



Central Presbyterian Church
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Sunday, December 21 2014
4TH SUNDAY IN 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 FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE The Mills Family

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 89

Jemie: "I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

People: "I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens."

Jemie: "You said, 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:'"

People: 'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

All: "Let us worship God!"

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #121** *O Little Town of Bethlehem*

FILLING THE BAPTISMAL FONT

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, your good news is too hard for us to hear. Forgive us when we can't accept your loving gifts. Help us learn again that above all else, you are our God and we are your people. (Silent Prayer) In Jesus' name we pray, Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON ("Lord, Have Mercy")

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jemie: Friends, hear and believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen!

***GLORIA PATRI** ("Glory be to the Father") *Hymnal #581*

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

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed (Traditional) see insert

CHOIR CANTATA *The Christmas Story* Tom Fettke & Thomas Grassi
See separate bulletin



***HYMN #133**

O Come, All Ye Faithful

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *O Lord, How Shall I Meet You* Bach

***DOXOLOGY** ("Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow") *Hymnal #607*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS (You are each encouraged to name those whom you love and for whom you pray.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD’S PRAYER (We use the wording “debts and debtors.”)

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***RECESSIONAL HYMN #134** *Joy to the World!*

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *O Come, All Ye Faithful* Brickman

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

Go forth into the world rejoicing. Love and serve the Lord.

*** Those who are able, please stand.**

**** Please be seated and remain for the postlude if you can.**

Usher: Connie and Bill Detmers **Lay Reader: Jemmie Moseley**

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.

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Pat Drewett

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Amanda Chandler
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Laura Pierce (clerk)

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Jewelie Mills	Budget & Finance
Amanda Chandler	Building & Grounds
Amanda Chandler & Laura Pierce	Education
Tommy Dunlap & Lan Kelley	Fellowship & Nurture
Pat Drewett	Missions & Outreach
Bill Detmers & Marty Shell	Worship & Music

Announcements

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

The Deadline for the January Issue of the Central Scene is tomorrow, **December 22.** Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day.

Our Annual Christmas Eve Service Will Be Held this Wednesday, 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 Thursday, December 25, in observance of Christmas Day.

The Choir Will Not Meet Wednesday, December 31.

Reminder: End of Year Contributions 2014 pledges and gifts to the church must be received by December 31, 2014, in order to be deducted on your 2014 tax return. Contributions that are received by the church in 2015 cannot be deducted on 2014's tax return, even if the check is dated 2014.

However, a check that is written, mailed, and postmarked in 2014 can be deducted on 2014's tax return even if it is not received by the church until 2015. We will follow these rules in issuing receipts. End-of-year contribution reports will be available no later than January 31, 2015. If you have any questions, please contact the church office.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
The Apostles Creed (Traditional)

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Notes on Today's Affirmation of Faith:
The Apostles Creed (Traditional)

Presbyterians are a "Confessing Church." We have adopted historic statements of faith such as "The Apostles Creed" and created others as a way of telling the world and reminding ourselves who we are, what we believe, and how we intend to live because of that. They do not take the place of the Bible and are intended to help us focus on the essentials of our faith made clear in the Bible. The Presbyterian Book of Confessions includes fourteen statements of faith, including familiar ones like "The Apostles Creed" and the "Longer" and "Shorter Catechisms."

The Apostles Creed was not written by the Apostles, as some thought in the very earliest days of the Christian movement. It developed as faithful followers of Christ tried to combat others whose teachings did not conform to the teachings of the Early church. An early form of it in Rome dates back to about 180 A.D. Few of the early members of the Church were able to read, so they had to memorize some of the basics of their faith to be admitted to the Church. Many of those statements were built on that early form and over the centuries other phrases were added as new issues arose. By the Eighth Century A.D. it had developed into the form we still use today. Some of the language of that time is still included, such as the word "catholic," which didn't refer to the Roman Catholic Church, but is a word used to mean "world-wide" or "universal."

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

Romans 16:25-27

Now to God who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith – to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever! Amen.

Luke 1:26-38

In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. For nothing will be impossible with God." Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

Christmas Poinsettias Placed in the Sanctuary

The (Bill) VonTungeln Family
Mary Shannon & Lawrence Fikes
Mary Kientz
Jim & Elise Argue & Family

Patsy & Dave King
Valerie Reichen and
Donna & Marlin Shipman
Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Buchanan

Ms. Pat Drewett, Lee & Leslie Drewett
Lainey, Luke, and Derik Drewett

Bonnie Rauls
Jemmie D. Moseley & Family

Sheila & Jimmy Horn
William D. “Bubba” VonTungeln, III
& family

Laura & Rick Pierce

Lynda Vick and Family
Nell Horne
Gary Johnson
Jemmie D. Moseley
Karen & David Perdue
Zac, Laura, & Langston Cosner
Tommy Dunlap & Marty Shell

*In memory of Nancy VonTungeln
For the Glory of God
In memory of Sonny Kientz
In honor of Betty Coles
In memory of Ruby Orgain Carey and Oneida &
Bob Orgain
In memory of Loved Ones*

