



**Central Presbyterian Church**  
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
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**Sunday, January 1, 2012**  
**1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY AFTER CHRISTMAS**

**GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP**

**PRELUDE** *A Tender Rose Has Blossomed* Rasley

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Praise God! Praise God from the heavens; praise God in the heights!

**People:** **All the shining stars praise You, O God, for You commanded and they were created.**

Leader: Praise God from the earth, young men and women alike, older and younger together!

**People:** **Let everyone praise God's Holy name, for God's glory is above the earth and the heavens.**

**All:** **Let us worship God!**

**\*OPENING HYMN #37** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

God of compassion, have mercy upon us as we make our confession. The year is spent and what we ought to have done still awaits action, while we commit acts not in accord with Your will. We think of ourselves before others; we serve our own needs. We keep for ourselves the gifts of Your graciousness and the new life You offer is not yet proclaimed in the land. Forgive us our sins and make us more faithful. Help us to use our time wisely as we follow Christ's way. (Silent Prayer) Amen!

**KYRIE ELEISON** ("Lord, Have Mercy") *Hymnal* #572

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Leader: Hear Paul's words of assurance: "If we have died with Christ, we believe that we shall also live with him..."

**People:** **The death he died he died to sin, once for all, but the life he lives he lives to God.**

Leader: So we also must consider ourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus."

**All:** **In Christ, we are forgiven.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** ("Glory be to the Father") *Hymnal* #579

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**ANTHEM** *Emmanuel with Glory Medley* McGee

**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**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON** Isaiah 61:10-62:3

**GOSPEL LESSON** Luke 2:22-40

**EPISTLE LESSON** Galatians 4:4-7

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *In the Fullness of Time* Dr. Dan Festa

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *Apostle's Creed (Traditional)* p.14 Hymnal

**\*HYMN #53** *What Child Is This*

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *Let the Whole Creation Cry* Bach

**\*DOXOLOGY** ("Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow") *Hymnal #592*

**\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

**SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS** (You are each 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 #62** *Bring We the Frankincense of Our Love*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE\*\*** *O Sing a Son of Bethlehem* Williams

**EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES**

*Go forth into the world with rejoicing to love and serve the Lord.*

**\* Those who are able, please stand.**

**\*\* Please be seated and remain for the postlude if you can.**

**Ushers: Zac Cosner & Bubba VonTungeln Lay Reader: Laura Pierce**

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.

**Pastor**  
Dr. Dan Festa

**Secretary**  
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Marty Shell

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Laura Cosner

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**The Session (Board of Elders)**  
**Class of 2012** **Class of 2013**  
Zac Cosner Lawrence Fikes (Clerk)  
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Jemmie Moseley Dana Neal  
John Parish Laura Pierce

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Mike Kelley Budget & Finance  
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& Steven Howsen Building & Grounds  
Dana Neal Fellowship & Nurture  
Laura Festa Missions & Outreach  
Laura Pierce Worship & Music  
Zac Cosner Education

*Announcements*

**The Church Office Will Be Closed** tomorrow, January 2, in observance of New Year’s Day.

**We Will Take** our Christmas decorations down this Saturday, January 7, at 9 a.m.. Volunteers are needed and welcomed.

**The Evening Circle Will Meet** Monday, January 9, at 6:30 p.m., in the Perdue Library.

**The Morning Circle Will Meet** Tuesday, January 10, at 10:00 a.m., in the Perdue Library.

**Isaiah 61:10-62:3**

61:10 I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

61:11 For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

62:1 For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

62:2 The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

62:3 You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

**Luke 2:22-40**

2:22 When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord

2:23 (as it is written in the law of the Lord, "Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord"),

2:24 and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, "a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons."

2:25 Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him.

2:26 It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord's Messiah.

2:27 Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law,

2:28 Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

2:29 "Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word;

2:30 for my eyes have seen your salvation,

2:31 which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

2:32 a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel."

2:33 And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him.

2:34 Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, "This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed

2:35 so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too."

