



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
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Sunday, December 18, 2016
4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Welcome to our combined First and Central Presbyterian Church Cantata



Invitation to a Miracle

By Joseph Martin

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

O Come, O Come Emmanuel

Phillips

Organ/ Piano Duet

LIGHTING THE FOURTH ADVENT CANDLE

Chandler Family

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jemmie: With Hope, we pray for the world, we pray for our communities;

People: We wait for Christ to be born in us today.

Jemmie: With Peace, we pray for the world, we pray for our communities;

People: We pray that the Prince of Peace will reign in our hearts.

Jemmie: With Joy, we expectantly prepare for the Good News of the Messiah;

People: Joyfully we celebrate that Christ is coming again.

Jemmie: With Love, we give selflessly knowing God has given us the most loving gift;

People: God's love is in us, through the gift of Jesus the Christ.

Jemmie: As we worship, as we sing, as we pray, as we listen, as we focus on God's love and put aside the things of this world that burden us,

All: May Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love shine forth from us to the world, through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen!

*** OPENING HYMN #123**

It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, as we come to another Christmas we confess that we have not kept promises we made last Christmas. Forgive us for being too caught up on the Christmas around us and not in the Christmas that heralds your entrance into our world. Move within us and help us to be surprised and full of joy as we experience your presence where we wouldn't have expected it." (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

Jemmie: Hear the good news! Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life is gone; a new life has begun. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace

All: 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

Don Harris, JR.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalms 80:1–7

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 1:21–23

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

Thanks be to God.



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A Processional of Hope

A miracle shall come. A Morning Star shall rise.

The glory of Emmanuel shall gild the skies.

O Come, O come, Emmanuel; And ransom captive Israel.

Declare to every land; Proclaim in every place

The promise of redemption, and the dawn of grace.

The people mourn in darkness and night.

With hope they wait the coming of the Light.

Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel;

Shall come to thee, O Israel. Amen. Amen.

O come, Emmanuel, Come, Emmanuel.



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Joy Arising

Prophet, tell us of the night; what its signs of promise are.

Seeker, O what wondrous sight; a glory beaming star.

Prophet, does its beauteous ray, news of joy or hope foretell?

Seeker, yes, it brings the day; the promised day of Israel.

Havanagila. Havanagila. Havanagila. Let us rejoice!

Havanagila. Havanagila. Havanagila. Let us rejoice!

Come rejoicing, ye people of Zion.

Lift your voices in jubilant song to the Lord.

Havanagila. Havanagila. Havanagila.

Havanagila. Havanagila. Havanagila. Sing to the Lord.

Prophet, tell us of the night, for the morning seeks to dawn.

Seeker, shadows take their flight. All doubt and fear are gone.

All fear is gone. Havanagila. Havanagila. Havanagila. Let us rejoice!

Havanagila. Havanagila. Havanagila. Let us rejoice!

Come rejoicing, ye people of Zion. Lift your voices in jubilant song to the Lord!

Havanagila. Havanagila. Havanagila.

Havanagila. Havanagila. Havanagila.

Havanagila. Havanagila. Havanagila.

Let the people rejoice!



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Your Light Has Come

Arise and shine; your Light has come, the Savior of the nations.
Arise and shine; your Light has come; behold Emmanuel.
The glory of the Lord has come! Come and rejoice.
Come and see what God has done.

Arise and shine; your Light has come, the hope of all creation.
Arise and shine; your Light has come. Let joy awake the dawn.
The glory of the Lord has come! Come and rejoice.
Lift your voice, Arise; your Light has come.

Hear the tidings that we bring; heaven's declaration.
Mountains ring and canyons sing. Hear the proclamation.
Call His name Emmanuel: God with us abiding.
Now the heavens shine and tell. See His star is rising.

Arise, arise; your Light has come. Arise, arise! Arise arise!
Arise and shine your Light has come, the Savior of the nations.
Arise and shine, your Light has come. Behold Emmanuel.
The glory of the Lord has come! Come and rejoice.

Lift your voices to the sky. Arise and shine; your Light has come.
The hope of all creation. Arise and shine; your Light has come,
Let joy awake the dawn. Arise! Arise; your Light has come! Arise!



