



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Sunday, December 22, 2013
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

Savior of the Nations Come

Enchiridion

LIGHTING THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Surely God is our salvation; We will trust, and will not be afraid.

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

Leader: With joy we 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 #37** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*

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. Amen.

SILENT PRAYER

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*

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

Behold the Star!

Lloyd Larson

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'ssohn* 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 #40** *Joy to the World*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *A Tender Rose Has Blossomed* Rasley

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: Sue & Frank Merritt

Lay Reader: Bill Detmers

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.

Guest Pastor	Secretary
	Erin Shaw
Choirmaster/Organist	Nursery Attendant
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Marty Shell	www.centralprespb.com
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The Session (Board of Elders)	
<u>Class of 2013</u>	<u>Class of 2014</u>
Lawrence Fikes	Tommy Dunlap
Steven Howsen	Jo Weaver
George Mosley	Lan Kelley
Dana Neal	Pat Drewett
Laura Pierce (Clerk)	Bill Detmers

Standing Committee Moderators	
Lawrence Fikes	Budget & Finance
Steven Howsen	Building & Grounds
George Mosley	
Dana Neal	Education
Tommy Dunlap	Fellowship & Nurture
Pat Drewett	
Jo Weaver	Missions & Outreach
Bill Detmers	
Lan Kelley	Worship & Music

Announcements

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

Our Annual Christmas Eve Service Will Be Held December 24, at **5:30 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 Wednesday, December 25, in observance of Christmas Day.

The Choir Will Not Meet on Wednesday, December 25, in observance of Christmas Day.

Central Will Lead Trinity Village Vespers Sunday, December 29, at 4 p.m., in the Trinity Village Great Hall. All are invited to attend.

Reminder: End-of-Year Contributions 2013 Pledges & gifts to the church must be received by December 31, 2013 in order to be deducted on your 2013 tax return. Contributions that are received by the church in 2014, cannot be deducted on 2013's tax return, even if the check is dated 2013.

However, a check that is written, mailed, and postmarked in 2013, can be deducted on 2013's tax return even if it is not received by the church until 2014. We will follow these rules in issuing receipts. End-of-year contribution reports will be available no later than January 31, 2014. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.



Behold the Star!

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By Lloyd Larson
Narrated by Sue Merritt & Karen Perdue

Light of the World

Rick Pierce, soloist

Light of the world, come live among us,
Our spirits long to be free.
Love's pure light, the hope of the ages,
We yearn for the day we shall see.

Emmanuel, born to dwell in love,
God's gift to the world.
Author of life, come end our strife,
We yearn for You, Holy Lord.
Come now, O Light of the world.

The people who walk in the darkness,
They shall see a great light!
The people who walk in the darkness,
On them a light shall shine!

Those who live in the shadow of death

Shall be filled with Joy!
And unto them shall a child be born,
Heaven's gift a baby Boy!

The people who walk in the darkness,
They shall see a great light!
The people who walk in the dark,
A light shall shine!

Wonderful Counsellor,
Mighty God, Living Father,
Prince of Peace!

And He shall rule over David's throne,
And His reign shall never cease,
His reign shall never cease.

Do Not Be Afraid

"Do not be afraid. Do not be afraid.
For you have found favor with God,
And you shall bear a Son!
Do not be afraid, do not be afraid.
This Child shall be the royal Son
Of the Most High God!"

"How can this be, for I'm a maiden?
How can I bear God's holy Son?"
God shall come upon you, Mary.
Nothing is impossible for God!"

"Do not be afraid, I am not afraid,
Do not be afraid. I'm not afraid,
I've found favor with God,
And I shall bear a Son!"

"Do not be afraid, Do not be afraid.
This Child shall be the royal Son
Of the Most High God!"

Messiah King, the royal Son
Of the Most High God!"

O Holy Night
Nevada Mills, Soloist

Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria! Sing "Gloria!"
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria! Sing "Gloria!"
To God on high. Praise God who reigns on high.

