, the boy repeated, "Oh God, we've got those bad people coming to dinner tonight."

Witnessing Jesus does not always go well. It is difficult for most of us. And when it does not go well, it discourages us and the fear of failure creeps in. Because of that fear, most of us hesitate to witness Jesus. But remember it is God that enables you to testify. And it always is God who transforms the heart of the sinners.

Disciples were in a closed room. They were there with full of fear. They were afraid to go out to the world. Before the Holy Spirit came to them, their faith was a thing that they secretly communicate only among them. But when the Holy Spirit came to them they went out to the brood street and testified their inner faith to the public. And after Peter delivered his sermon to the public 3,000 people were baptized in the name of the Son. One person's testimony made 3,000 conversions.

Peter did not do that! God did! You see, when you & I are saved by the blood of Jesus, & added to His family, then God commissions us to communicate that message to a lost & dying world. That is the mission of the Church. And remember, it is not you, but God who does the work. You are His tool.

In the biblical era, God was with his people. When Jesus was here on earth, He walked among His people. But today, God is in us. Remember what our Lord promised us "I am with you always!" Now, Trust and Go. Go out and shine your light to this darkened world! Go out, and deliver the message of life!

History of Hymns

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

Reginald Heber

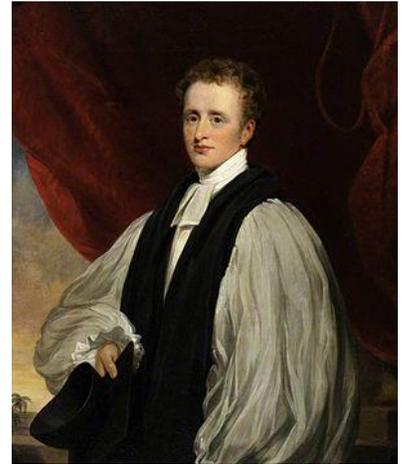
Reginald Heber wrote "Holy, Holy, Holy" while serving as vicar of Hodnet, Shropshire, England. He was the first to compile a hymnal ordering hymns around the church calendar. Wanting to celebrate a triune God, Heber wrote "Holy, Holy, Holy" for Trinity Sunday--a day that reaffirmed the doctrine of the Trinity and was observed eight Sundays after Easter. The hymn was first published in 1826.

Years later, John Dykes composed the tune Nicaea especially for Heber's "Holy, Holy, Holy."

Text and tune were first published together in 1861. Since that time, this popular hymn has appeared in hundreds of hymnals and been translated into many languages.

Heber was impressed by the holiness of God. Whether in England, with the prevalence of vice, or in Calcutta, where people worshiped idols, he would often write "Only Thou art holy." Based on the words of Revelation 4:8, he used the symbolism of three repeatedly throughout his hymn: God is "holy, merciful and mighty," he's "perfect in power, in love and purity," he's worshiped by saints, cherubim, and seraphim, and he's praised "in earth and sky and sea."

Through these consistent units of three, this hymn describes and worships God in three persons. Alfred Lord Tennyson felt "Holy, Holy, Holy" was the world's greatest hymn. It truly does call us to worship our God, falling down before him with those who sing in Revelation 4:8, "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was, and is, and is to come."



Reginald Heber

Holy, Holy, Holy

Holy, holy, holy
Lord, God Almighty
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee

Holy, holy, holy
Merciful and mighty
God in three persons blessed Trinity

Holy, holy, holy
Though the darkness hide Thee
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity

Holy, holy, holy
Lord, God Almighty
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea
Holy, holy, holy
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Central Women

Upcoming events for all Central women:

Saturday, July 14--Brunch at Margland--\$15.

Tuesday, December 11--Dinner at Margland--cost unknown at this time

More details as the dates are closer.

Trinity Village Assisted Living

Betty Coles has been designated as your “go to” person for Central Presbyterian Church. If you are interested in Assisted Living at Trinity Village or you know someone who may be interested but hesitant to make a phone call, she will be more than happy to meet with you or that person and/or go with you on a tour of the facility.

We are very proud to be a part of Trinity Village. Please contact Betty Coles (501)-535-3729 for more information.

Gifts to the Church

In Loving Memory of

Billy Ray VonTungeln

Jefferson County Master Gardeners

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Newsletter Deadline

The deadline for the July issue of Central Scene is June 22, 2018. Please let us know if you would like to continue your subscription by emailing us at office@centralprespb.com.

In my
**FATHER'S
 FOOTSTEPS**



Make this keepsake to express love for your dad or another special man this Father's Day.

