



**Central Presbyterian Church**  
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
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**Sunday, November 25, 2012**  
**CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY**

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

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP**

**PRELUDE** *God, Our Lord, A King Remaining* Owen

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**Leader:** God has said, "Zion is My resting place forever; for I have desired it.

**People:** "I will abundantly bless its provisions; I will satisfy its poor with bread.

**Leader:** "its priests I will clothe with salvation, and its faithful will shout for joy.

**People:** "There I will cause a horn to sprout up for David, a lamp for My anointed one"

**All:** Let us worship God!

**\*OPENING HYMN #488** *The God of Abraham Praise*

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

O God of mercy, woe be upon us, for we do not obey You. We confess one baptism, yet we foster divisions in Christ's peace. We confess our reluctance to extend Your favor to those we don't like. Forgive and restore us for the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ. You are a God of dominion; we live by Your grace alone. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**Leader:** We are told in Scripture that the days are coming when God will raise up a righteous Branch, who shall reign and deal wisely, who shall execute justice and righteousness in the land.

**People:** **We believe that Christ has come and performed all that was foretold by the prophets.**

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

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

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**ANTHEM** *Come, Christians, Join to Sing* Althouse

**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** II Samuel 23:1-7

**GOSPEL LESSON** John 18:33-37

**NEW TESTAMENT LESSON** Revelation 1:4b-8

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON** *Alpha and Omega* Dr. Dan Festa

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

**\*HYMN #151** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY** *In Remembrance* Red

**\*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.)

**INVITATION TO THE TABLE**  
**GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**COMMUNION**  
**PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION, PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND**  
**LORD’S PRAYER** (We use debts and debtors.)

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING TO APPROVE 2013 BUDGET**  
**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN #309**     *Of the Father’s Love Begotten*  
**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**  
**POSTLUDE\*\***                             *May Jesus Christ Be Praised*  
**EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES**

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

*The rose in the sanctuary is placed in celebration of the birth of Ruby Kathryn Massey to Kelly and Jameson Massey by Laura and Zac Cosner.*

**\* Those who are able, please stand.**  
**\*\* Please be seated and remain for the postlude if you can.**  
**Ushers: Dr. Laura Festa and Bubba VonTungeln**  
**Lay Reader: Amber Poss**  
**Communion Steward: Dana Neal**

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.

<b>Pastor</b> Dr. Dan Festa	<b>Secretary</b> Erin Shaw
<b>Choirmaster/Organist</b> Marty Shell	<b>Nursery Attendant</b> Laura Cosner
<b>Youth Sponsors</b> Marty Shell George Mosley	<b>Website:</b> <b>www.centralprespb.com</b> Member Login: cpcmembre Member Psswd: 6300trinity



<b>The Session (Board of Elders)</b>	
<b><u>Class of 2012</u></b>	<b><u>Class of 2013</u></b>
Zac Cosner	Lawrence Fikes (Clerk)
Laura Festa	Steven Howsen
Mike Kelley	George Mosley
Jemmie Moseley	Dana Neal
Bubba VonTungeln	Laura Pierce

<b>Standing Committee Moderators</b>	
Mike Kelley	Budget & Finance
George Mosley	
& Steven Howsen	Building & Grounds
Zac Cosner	Education
Dana Neal	Fellowship & Nurture
Laura Festa	Missions & Outreach
Laura Pierce	Worship & Music

***Announcements***

**A Meeting of the Congregation Will Be Held** this morning at the end of worship to approve the 2013 Budget.

**The Church Office Is Accepting Orders** for poinsettias. They will be placed in the sanctuary beginning December 16, and will remain through December 26. If you prefer not to purchase an actual plant, you may designate your gift for the Pastor’s Discretionary Fund instead. To place an order, please fill out the enclosed form, and return it to the church office by December 14. The cost is \$12.50.

**The Youth, Ages 12 and Under, Will Meet** this evening, in the youth building, from 4:30 p.m. until 6:00 p.m.

**Neighbor to Neighbor’s Christmas Project Is Underway!** Central has been asked to provide 100 cans of cranberry sauce by **Friday, November 30**, for the Christmas baskets. Cans may be placed in the box behind the round table in McElyea Hall. We have also been asked to consider sponsoring 10 (or more) children during Christmas. A cash donation of \$60.00\* per child would ensure that these children wake up Christmas morning with toys under their tree.

**We Will Decorate the Church for Advent/Christmas** on Saturday, December 1, at 9:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed and welcome.

*Announcements continued on insert*

**2 Samuel 23:1-7**

- 23:1     Now these are the last words of David: The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:
- 23:2     The spirit of the LORD speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue.
- 23:3     The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me: One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God,
- 23:4     is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.
- 23:5     Is not my house like this with God? For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire?
- 23:6     But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away; for they cannot be picked up with the hand;
- 23:7     to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear. And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

**John 18:33-37**

- 18:33     Then Pilate entered the headquarters again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?"
- 18:34     Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?"
- 18:35     Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?"
- 18:36     Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here."
- 18:37     Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice."

**Revelation 1:4b-8**

- 1:4b     Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,
- 1:5     and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood,
- 1:6     and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.
- 1:7     Look! He is coming with the clouds; every eye will see him, even those who pierced him; and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail. So it is to be. Amen.
- 1:8     "I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.