2:36 There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband seven years after her marriage,

2:37 then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshiped there with fasting and prayer night and day.

2:38 At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

2:39 When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth.

2:40 The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him.

**Galatians 4:4-7**

4:4 But when the fullness of time had come, God sent his Son, born of a woman, born under the law,

4:5 in order to redeem those who were under the law, so that we might receive adoption as children.

4:6 And because you are children, God has sent the Spirit of his Son into our hearts, crying, "Abba! Father!"

4:7 So you are no longer a slave but a child, and if a child then also an heir, through God.

Emmanuel with Glory Medley

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, His name is called  
Emmanuel. God with us, revealed in us.  
His name is called Emmanuel.

Glory!, Glory! Glory to God in the highest.  
Peace on earth, good will to men.

Angels we have heard on high,  
Sweetly singing o'er the plains.  
And the mountains in reply,  
Echo back their joyous strains.

Glory!, Glory! Glory to God in the highest.  
Peace on earth, good will to men.

Hark! The hearld angels sing,  
"Glory to the newborn King.  
Peace on earth, and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!"

Joyful, all ye nations, rise.  
Join the triumph of the skies.  
With the angelic host proclaim,  
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Glory!, Glory! Glory to God in the highest.  
Peace on earth, good will to men.

O come, let us adore Him.  
O come, let us adore Him.  
O come, let us adore Him  
Christ the Lord!

Glory!, Glory! Glory to God in the highest.  
Peace on earth, good will to men.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF JANUARY 1, 2012

MEMBERS:

**The family of John Parish**  
**Mary Wooten**  
**Robert Brown**  
**Agnes Hughes**  
**Nell Horne**  
**Jo Weaver**

**Bettie Joe Isbell**  
**Laura Hayes**  
**Bradley VonTungeln**  
**Bernice and Gene Lackey**  
**Bea and Grady Magee**  
**Mildred Gaunt**

THOSE WITH RESTRICTED MOBILITY AND HOMEBOUND:

**Agnes Bradley**, White Hall Nursing and Rehab Center  
**Frances Anderson**, Trinity Village Medical Center, Rm. 123

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:

**The family of Flo Smithwick**, friends of the  
Cosner family  
**Anne Logan**, friend of Jo Weaver  
**Jennifer Gipson**, friend of Jo Weaver  
**Daniel Joshlen**, grandson of Mary Wooten  
**Susan Buchanan**, granddaughter of Bea Magee  
**Dylan Neal**, nephew of Dana Neal  
**Colby Smothers**, friend of the Neal family  
**Lori Partridge**, friend of Rose VonTungeln  
**Loy Horne**, sister-in-law of Lynda Vick  
**Mary Light**, grandmother of Kodee & Jacob Vick  
and Brianna Rodriguez  
**Lauren Anderson**, sister of Amber Poss  
**Verlon Wright**, friend of the Cosner family  
**Jane Dean**, friend of Mildred Gaunt

**Judy Curry**, Jo Weaver's hairdresser  
**Tracy Robinson**, friend of Karen & David Perdue  
**Wayne Benson**, friend of the Vick Family  
**Carla Fenessee**, friends of Laura & Rick Pierce  
**Brooke Wells**, granddaughter of Connie & Bill  
Detmers  
**Robbie Fikes**, nephew of Lawrence Fikes  
**Son of Mary and Phil McBee**, friends of Grady &  
Bea Magee.  
**Connie Insley**, granddaughter-in-law of Hester  
Insley  
**Helen Gaunt**, sister-in-law of Mildred Gaunt  
**Sheila Black Yarbrow**, former member  
**(Leah) Pud Harris**                      **David Eubanks**

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

**First**, Clarksville    **Park Hill**, North Little Rock

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD:

**Keith Camferdam**, Air Force                      **Chris Hill**, Army    **Ssgt. Joe Salinas**, Marines

To share your joys and concerns or to update the information listed in this week's Joys & Concerns, contact  
the church office at 879-9074, fax 879-9076, or email the church at CentralPC@cablelynx.com.