



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Sunday, December 16, 2012
3RD 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 *In Dulci Jubilo* Bach

LIGHTING THE THIRD ADVENT CANDLE Amber Poss & Dr. Laura M. Festa

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid.

People: **for the Lord God is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.**

Leader: With joy you will give thanks to the Lord and call on God's name.

People: **We will sing You our praises, O God, for You have done glorious things**

All: **Let us worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN #8** *Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Source of salvation, what shall we do? Our lives are unworthy of the goodness You offer. We complain of our condition when our wants go unnoticed. Contentment eludes us, since when we have plenty we still yearn for more. Millions face hunger, while we fret over abundance. Through Christ forgive us, yet grant us no peace until we share our bread with the hungry and our homes with those who lack shelter. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.... The Lord is near.

People: **Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let our requests be made known to God.**

Leader: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus."

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

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: As Christ has given each of us Peace, let us extend it now to our Neighbors. The Peace of Christ be with you!

People: **And also with you.** (Please extend the right hand of fellowship to those around you by saying: "The Peace of Christ be with you!")

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

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

CHOIR CANTATA

Lead Me Back To Bethlehem Pepper Choplin

See separate bulletin



***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

p.14 Hymnal

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Herr Christ, der ein'ge Gott's-Sohn* 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 #20** *Watchman, Tell Us of the Night*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *We Three Kings* Traditional/Brickman

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)

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

Standing Committee Moderators

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

Announcements

The Deadline to Order a Poinsettia Has Been Extended through today. To place an order, please fill out one of the forms on the round table in the Narthex, and return it to the church office before you leave today. The cost is \$12.50.

This Morning, 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.

The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held today following morning worship. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

The Session Will Meet this afternoon in the conference room, following the luncheon.

Central’s Youth of All Ages Will Meet this afternoon following the luncheon to practice for our Christmas play.

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

The Chrismas Joy Offering will be received during worship next Sunday, December 23.

Announcements continued on insert

Christmas Poinsettias Placed in the Sanctuary

Mary Shannon & Lawrence Fikes
Patsy & Al Glover

Jo Weaver

The (Bill) VonTungeln Family
Lynda Vick & family
and Nell Horne,
Jemmie D. Moseley & Family

Mary Kientz
Mr. & Mrs. Frank Merritt

Bonnie Rauls

Erin Faucette Shaw and Ryan

Valerie Reichen and
Donna & Marlin Shipman
Laura & Zac Cosner

Dana Neal & family
Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Buchanan
Bernice and Gene Lackey
Marie Bennett
Laura & Rick Pierce
Karen & David Perdue
Elise & Jim Argue

Gary Johnson

*For the Glory of God
In memory of Clarence & Edith Lyon and Weldon
& Juanita Glover
In memory of J. T. Weaver
In honor of and in appreciation for my caregiver,
Roxanne
In memory of Nancy VonTungeln*

*In memory of Earl Wayne Vick, Jr. and Leon Horne
In honor of Mr. & Mrs. Bonner G. Davis, Jr.
In memory of Martin Moseley, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. B.
Bryan Moseley, and Mr. & Mrs. Bonner G. Davis,
Sr.
In memory of Sonny Kientz and Bob St. Clair
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. William. D. Merritt, Mr.
& Mrs. John R. Kitchens, Sr., John R. Kitchens, Jr.,
and Peggy Wilson
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Bert Brown and Robert
W. Rauls
In honor of the Faucette, Johnson, Versey, &
Kincade Families and Ruby Carey
In honor of the Shaw, Hall & Coleman Families,
and in remembrance of Cleashindra Hall*

*In memory of Murray Reichen
In memory of Danleigh Joyce Cosner, Sonny &
Joyce Boshers, Janet & John Reeves, Kay Reeves,
Charles E. Moore, Harvey & Dona Graumann,
John & Mary Cosner, Jim Smedley, Dora
VonTungeln, James Ray Doss, Peggy Wilson,
Bettie Jo Isabel, Sonny Kientz, Jack Perdue,
Murray Reichen.
In memory of Betty Ward
In honor of Beatrice and Grady G. Magee
In memory of Jerry Lackey and Randy Lackey
In memory of James “Red” Bennett
In memory of Jane & Bill Mullikin
In memory of Jack Perdue, III
In honor of Ruby O. Carey and Karen & David
Perdue
In memory of Oneida and Bob Orgain
In honor of Cynthia, Matt, & Anna Johnson*

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 16, 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
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 Fenessee, 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:
Memorial Church, Atkins

First, Walnut Ridge

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.*



Lead Me Back to Bethlehem
Sunday, December 16, 2012
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Narrator: Dr. Bill Detmers

Lead Me Back To Bethlehem

Come, Emmanuel!

Ready, waiting, God is with us.
Ready, waiting for Emmanuel.
God is with us, come, Emmanuel.

Yearning, Sighing for Emmanuel.
Praying crying "Emmanuel".
Come, Emmanuel!
O come and with us dwell,

For unto you a Child is born,
To you a Son is given.
Though He arrives through human birth,
He come with full divinity.

For unto you a Child is born,
To you a Son is given.
No other one has come before,
Born of earth, born of heaven,
Born of earth and heaven.

Come, Emmanuel. O come and with us dwell.
Come, Emmanuel! O come and with us dwell.
Come, Emmanuel. Come Emmanuel.

Ready, waiting, come, Emmanuel.
Come, Emmanuel, come and with us dwell.
Emmanuel, Emmanuel,
Emmanuel, Emmanuel. Come!

Fear Not, the Lord Is with You
Amanda Chandler, Nevada Mills, soloists

Fear not, the Lord is with you, is with you.
Fear not, the Lord is with you, is with you.
Fear not, the Lord is with you, is with you.

