

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 hearts and welcomes all in the name of Jesus Christ.

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Session

<u>Class of 2018</u>	<u>Class of 2019</u>
Kay Cromwell	Zac Cosner
Karen Perdue	George Mosley
Lynda Vick	Brad VonTungeln
	Logan Mosley

Standing Committee Moderators:

Zac Cosner	Budget & Finance
Zac Cosner	Fellowship & Nurture
Kay Cromwell	Missions & Outreach
George Mosley	Building & Grounds
Logan Mosley	Education
Lynda Vick	Worship & Music

Announcements

Presbyterian Women will meet today after worship in the Library.

Presbyterian Women will travel to Keo for lunch at Charlotte's Saturday September 29th. We will leave from the church at 10am. Please let Laura Cosner know by Thursday September 27th if you plan to attend.

"Trunk or Treat" will start at 5pm on Saturday October 27th & we encourage everyone to come out & decorate their trunks!! Also bags of candy are needed for this event.

Both Thursday Bible Studies are taking a break but will resume in the near future.

We are looking for a choirmaster/organist. If you know of someone who would be a good fit, please let Lynda Vick know.

Upcoming events

September 28-30
 Jr. High Youthquake

October 27th
 Trunk or Treat

Tuesday, December 11
 Presbyterian Women's Dinner at Margland

Sunday School 9:45 am

Young Adults Sunday School 9:45 am

Choir Practice Wednesdays at 6:30 pm



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Sunday, September 23, 2018
25th 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

Jemmie: Happy are those who take delight in the law of God.

People: They are like trees planted by streams of water. In all that they do they prosper.

Jemmie: For God watches over the way of the righteous.

People: May God number us with the righteous as we worship God.

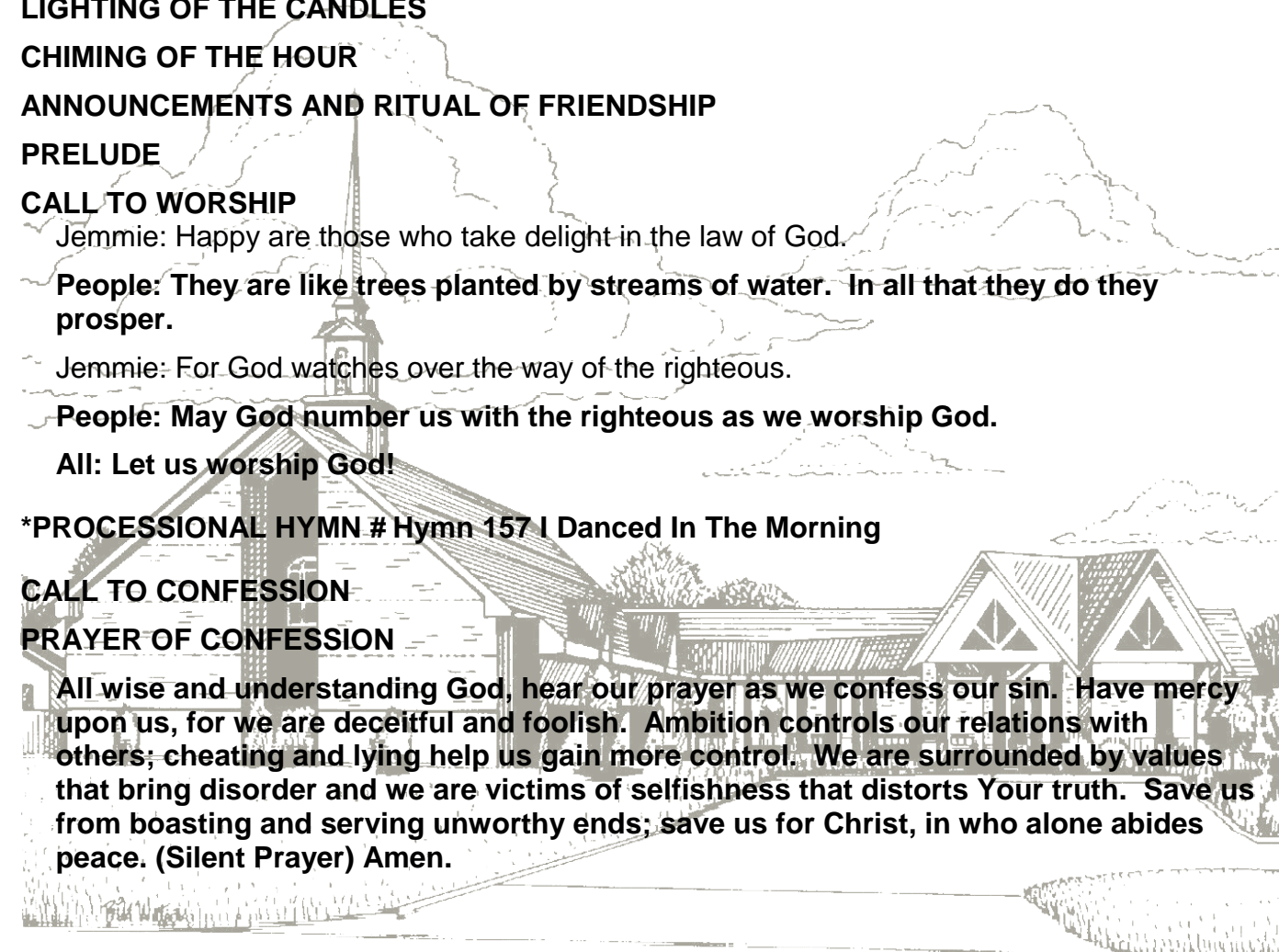
All: Let us worship God!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN # Hymn 157 I Danced In The Morning**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All wise and understanding God, hear our prayer as we confess our sin. Have mercy upon us, for we are deceitful and foolish. Ambition controls our relations with others; cheating and lying help us gain more control. We are surrounded by values that bring disorder and we are victims of selfishness that distorts Your truth. Save us from boasting and serving unworthy ends; save us for Christ, in who alone abides peace. (Silent Prayer) Amen.