What you need:

- White construction paper (11" x 13" sheet)
- Pencil
- Black permanent marker
- Crayons or paint

What you do:

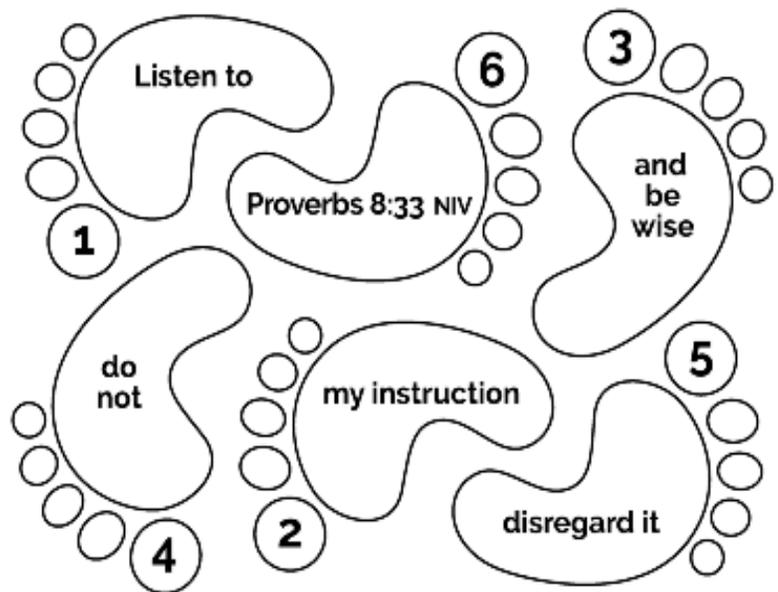
1. In the center of the paper, trace your foot in pencil. Darken the outline with marker.
2. Color or paint the footprint. Let it dry.
3. Trace your father's foot (same one) on top of your footprint (with yours in the middle of his).
4. Color or paint his footprint. Let it dry.
5. Sign your names and the date at the bottom.



FOLLOW OUR
FATHER'S FOOTSTEPS

In the book of Proverbs, a father urges his son to listen to his wisdom, which he received from his heavenly Father.

Directions: Starting at 1, follow the footsteps and write the words in order on the blanks below.



“ _____ ;
 _____ ;
 _____ .
 _____ : _____ ”

Answer: "Listen to my instruction and be wise; do not disregard it." Proverbs 8:33, NIV

Lectionary Readings for June 2018

2nd Sunday after Pentecost—June 3 9th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Proper 4	3rd Sunday after Pentecost—June 10 10th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Proper 5	4th Sunday after Pentecost—June 17 11th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Proper 6	5th Sunday after Pentecost—June 24 12th Sunday in Ordinary Time / Proper 7
1 Samuel 3:1–10 (11–20)	1 Samuel 8:4–11 (12–15) 16–20 (11:14–15)	1 Samuel 15:34–16:13	1 Samuel 17:(1a, 4–11, 19–23) 32–49
Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18	Psalm 138	Psalm 20	Psalm 9:9–20 or 1 Samuel 17:57–18:5, 10–16 Psalm 133
2 Corinthians 4:5–12	2 Corinthians 4:13–5:1	2 Corinthians 5:6–10 (11–13) 14–17	2 Corinthians 6:1–13
Mark 2:23–3:6	Mark 3:20–35	Mark 4:26–34	Mark 4:35–41, 21

Psalm 20 Revised Standard Version (RSV)

The Lord answer you in the day of trouble!

The name of the God of Jacob protect you!

2 May he send you help from the sanctuary,
and give you support from Zion!

3 May he remember all your offerings,
and regard with favor your burnt sacrifices! Selah

4 May he grant you your heart's desire,
and fulfil all your plans!

5 May we shout for joy over your victory,
and in the name of our God set up our banners!

May the Lord fulfil all your petitions!

⁶ Now I know that the LORD will help his
anointed;

he will answer him from his holy heaven
with mighty victories by his right hand.

⁷ Some boast of chariots, and some of horses;
but we boast of the name of the LORD our God.

⁸ They will collapse and fall;
but we shall rise and stand upright.

⁹ Give victory to the king, O LORD;
answer us when we call. ^[a]

June 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6 Choir Practice 6:30 pm	7 Noon Bible Study Evening Bible Study at 6:30	8	9
10	11 PW Circle 6:30 pm	12	13 Choir Practice 6:30 pm	14 Noon Bible Study Evening Bible Study at 6:30	15	16
17 Fellowship Luncheon Session Meeting	18	19	20 Choir Practice 6:30 pm	21 Noon Bible Study Evening Bible Study at 6:30	22	23
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17 Tana Perdue
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19 Tommy Wooten

16 Mr. and Mrs. Michael Chandler
21 Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Fikes
27 Mr. and Mrs. Adam Cogburn



If you or a family member has been omitted or would like to be added to the Birthday and Anniversary list, please contact the church office.