Fear not, Mary, the Lord is with you.
You have found favor with God.
You will give birth to a holy child,
And you shall call His name, Jesus.

Fear not, fear not!
Fear not, the Lord is with you, is with you.
Fear not, the Lord is with you, is with you.

Fear not, Joseph, take Mary as your wife.
For she carries a holy Child.
She will give birth to a holy Son.
And you shall call His name, Jesus.
Fear not, fear not!

The Lord is my light and my salvation,
Of whom shall I be afraid?
The Lord is my strength,
The Lord is my Life,
Of whom shall I be afraid?

Fear not, the Lord is with you, is with you.
Fear not, the Lord is with you, is with you.
Listen, Mary, Listen, Joseph.
Listen, people, the Lord is with you
And also with you.

Lead Me Back to Bethlehem

O little town of Bethlehem,
How still we see thee lie!
The hopes and fears of all the years
Are met in thee tonight.

Lead me back to Bethlehem,
Let me stay a while.
I want to feel the holy peace
As Mary holds her Child.

I want to feel the peace again,
Lead me back to Bethlehem.

Lead me back to Bethlehem,
I want to feel the joy of shepherds
Shouting In the night to celebrate the Boy.
I want to feel the joy again,
Lead me back to Bethlehem.

I've been there many times before,
But this time how I yearn
To feel the joy, the peace and love.
O help me to return, come, help me to return.

Lead me back to Bethlehem,
My weary spirit needs
To see the star of holy light and follow where it leads.

I want to see the star again,
Lead me back to Bethlehem.
Lead me back, lead me back
Lead me back to Bethlehem.

Come Down to Bethlehem
Rick & Laura Pierce, soloists

Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new-born King.”	Glory to God in heaven, Peace on earth good will to men. “Go now to worship Him, Down to Bethlehem, Go down to Bethlehem.
One starry night as we watched our sheep, It was dark, we could not sleep when Bright as day, the angel come, we were so afraid. Fear not, for I come to you, Bringing great glorious news, For Christ the Lord today is born , Go down to Bethlehem.	Joyful, all ye nations, rise, Join the triumph of the skies; With the angelic host proclaim, Christ is born in Bethlehem!
Glory to God in heaven, peace on earth, Good will to men. Go now to worship Him, Down in Bethlehem.	Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the new born King.” And when we saw the baby boy, We were filled with heaven’s joy. When we went out, we joined to shout. We went out, we joined to shout,
O shepherds, let’s go down, Let’s go down, come on down, O shepherds, let’s go down, Down to Bethlehem.	“All glory to God in heaven, Peace on earth good will to men. Come, now to worship Him, Down to Bethlehem.”
Then we went down to Bethlehem, Found the Child and worshiped Him, When people heard the angel’s word, The were so amazed.	Come down to Bethlehem, Come down to Bethlehem.

Treasures of the Heart

Mary rest upon the hay, Now your labor’s done. Next to you in swaddling clothes, Lies your first born Son.	When life is cruel and trouble comes, The world will pierce your soul. Treasure all your memories, They will help to heal and make you whole.
Feel the sweetness, take your rest, Cherish every part. Times like these will come To be treasures of your heart.	Find the blessings of the day, Never let them pass. Taste the joy of life and love As you hold them fast.
Shepherds break the peacefulness, Telling what they’ve heard. All who hear them are amazed By the angels’ words. Burn their words to memory As the shepherds part.	Embrace your loved ones, Draw them close. Time will soon depart, Yet the memories will remain Treasures of the heart.
Times like these will come to be Treasures of the heart.	Embrace your loved ones, Hold them close. Time will soon depart, Yet the memories will remain Treasures of the heart.
Hold on to your memories, Save then for the years. Later they will lift you up, And help to dry your tears.	Your memories will remain, Treasures of the heart.

Frankincense, Myrrh, and Gold

We are going to search for the King.
Frankincense, myrrh and gold.
We go to worship and to bring the
Finest treasure that we hold.

From our home, we’ve come so far,
Frankincense, myrrh, and gold.
We spend our days to follow the star
To find the King we yearn to behold.

We three kings of Orient are,
Now we walk the Bethlehem streets
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Frankincense myrrh, and gold,

Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
We find the Child the Prince of peace,
Following yonder star.
As the ancient prophets foretold.

Glorious now behold Him arise,
King and God and Sacrifice:
“Alleluia, alleluia!”
Earth to heaven replies.

O, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright.
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect Light.
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect Light.

You Are Lord

You are love, You are peace,
And Your faithfulness and hope never
cease.
To the humble heart You stand as an open
door.
You are Lord.

You are joy, You are light,
And You guide us as we walk through
darkest night.
You are all the human heart is searching
for.
You are Lord.

Your children stand before You
To bring You gifts of praise.,
But our gifts seem so humble,
For You are Lord, for You are God,
You are God.

You are now, You are then,
And Your holiness and power never end.
And we’ll live within Your house forever
more.
You are Lord. You are love, You are
peace,
You are Lord, You are Lord.

Angels We Have Heard on High!

Angels we have heard on high,
Sweetly singing over the plains.
And the mountains in reply,
Echoing echoing, joyous strains,
Joyous strains.

Shepherds, why this jubilee?
Why your joyous strains prolong?
What the gladsome tidings be
Which inspires, inspires your heavenly
song.
Your heavenly song?

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.
See Him in the manger laid,
Whom the choirs of angels praise;
Mary, Joseph, lend your aid,
While our love, love we raise,
Our love we raise.

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.

Come to Bethlehem and see,
Come to Bethlehem and see the newborn
King.

Come to Bethlehem and see
Him whose birth the angels sing:
Come adore on bended knee, Christ the
Lord,
Christ the newborn King,
The new born King.

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.
Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo.
In excelsis Deo.