*In memory of Murray Reichen
In honor of Bea. Magee and Audry Brooks
In memory of Mike Brooks, Grady Magee, and
Linda & Scotty Douthit*

*In honor of Wanda Vining and Betty Seymore
In memory of Mike Drewett
In memory of Mr. & Mrs. Bert Brown
In memory of Martin Moseley, Sr., Mr. & Mrs. B.
Bryan Moseley, and Mr. & Mrs. Bonner G.
Davis, Sr.
For the Glory of God*

*In memory of Dora E. VonTungeln, W. D.
VonTungeln, Sr., Lea Ann VonTungeln, and
Danleigh J. Cosner
In memory of Bill & Jane Mullikin, Mildred
Turner, Jo Weaver, and Jim Smedley*

*In memory of Leon Horne and Earl Wayne Vick
In honor of Cynthia, Matt, & Anna Johnson
In memory of John (Jack) Armer Perdue, III
In memory of Ruby O. Carey and Mildred Turner
In memory of Danleigh Joyce Cosner
In memory of Margie Watson, Nell & Bob
Dunlap, Georgia Diffey, Randi Shell, and Lester
& Marie Shell*

CENTRAL PRAYER CONCERNS FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 21, 2014

MEMBERS:
The friends and family of Mildred Turner
Mary Wooten
Logan Mosley
Bernice and Gene Lackey
Hester Insley
Mary Kientz

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:
Tim Reeves, uncle of Laura Cosner
Jim Miller, friend of the church
Ronnie Panks, father of Bubba VonTungeln’s
friend
Rev. Jim Miller, friend of the church
Perry Reynolds, friend of the Jane & David
Judkins
Betty Neal, mother-in-law of Dana Neal
Lori Partridge, friend of Rose VonTungeln
Carol Langley, customer of Laura Cosner
Mary Ward, mother of Dana Neal
Annette Knuckles, co-worker of Tommy Dunlap
Cathryn Bennet and Rhonda Bennett, customers
of Laura Cosner
Joshua Chambliss and family, nephew of Rose
and Suzy VonTungeln
Juliet Walker, sister of Bubba VonTungeln’s co-
worker
Judy and Larry Fetters, friends of Rose
VonTungeln
Rhett Lunningham, nephew of David Judkins
Ryker Cheek, nephew of Bubba VonTungeln
Dad and Stepmom of Vance and Jennifer
Freeman, cousins of Amanda Chandler

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:
Memorial Church, Atkins

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

Agnes Hughes
Valerie Reichen
Bea Magee
Nell Horne
Mildred Gaunt

Betty Seymore, aunt of Pat Drewett
Mary McBee, friend of Karen & David Perdue
Johnny & Ginger McCaleb, son and daughter–law
of Donna McCaleb
Brooke Wells, granddaughter of Connie & Bill
Detmers
Monica Milligan, mother-in-law of Michael
VonTungeln
Doris McCoy, mother of Kay Cromwell
Wanda Vining, mother-in-law of Pat Drewett
Cathy Risinger, sister of Kay Cromwell
Helen Gaunt, sister-in-law of Mildred Gaunt
Joe Ward, uncle of Dana Neal
Dan Loomis, former pastor
Matthew Stoddard, nephew of Amanda Chandler’s
co-worker
John Hensley, friend of Laura and Rick Pierce
Kristina Ward, friend of Amanda and Michael
Chandler
Judy Curry, Jo Weaver’s hairdresser
Ray Nitcher, friend of Jo Weaver
Franklin Ward, uncle of Dana Neal
Cissy Bailey, sister-in-law of Betty Coles

First, Walnut Ridge

The Christmas Story
A Classic Carol Celebration
By Tom Fettke & Thomas Grassi



THE
CHRISTMAS
Story

The Christmas Story
Sunday, December 21, 2014
Central Presbyterian Church

Intro:

Rejoice! Rejoice!
Emanuel shall come to thee,
O Israel! Shall come to thee, O Israel!

Rejoice and Be Merry

Rejoice and be merry in songs and in mirth;
O praise our Redeemer, all mortals on earth!
For this is the birthday of Jesus our King,
Who brought us salvation, His praises we'll sing!

A heavenly vision appeared in the sky;
Vast numbers of angels the shepherds did spy,
Proclaiming the birthday of Jesus our King,
Who brought us salvation, His praises we'll sing.

Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, rejoice!
Rejoice, our Emmanuel has come,
Rejoice, rejoice, rejoice, rejoice!
Rejoice, our Emmanuel has come!

Rejoice, rejoice!
Rejoice and be merry in songs and in mirth;
O praise our Redeemer, all mortals on earth!
For this is the birthday of Jesus our King,
Who brought us salvation, His praises we'll sing!

He brought us salvation, His praises we'll sing!
He brought us salvation, His praises, praises, praises
Praises we'll sing!

