

**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN
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This Sunday:

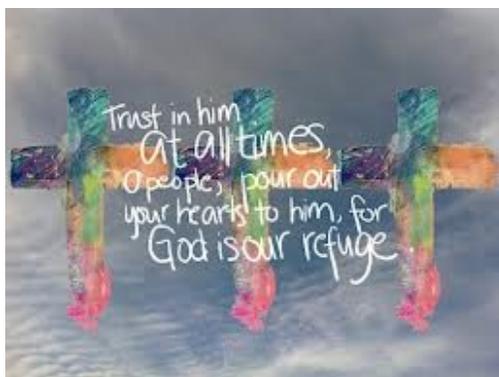
9:30 am - Sunday School - Mark 12:38-44

10:45 am - Worship

Rev. Judith March Hardie preaching

Mark 12: 38-44

Greetings from Pastor Judith



This verse (Ps. 62:8) can mean so many different things. It is good to note that this psalm, a psalm of David, was written to the worship leaders, possibly the music director. I recall the Rev. Dr. Charles Spurgeon, a renowned biblical scholar and "prince of preachers" from the 17th century, speaking of this verse that it contained a direction to fully trust and rely upon the steady support of God, our rock. It also directed how we come to God, pouring out our hearts. Spurgeon said something like--don't pour it out like milk, where the color may remain, nor like wine, where the feeling might persist, nor like honey, where the substance may last, but like water that once poured out upon the rock evaporates and is gone.

I think at times like this, when we as faithful Presbyterians carry our own burdens as well as struggle to live in this world where illness, suffering, poverty, injustice, and vastly different perspectives exist, we tend to carry too much. We tend take on more and more, and spend less and less time in silence, having poured ourselves out, waiting upon the Lord. This is not to say that we are not to do what we can to better this world; it is merely to suggest that we find ways to walk together with God and each other more, giving to God the things that color, effect, or gunk-up our own understanding.

Christ came to be a bridge-builder, showing us how we are all God's children. Christ came to be a healer, that we might understand it is God who makes our hearts beat. Christ came to remind us to know his voice, to listen for his guidance, to come just as God made us--and to pour ourselves out upon God in trust and all faithfulness. No matter what struggles you face, may you know the strength of God, the compassion of Christ, the encouragement of the Holy Spirit, and the love and companionship of this community of faith at Central. As we continue to worship and work together in Christ, I pray that we can move forward past the bumps that jar us and the potholes that threaten to throw us off course. God is calling you and me, together, to follow Jesus into the world with his light and love and healing justice. Let's be all in, pouring out our hearts and giving all that we have, so that we might truly become fishers of people.

With Grace and Peace, Pastor Judith

Prayers and Concerns

Prayers for the families of the deceased and the shooting victims in Thousand Oaks, California. Last night's shooting was the 307th mass shooting in the last 311 days in our country. Prayers for our leaders, our service people, and our neighbors near and far, and prayers that mass shootings would come to an end!

And, here is Jill Duffield's Election Day Prayer (the italicized parts are my edits for a post-election prayer). Almighty God, as people *look to our newly elected government for leadership* this day we pray first and foremost for peace. May the sense of community and connection be greater than any division or difference, no matter how entrenched. *We voted* in schools, churches, synagogues, and other communal gathering places; *and so*, may our commitment to care for one another grow as we *gather together, as we* talk to our neighbors. *May we* recognize we have more in common than we often *hear about*. May we show one another kindness and respect, today and in the days to come.

We thank you for the freedom to vote our conscience, of which you alone are Lord. After this election, we are keenly aware that even if the political rhetoric fades the acrimony it highlighted will remain. Grant us the courage to step into the breaches and not shrink back into our enclaves of homogeneity. Send your Spirit to drive us to the places where you are already working to bring reconciliation. Remind us relentlessly that you are greater than every category we devise, more powerful than any estrangement we have created, eternal, ever present and always calling forth justice, peace and abundant life. Show us today and everyday how to live in the love of Jesus Christ, the perfect love that casts out fear. Amen.



November 9 - Mission Crafters, 10:30 am

November 12 - Session meeting, 6 pm

November 13 - Second Tuesday Supper Club, 6 pm, Rosati's (824 Hewitt Drive), please RSVP to Jeannette & Jerome Bloemer at 235-2251 or callmeshortly@mygrande.net

November 14 - Adult Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 pm

Children's Music, 6 pm

Adult Handbell Rehearsal, 6:30 pm

Children & Youth shop for Mission Waco Toy Store, 6:45 pm

November 15 - 10 am Hunger Free Holidays mission service opportunity. Please contact Pastor Judith (pastorjudith@cpcwaco.org) if you are available to go with her to pack up food donations already collected in preparation for delivery to needy MISD families for Thanksgiving.

- Noon--meet in the church Garden Room to help sort through and organize church history and memorabilia for our 150th anniversary celebration in February. Sandwiches will be served.

November 16 - Looking for volunteers to help collect donations for the 26th annual [Food for Families](#) food drive in Waco. Contact Andrew Bryngelson to volunteer at abryngelson@caritas-waco.org or 254-753-4593 x203

November 18 - Fish Fry - immediately following worship in the Activities Center. The church will provide the fish and drinks. Please bring a side dish to share.

November 21, 22, & 23 - Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday

November 24 - You are invited to a 90th Birthday celebration for Willis McMahan in the Activities Center, 1-3pm. RSVP to Linda Heese at 717-3702. Please no gifts!

November 25 - Bikers pick up toy donations for Mission Waco Toy Store

November 27 & 29 - Prayer Walkers, 5:30 pm. Meet at 1109 Charing Cross Dr. We will walk first, concluding with Body Flow (a hybrid of TaiChi and Yoga) and prayer. Bring a yoga mat or thick towel.



Celebrating Birthdays

Billie Kathryn Kuhnle - November 13

Witten Williams - November 22

Willis McMahan - November 24

(We are missing many birthdays in our database; please let us know yours!
We need the year to enter the date in the database, but will never print it!)



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