



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Sunday, December 23, 2012
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE *Prelude in Baroque Style*

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LIGHTING THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

The Neal Family

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Give ear, O Shepherd of Israel. Stir up Your might, and come to save us!

People: Restore us, O God; let Your face shine that we may be saved.

All: Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN #2** *Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most Holy God, in Christ You pour out Your mercy to forgive our transgressions. Hear us now as we confess our sin. We err in our judgment of what You want from us. We seek to appease You with offerings, earn Your favor by doing good deeds, or garner a blessing through making some sacrifice. Forgive us our nature that is prone to buy favor, and in Christ restore us to a right relationship with You. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Micah foresaw the Coming One, who would stand and feed the flock.

People: **The people shall dwell secure in the majesty of God's name.**

Leader: Christ is our peace, and we can dwell secure in the knowledge that;

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

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

A Star Will Soon Shine

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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 Micah 5:5:2-5a

EPISTLE LESSON Hebrews 10:5-10

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 1:39-45

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Make Haste

Dr. Dan Festa

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Apostle's Creed (Traditional)

p.14 Hymnal

***HYMN #5**

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Helft mir Gott's Güte preisen* 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 #49** *Once in Royal David's City*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *O Come All Ye Faithful* Traditonal/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

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

Announcements

The Chrismas Joy Offering will be received this morning during worship.

2013 Offering Envelopes are available. They are located on the table in the Narthex.

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

Join Us this Evening, when our youth will present *Don't Let the Grouches Steal Your Christmas*, at 5:30 p.m. in McElyea Hall. We need volunteers to help us with the potluck meal following the play. A sign up sheet is on the bulletin board so you can let us know what you would like to bring. We are excited about our youth and their ministry in our church. Please come out and support their efforts.

Our Annual Christmas Eve Service Will Be Held tomorrow, at **5 p.m.** This promises to be a wonderful Christmas Eve service you won't want to miss. Come and sing with us as we celebrate together!

The Church Office Will Be Closed Tuesday, December 25, in observance of Christmas Day.

We Will Take our Christmas decorations down on Saturday, January 5, 2013. Volunteers are needed and welcomed.

Micah 5:2-5a

- 5:2 But you, O Bethlehem of Ephrathah, who are one of the little clans of Judah, from you shall come forth for me one who is to rule in Israel, whose origin is from of old, from ancient days.
- 5:3 Therefore he shall give them up until the time when she who is in labor has brought forth; then the rest of his kindred shall return to the people of Israel.
- 5:4 And he shall stand and feed his flock in the strength of the LORD, in the majesty of the name of the LORD his God. And they shall live secure, for now he shall be great to the ends of the earth;
- 5:5 and he shall be the one of peace.

Hebrews 10:5-10

- 10:5 Consequently, when Christ came into the world, he said, "Sacrifices and offerings you have not desired, but a body you have prepared for me;
- 10:6 in burnt offerings and sin offerings you have taken no pleasure.
- 10:7 Then I said, 'See, God, I have come to do your will, O God' (in the scroll of the book it is written of me)."
- 10:8 When he said above, "You have neither desired nor taken pleasure in sacrifices and offerings and burnt offerings and sin offerings" (these are offered according to the law),
- 10:9 then he added, "See, I have come to do your will." He abolishes the first in order to establish the second.
- 10:10 And it is by God's will that we have been sanctified through the offering of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.

Luke 1:39-45, (46-55)

- 1:39 In those days Mary set out and went with haste to a Judean town in the hill country,
- 1:40 where she entered the house of Zechariah and greeted Elizabeth.
- 1:41 When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the child leaped in her womb. And Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit

- 1:42 and exclaimed with a loud cry, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb.
- 1:43 And why has this happened to me, that the mother of my Lord comes to me?
- 1:44 For as soon as I heard the sound of your greeting, the child in my womb leaped for joy.
- 1:45 And blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord."

A Star Will Soon Shine

Watch and wait, O people of God;
This is no time for doubt and fear.
Let your faith be steadfast and strong.
Soon a sign will appear.

A star will soon shine O'er Bethlehem town.
The prophets have said a child will come down
From heaven above to bring God's love.
Let us prepare for the King.

A star will soon shine alone in the night.
The sky will be filled with glorious light,
And a song will be heard through all the world.
Let us prepare for the King.

Watch and wait, O people of hope,
Love will come down from heaven on high.
Trust your faith. Be patient and know
God will send you a sign.

A star will soon shine to show us the way.
The darkness we've known will soon be replaced
By the light of God's Son, the Promised One.
Let us prepare for the King.

PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 23 , 2012

MEMBERS:

Rose VonTungeln
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:

Sue Williams, aunt of George Mosley
Madison Williams, acquaintance of Amanda Chandler
Nick Tschepikow, friend of the Festa's
The family of Betty Ward, aunt of Dana Neal
Zach Towers, friend of Austin Howsen
Franklin Ward, uncle of Dana Neal
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:

Mountainburg Church, Mountainburg

Retired Ministers and Educators

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD:

Kirk of the Hills, Fairfield Bay

One-O-One Church, Gamaliel

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.