O Holy Night

O holy night, the stars are brightly shinning;
It is the night of our dear Savior's birth.
Long lay the world in sing 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 night when Christ was born!
O night, O holy night, O night divine!

Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever!
His power and glory for ever more proclaim!
His power and glory ever, ever more proclaim!

O holy night, O holy night, O night divine.

On Christmas Night All Christians Sing

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

Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad?
Then why should men on earth be sad, since our Redeemer made us glad?
When from our sin He set us free, all for to gain our liberty?

When sin departs before Your grace, then life and health come in its place;
When sin departs before Your grace, then life and health come in its place;
Angels and men with joy may sing, all for to see the newborn King.

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

A Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold.
"Peace on the earth, goodwill to men, from heaven's all gracious King!"
The world in solemn stillness lay to hear the angels sing.

Still thro' the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings unfurled,
And still their heav'nly music floats o'er all the weary world;
Above its sad and lowly plains they bend on hov'ring wing,
And ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.

Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!
In excelsis Deo, in excelsis Deo, in excelsis, in excelsis Deo,
In excelsis Deo! For lo, the days are hast'ning on, by prophets seen of old,
When with the ever circling years, shall come the time foretold.
When peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
And the whole world repeat the song which now the angels sing.
Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!
In excelsis Deo, Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria! Gloria!
In excelsis Deo, in excelsis Deo, gloria! Gloria!

Rocking Carol

with Joseph Dearest, Joseph Mine
Soloists: Rose VonTungeln and Marty Shell

Jesus, Jesus, little one, holy one, gift of
heaven Mary's Son.
She will gently rock You, rock You; she
will gently rock You, rock You;
Jesus, Jesus, do not fear; those who love
You will be near.

Joseph dearest, Joseph mine, help me
rock the Child divine while I sing a lullaby,
A song of love and praise. Our God is
with us.

Gladly dearest, Mary mine, I will rock the
Child divine while you sing a lullaby,
A song of love and praise. Our God is
with us.

He who made the starry skies coos and
cries while He in a stable lies.
We will gently rock Him, rock Him; we
will gently rock Him, rock Him
Dear above all earthly things, joy of
heav'n to earth He brings.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus, joy of heav'n to earth He brings.

A Spanish Carol Suite
Soloist: Amanda Chandler

Arise, arise, I bring you good news of great joy.
Arise, arise, arise, go to Bethlehem.

Shepherds in the hills abiding, resting while their sheep were grazing:
Suddenly appeared an angel, telling them the joyful news that the Savior of the world,
Jesus Christ, is born. Go and see the Baby, go and see the Baby,
Born in Bethlehem, born in Bethlehem.

Angels from the realms of glory, heralds of creation's story,
Now proclaim the birth of Jesus with a song of adoration
That echoes all around what a joyful sound.
Glory in the highest, glory in the highest,
Glory be to God, glory be to God.

Unto us a Son is given, treasured gift to us from heaven,
Jesus Christ is born to save us, Let us join the celebration
And praise the King of kings, praise the Lord of lords,
Worship now the Christ Child, worship now the Christ Child,
Born in Bethlehem, born in Bethlehem, born in Bethlehem.

Arise, arise, arise go and tell the good news!
Arise, arise, arise go and tell the good news!



Wexford Carol
Soloist: Rick & Laura Pierce

Good people all, this Christmastime,
Consider well and bear in mind
What our good God for us has done
To sending His beloved Son.

With Mary holy we should pray
To God with love this Christmas Day.
In Bethlehem upon that morn
There was a blessed Messiah born.

Near Bethlehem did shepherds keep
Their flocks of lambs and feeding sheep.
To whom god's angel did appear,
Which put the shepherds in great fear
"Prepare and go," the angel said,

"To Bethlehem; be not afraid, for there
you'll find, This happy morn, a princely
Babe, sweet Jesus, born."

With thankful hearts and joyful minds
The shepherds went the Babe to find,
And as God's angel had foretold
The did our Savior Christ behold,

Within a manger He was laid
And by His side, a virgin maid
Attending on the Lord of Life,
Who came on earth to end all strife!

Good people all, this Christmas time,
Consider well and bear in mind
What our good God for us has done
In sending His beloved Son
God's own Son.

Sing We Now of Christmas
with The First Noel and O Come, All Ye
Faithful

Sing we now of Christmas, Noel, sing we
here! Listen to our praises to the Babe
so dear. Sing we Noel, the King in born,
Noel!

Sing we now of Christmas, sing we, sing
we all Noel! Sing we all Noel!

(congregation may join)

**The first Noel the angels did say
Was to certain poor shepherds in fields where they lay;
In fields where they lay keeping their sheep
On a cold winter's night that was so deep.**

**Noel, Noel, Noel, Noel,
Born is the King of Israel.**

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**O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant;
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!**

**Come and behold Him,
Born the King of angels!
O come, let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him!
O come, let us adore Him!
Christ the Lord.**

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

**(Choir only)
King of Kings
Lord of lords,
Hallelujah!
Hallelujah!**