**Come, Christians , Join to Sing**

Come, Christians , Join to Sing. Alleluia! Amen!  
Loud praise to Christ our King; Alleluia! Amen!  
Let all, with heart and voice,  
Before His throne rejoice;  
Praise is His gracious choice: Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high, Alleluia! Amen!  
Let praises fill the sky; Alleluia! Amen!  
He is our guide and friend; to us He'll condescend.  
His love shall never end; Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet our Christ again, Alleluia! Amen!  
Life shall not end the strain; Alleluia! Amen!  
On heaven's blissful shore His goodness we'll adore,  
Singing for evermore, "Alleluia! Amen!"  
Alleluia! Come join us, come join us!  
Sing Alleluia! Amen!

**In Remembrance**

In remembrance of me, eat this bread  
In remembrance of me, drink this wine,  
In remembrance of me, pray for the time,  
When God's own will is done.

In remembrance of me, heal the sick,  
In remembrance of m, feed the poor,  
In remembrance of me open the door  
And let your brother in, let him in.

Take, eat, and be comforted,  
Drink, and remember, too.  
That this is my body and precious blood  
Shed for you.

In remembrance of me, search for truth.  
In remembrance of me, always love.  
In remembrance of me, don't look above,  
But in your heart, in your heart  
Look in your heart for God.

Do this in remembrance of me  
In remembrance of me.

**PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF NOVEMBER 25 , 2012**

*MEMBERS:*

**Bea and Grady Magee**  
**Bernice and Gene Lackey**  
**Jo Weaver**  
**Mary Wooten**

**Hester Insley**  
**Agnes Hughes**  
**Nell Horne**  
**Mildred Gaunt**

*THOSE WITH RESTRICTED MOBILITY AND HOMEBOUND:*

**Bud Elam**

*FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:*

**The family of Betty Ward**, aunt of Dana Neal  
**Zach Towers**, friend of Austin Howsen  
**The family of Marcella Anderson**, stepmother of  
Amber Poss and Lauren Anderson  
**Franklin Ward**, uncle of Dana Neal  
**Orrin Robinson**, friend of the church  
**Ray Doss**, acquaintance of Laura Cosner  
**Mildred Patterson**, former member  
**Gail Davis**, former member  
**Jaycee from Monticello**, daughter of a coworker  
of David Perdue, Jr.  
**Sherry Costello**, friend of the Cosner family  
**Sheila Starkey & family**, friend of the church  
**Ruby Cox**, grandmother of Laura Cosner's friend  
**Eddie Lackey**, friend of the Reeves family  
**Roxanne Melgarejo**, caregiver of Jo Weaver  
**Pat Mosley**, mother of George Mosley  
**Bonita Hankins**, aunt of George Mosley  
**Alyssa and Shawn Brock & their 7-month-old**  
**son**, friends of the Cosner family  
**Brad Morris**, nephew of Bernice Lackey  
**Jacki Drewett**, Pat Drewett's mother-in-law

**Loy Horne**, sister-in-law of Lynda Vick  
**Anita Rodriguez**, mother of Brianna Rodriguez  
and Kodee & Jacob Vick  
**Kelly Robinson**, friend of Karen & David Perdue  
**Doris McCoy**, mother of Kay Cromwell  
**Helen Knoll**, grandmother of Amber Poss  
**Marian Parks**, aunt of Bill Detmers  
**Cissy Bailey**, sister-in-law of Betty Coles  
**Anne Logan**, friend of Jo Weaver  
**Lori Partridge**, friend of Rose VonTungeln  
**Verlon Wright**, friend of the Cosner family  
**Jane Dean**, friend of Mildred Gaunt  
**Tracy Robinson**, friend of Karen & David Perdue  
**Wayne Benson**, friend of the Vick Family  
**Carla Fennessee**, friends of Laura & Rick Pierce  
**Brooke Wells**, granddaughter of Connie & Bill  
Detmers  
**Son of Mary and Phil McBee**, friends of Grady &  
Bea Magee.  
**Helen Gaunt**, sister-in-law of Mildred Gaunt  
**Sheila Black Yarbrow**, former member  
**(Leah) Pud Harris**

*PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:*

**First**, Paragould

**Church Custodians**

*OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD:*

**Keith Camferdam**, Air Force

**Chris Hill**, Army

*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.*

## *Announcements* (cont.)

**All Are Invited to Join us** next Sunday, December 2, at 5:30 p.m., in the sanctuary for the Moravian Love Feast. The Moravian Love Feast is an annual tradition here at Central, one which has grown and developed over the years. Folks are invited to bring sweet breads, soup, and sandwiches to share. We will gather as members of the family of God, and together we will seek God's blessing for our community and for our world.

**It Is Time Once Again for the Magi's Market.** The Missions Committee, in cooperation with First Presbyterian Church, is again offering the opportunity for you to purchase gifts for family and friends while supporting important mission ministries in our church, our community, and around the world. This is a wonderful opportunity to give a gift that keeps on giving. Your friends and/or family members will receive a Christmas card acknowledging a gift in their honor from you, and the ministry you choose will receive 100% of your financial donation to use as you have specified. Booklets will soon be available with more specific information about the Magi's Market and a Christmas catalog so that you can decide beforehand which gifts you would like to give. Please be in prayer for our successful participation in this unique occasion to give meaningful gifts in the true Spirit of Christmas.



### **Christmas Poinsettias**

The church office is accepting orders for Christmas Poinsettias. The cost is \$12.50 each. If you would like to place an order, please fill out the form below and return to the church office. The deadline to place an order is December 14.

Donor(s)

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In Honor of:

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In Memory of:

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No. of Poinsettias \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Please check here if you prefer not to purchase a plant, and have your contribution donated to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