O holy night, the stars are brightly shining,
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sin and error pining,
Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth.

A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices,
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!
Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices!
O night divine, O holy night when Christ was born!

O night divine! O night, O night divine.

Fall, come now and fall on your knees, fall on your knees,
O hear, come now and hear the angel, hear the angel voices!
O night, O night divine, O holy night, O holy night
When Christ was born! O night, O holy night divine,
O night, O night divine!

The stars are brightly shining on this night!
O holy night, The King of Kings has come to earth this night.
O holy night, Emmanuel is born this holy night.

Shepherds, Leave your Flocks

Shepherds, leave your flocks this night,
Hurry now to Bethlehem, for Messiah has been born.
Celebrate His birth: Savior come to earth,
Heaven's gift, God's holy light!
Christ is born this night!

So they left their flocks behind and they ran to Bethlehem.
There they found the holy Child in a manger stall,
Savior, Lord of all, heaven's gift to all the world,
The Babe, the holy Lord!

Glory to God in the highest!
Sing your praise, lift your voice!
Glory to God, for the Lord has come.
Let all heaven and earth rejoice!

As they left the manger bed in the town of Bethlehem,
They rejoiced in what they'd seen:
Messiah had been born, on this Christmas morn.
Praise the Lord who reigns on high!

Christ has come to bring us life!
Shepherds, leave your flocks this night,
Hurry now to Bethlehem!!

See Amid the Winter's Snow

See amid the winter's snow,
Born for us on earth below,
See the tender Lamb appears,
Promised from eternal years.

Hail, O blessed Christmas morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

There, within a manger lies,
He who built the starry skies;
He who, throned in heaven sublime.
Sits amid the cherubim.

Hail, O bless Christmas morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Tiny Infant, gift divine,
Light of God, forever shine!
Morning Star, hope of the world
We adore You, Holy Lord!

Hail, O blessed Christmas morn!
Hail, redemption's happy dawn!
Sing through all Jerusalem,
Christ is born in Bethlehem.

(congregation may join)

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

Christ is born in Bethlehem.

Behold that Star!

Behold that star!
Behold that star up yonder!
Behold that star!
It is the star of Bethlehem.

Behold that star!
Behold that star up yonder!
Behold that star!
It is the star of Bethlehem.

A star shines brightly in the night,
It is the star of Bethlehem.
A sign from God, a glorious sight!
It is the star of Bethlehem.

Behold that star!
Behold that star up yonder!
Behold that star!
It is the star of Bethlehem.

The Wise Men travel from the East.
It is the star of Bethlehem.
They worship Him, the Prince of Peace.
It is the star of Bethlehem.

They kneel and offer treasures rare.
It is the star of Bethlehem.
God's gift of love beyond compare!

It's the star, it is the star, it is the star of Bethlehem.
Behold that star! Behold that star up yonder!
Behold that star! It is the star of Bethlehem,
Behold star! Behold that star up yonder!

Behold that star! It is the star, it is the star,
It is the star, the star of Bethlehem.
It is the star of Bethlehem.

The Star Still Shines
Laura Pierce & Amanda Chandler, descant

Rejoice, give thanks in joyous praise,
Lift up your voice and sing.
The prophecies have been fulfilled in Christ,
The newborn King!

The star that shone over Bethlehem so many years ago
Still shines today to light the way.
Come, worship Christ, the Lord!

On Christmas night all Christians sing to hear the news
The angels bring: on Christmas night all Christmas sing
To hear the news the angels bring:
News of great joy, news of great mirth,
News of our merciful King's birth.

All out of darkness we have light,
Which made the angels sing this night;
All out of darkness we have light,
"Glory to God and peace to men,
Now and forever more Amen."

Hark! The herald 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!"

Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all He brings,
Risen with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that we no more may die,

Born to raise us from the earth,
Born to give us second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the new born King!"

The star that shone over Bethlehem
So many years ago
Still shines today to light the way.
Come, worship Christ, the Lord, the Lord,
Christ, the Lord, worship Christ, the Lord!

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