RESPONDING TO THE WORD

KYRIE ELEISON "Lord, Have Mercy"

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PARDON

Jemie: Hear the good news: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: "For in Him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through Him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of the cross:

Jemie: In the peace that Christ won abides our assurance that;

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

"I Need Thee Every Hour"

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

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 1(NRSV)

NEW TESTAMENT READING James 3:13-4:10 (NRSV)

NEW TESTAMENT READING Mark 9:30-37 (NRSV)

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"The Measure of Greatness"

Rev. Timothy Reeves

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed

see insert

***HYMN #462 I Love To Tell The Story (Verse 1&2 Only)**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY** ("Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow") *Hymnal #606*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS (You each are encouraged to give voice to your concerns or to name those for whom you love and pray.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER (We use debts and debtors)

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***RECESSIONAL HYMN #306 Blest Be The Tie That Binds**

***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.

Ushers: Lynda Vick

Lay Reader: Jemie Moseley

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS

*Donna McCaleb
Bernice Lackey
Raymond Turner
Carol Brown
Karen Perdue
David Perdue
Betty Coles*

*Mildred Gaunt
Hester Insley
Mary Kientz
Bea Magee
Lurline Elam
Suzy Von Tungeln*

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

<i><u>Name</u></i>	<i><u>Related to or Friend of</u></i>	<i><u>Name</u></i>	<i><u>Related to or Friend of</u></i>
<i>Dr. Laura Festa</i>	<i>wife of former pastor, Dr. Dan Festa</i>	<i>Mary McBee</i>	<i>friend of Karen & David Perdue</i>
<i>Scott McGeorge</i>	<i>friend of Lawrence Fikes</i>	<i>Kelsey Hicks</i>	<i>friend of Logan Mosley</i>
<i>Rebecca and Earl Phillips</i>	<i>friends of Karen and David Perdue</i>	<i>Franklin Ward</i>	<i>uncle of Dana Neal</i>
<i>Doris McCoy</i>	<i>mother of Kay Cromwell</i>	<i>Ryker Cheek</i>	<i>nephew of Bubba VonTungeln</i>
<i>Lois Tucker</i>	<i>neighbor of the Mosley Family</i>	<i>Mildred Patterson</i>	<i>former member</i>
<i>Max Zeng</i>	<i>Mike and Lan Kelly's son</i>	<i>Bob Henderson</i>	<i>friend of Dana Neal & Zac Cosner</i>
<i>Paul Finley</i>	<i>friend of the Mosley Family</i>	<i>Clara Hammonds</i>	<i>Step-Grandmother of Bubba Vontungeln</i>
<i>Cathy Risinger</i>	<i>sister of Kay Cromwell</i>	<i>Dianne Aud</i>	<i>friend of Denise Mosley</i>
<i>Linda Williams</i>	<i>friend of Jane Judkins</i>		

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 the Office know.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

Scripture

Psalm 1(NRSV)

¹ Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

² but his delight is in the law of the LORD, and on his law he meditates day and night.

³ He is like a tree planted by streams of water, that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴ The wicked are not so, but are like chaff which the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶ for the LORD knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

James 3:13-4:10 (NRSV)

¹³ Who is wise and understanding among you? Show by your good life that your works are done with gentleness born of wisdom. ¹⁴ But if you have bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not be boastful and false to the truth. ¹⁵ Such wisdom does not come down from above, but is earthly, unspiritual, devilish. ¹⁶ For where there is envy and selfish ambition, there will also be disorder and wickedness of every kind. ¹⁷ But the wisdom from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, willing to yield, full of mercy and good fruits, without a trace of partiality or hypocrisy. ¹⁸ And a harvest of righteousness is sown in peace for those who make peace.

⁴ Those conflicts and disputes among you, where do they come from? Do they not come from your cravings that are at war within you? ² You want something and do not have it; so you commit murder. And you covet something and cannot obtain it; so you engage in disputes and conflicts. You do not have, because you do not ask. ³ You ask and do not receive, because you ask wrongly, in order to spend what you get on your pleasures. ⁴ Adulterers! Do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity with God? Therefore whoever wishes to be a friend of the world becomes an enemy of God. ⁵ Or do you suppose that it is for nothing that the scripture says, "God yearns jealously for the spirit that he has made to dwell in us"? ⁶ But he gives all the more grace; therefore it says, "God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble."

⁷ Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸ Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. ⁹ Lament and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned into mourning and your joy into dejection. ¹⁰ Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you.

Mark 9:30-37 (NRSV)

³⁰ They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; ³¹ for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, "The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again." ³² But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Who Is the Greatest?

³³ Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the way?" ³⁴ But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another who was the greatest. ³⁵ He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." ³⁶ Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, ³⁷ "Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me."

Anthem

I Need Thee Every Hour

1) I need Thee every hour,
Most gracious Lord;
No tender voice like Thine
Can peace afford.

I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior!
I come to Thee.

2) I need Thee every hour,
Stay Thou near by;
Temptations lose their power
When Thou art nigh.

I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
Oh, bless me now, my Savior!
I come to Thee.

I need Thee, oh, I need Thee;
Every hour I need Thee;
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