



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
(870) 879-9074



Sunday, December 9, 2012
2ND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE Prepare the Way Then Svenska Psalmboken
Central Ringers

LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE Rose & Suzy VonTungeln

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Blessed be the God of Israel, for You have looked favorably upon
Your people.

People: You have raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of His
servant David.

Leader: By the tender mercy of Our God, the dawn from on high will break
upon us.

People: To give light to those who sit in darkness and guide our feet
into the way of peace.

All: Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN #376** Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abounding grace, have mercy upon us. Our valleys are deep when
we are encompassed with care. Our mountains are high when our burdens
are heavy. We grope in the maze of our tangled alliances and reap the pain
of bad choices and ignorant gambles. You promised that all flesh shall see
Your salvation. Show us the straight path and the smooth way that lead to
Your righteousness, through Jesus Christ, who is the way. (Silent Prayer)
Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Paul prays "that your love may overflow more and more with
knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best,

People: so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless,
having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes
through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God."

Leader: Friends, in Christ live in the assurance of righteousness to the glory
of God.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Advent Message* How

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

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 3:1-6

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 1:3-11

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Malachi 3:1-4

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Prepare the Way

Dr. Dan Festa

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

p.14 Hymnal

***HYMN #276**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

Kyrie, Gott Vater in Ewigkeit

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

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

***RECESSIONAL HYMN #10** *On Jordan’s Bank the Baptist’s Cry*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *Variations on “Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

Smith

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: Connie & Bill Detmers

Lay Reader: Dr. Laura Festa

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

Erin Shaw

Choirmaster/Organist

Marty Shell

Nursery Attendant

Laura Cosner

Youth Sponsors

Marty Shell

George Mosley

Website:

www.centralprespb.com

Member Login: cpcmembre

Member Psswd: 6300trinity



The Session (Board of Elders)

Class of 2012

Zac Cosner

Laura Festa

Mike Kelley

Jemmie Moseley

Bubba VonTungeln

Class of 2013

Lawrence Fikes (Clerk)

Steven Howsen

George Mosley

Dana Neal

Laura Pierce

Standing Committee Moderators

Mike Kelley

Steven Howsen

Zac Cosner

Dana Neal

Laura Festa

Laura Pierce

Budget & Finance

Building & Grounds

Education

Fellowship & Nurture

Missions & Outreach

Worship & Music

Announcements

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 one of the forms located on the round table in the narthex, and return it to the church office by December 14. The cost is \$12.50.

The Ordination and Installation of the Sessional Class of 2014 will be this morning during morning worship.

A Meeting of the Congregation Will Be Held today at the end of worship. The purpose of the meeting is to approve Dan’s terms of call for 2013.

Central’s Youth of All Ages Will Meet this evening at 4:30 p.m. We will practice for our Christmas play, enjoy other fun activities, and share a light meal.

The Evening Circle Will Meet tomorrow, December 10, at 6:30 p.m., in the Perdue Library.

The Morning Circle Will Meet Tuesday, December 11, at 10:00 a.m., in the Perdue Library.

Announcements continued on insert

Announcements (cont.)

Mark your calendars for Thursday, December 13, from 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. Central Presbyterian Church members will act as volunteers for the donations received at the Enchanted Land of Lights and Legends at Regional Park. A sign up sheet is posted in McElyea Hall for you to let us know if you plan to attend. The display opened November 20, and runs through December 31.

Next Sunday Our Choir Will Present *Lead Me Back to Bethlehem* by Pepper Choplin. This cantata takes us on a journey to rediscover the Joy, Peace, and Love of Christmas. Witness the joyful exuberance of the shepherds, the serene peace of Mary, and the redeeming love of the newly born Christ child. Join us for the morning worship next Sunday to hear the choir present this Christmas message!

The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held next Sunday, December 16, following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

The Session Will Meet next Sunday, December 16, in the conference room, following the luncheon.

The Deadline for the January Issue of the *Central Scene* is **Monday, December 17**. Please turn in all announcements, articles, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.

Mark Your Calendar for December 23, when our youth will present *Don't Let the Grouches Steal Your Christmas*, at 5:30 p.m. in McElyea Hall. This play is an advent comedy on holiday stress, written by Christine Ferguson. We will need volunteers to help us with the potluck meal to follow the play. Watch the bulletin board for a sign-up sheet for items to bring. We are excited about our youth and their ministry in our church. Please come out and support their efforts.

Central Will Lead Trinity Village Vespers Sunday, December 23, at 4 p.m., in the Trinity Village Great Hall. All are invited to attend.

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 &

Order forms are available on the round table in the Narthex 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.

Luke 3:1-6

- 3:1 In the fifteenth year of the reign of Emperor Tiberius, when Pontius Pilate was governor of Judea, and Herod was ruler of Galilee, and his brother Philip ruler of the region of Ituraea and Trachonitis, and Lysanias ruler of Abilene,
- 3:2 during the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John son of Zechariah in the wilderness.
- 3:3 He went into all the region around the Jordan, proclaiming a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins,
- 3:4 as it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.
- 3:5 Every valley shall be filled, and every mountain and hill shall be made low, and the crooked shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth;
- 3:6 and all flesh shall see the salvation of God."

Philippians 1:3-11

- 1:3 I thank my God every time I remember you,
- 1:4 constantly praying with joy in every one of my prayers for all of you,
- 1:5 because of your sharing in the gospel from the first day until now.
- 1:6 I am confident of this, that the one who began a good work among you will bring it to completion by the day of Jesus Christ.
- 1:7 It is right for me to think this way about all of you, because you hold me in your heart, for all of you share in God's grace with me, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel.
- 1:8 For God is my witness, how I long for all of you with the compassion of Christ Jesus.
- 1:9 And this is my prayer, that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight

- 1:10 to help you to determine what is best, so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless,
- 1:11 having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God.

Malachi 3:1-4

- 3:1 See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.
- 3:2 But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap;
- 3:3 he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the LORD in righteousness.
- 3:4 Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

Advent Message

Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus,
Amen Come Lord Jesus
Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus,
Amen Come Lord Jesus

O come quickly, Come Lord Jesus
O come quickly, come Lord come
Come Lord Jesus, Come Lord Jesus,
Amen, Come Lord Jesus

The voice of Him that crieth In the wilderness,
Prepare ye the way of the Lord,
Make straight in the desert,
A highway For our God.

Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus,
Come Lord Jesus come,
Come Lord Jesus, come Lord Jesus,
Come Lord Jesus come,
Yea come quickly, Yea come quickly
Yea come quickly, come Lord come.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 9, 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:

Nick Tschepikow, friend of the Festa's
The family of Ray Doss, acquaintance of Laura Cosner
The family of Betty Ward, aunt of Dana Neal
Zach Towers, friend of Austin Howsen
Franklin Ward, uncle of Dana Neal
Orrin Robinson, friend of the church
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:

Laotian Ministry, Fort Smith

First, Stuttgart

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.