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My Soul Rejoices in the Lord

Soloists: *Amanda Chandler, Young Ju Oh*

Behold, a virgin shall conceive. A virgin shall conceive;
And she will bear a Son, and she will bear a Son;
And they will call His name Emmanuel. Emmanuel,
God is with us. Emmanuel, God is with us. God is with us, Emmanuel.

My soul rejoices in the Lord. My heart exalts my Savior;
For He regards me with His love, and shows to me His favor.

My soul rejoices in His light; and I am filled with wonder.
His grace speaks softly as the rain. His truth resounds like thunder.
Glory be to God on high. Glory, laud, and magnify. I can hear the angel cry,
“Call the baby, Jesus”

Rejoice, ye people; lift your song. The time has come for singing.
Lift your voices loud and strong, till all the world is ringing.
Glory be to God on high. Glory, laud, and magnify.
Lift your voices to the sky. Praise the name of Jesus.

Come, Thou long expected Jesus, born to set Thy people free.
My soul rejoices in the Lord. My heart exalts the Savior.
From our fears and sins release us, let us find our rest in Thee.
My soul rejoices in my God. My soul rejoices in my God.

Israel's strength and consolation, Hope of all the earth Thou art.
Dear desire of every nation. Joy! Joy! Joy!
Dear desire of every nation. Joy! Joy! Joy!
Joy of every longing heart. Glory be to God on high.

Glory, Laud, and magnify. Lift your voices to the sky.
Praise the name of Jesus. I will sing alleluia!
I will sing Alleluia! My soul rejoices in the Lord.

My soul rejoices in the Lord. I'll call my baby Jesus.
Jesus. All shall call Him Jesus. Jesus. Jesus. Jesus.



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A Celtic Cradle Carol

Soloists: *Laura Costner, Barbara Rhinehart*

Hush, my dear One, sleep is calling. Rest, as star-shine warms the night.
Hearts are glowing; cattle lowing. In the stable, there is light.
Angels guard You; none shall harm You. Dream, my Child, in heavenly peace.

In a manger, far from danger, shepherds guard on bended knees.
In the silence, Love is sleeping; no more weeping, all is well.
In the shadows, eyes are gazing. Hearts are praising; spirits swell.
Hear the singing; music ringing, angels bringing songs of joy.
Alleluia, alleluia. Glory to the baby Boy.

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven to earth come down.
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling; all Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, Thou art all compassion. Pure, unbounded love Thou art.
Visit us with Thy salvation. Enter every trembling heart.

Visit us with Thy salvation. Enter every trembling heart.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.



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Alleluia! Christ is Born!

The bells of heaven ringing. They ring a jubilant song.
The angels join with singing. They bring a song to the Lord;
To the Son who is born. Alleluia. Sing alleluia. Break forth in jubilant song.
Come raise a glad alleluia. Sing alleluia. Sing alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ is born.
Creation shares the wonder. The stars shine bright as morn.
The hills resound like thunder. They bring a song to the Lord;
To the Son who was born. Alleluia. Sing alleluia.

Break forth in jubilant song.
Come raise a glad alleluia. Sing alleluia. Sing alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.
Jesus Christ is born. Jesus Christ is born.

Sing we joyfully; and sing we merrily; for unto us a Son is given.
Angels now are winging: Joyful tidings bringing.
Jubilate, jubilate. Christ is born!

Sing out with hearts of gladness. Reach out with peace and love.
Proclaim the end of sadness; and bring a song to the Lord;
To the Son who was born. Alleluia, Sing alleluia.
Break forth in jubilant song.

Come raise a glad alleluia. Sing alleluia. Sing alleluia.
Alleluia, alleluia. Jesus Christ is born.
Jesus Christ, the Lord is born!



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Would I Miss The Miracle?

If angels filled the skies tonight, would I hear them sing?
Would tomorrow find me saying it was all a dream?
Would I leave my bed and go outside to hear their song?
Would I go on sleeping until the morning dawned?

Would I miss the miracle? Would I see the King,
Or would my life be so consumed with ordinary things?
Would I miss the wonder, the hope that Christmas brings?
Would I miss the miracle? Would I see the King?

If a stranger knocked upon my door tonight in deepest need,
In my life would there be room for anyone but me?
Would I hear the voice of God within a Baby's cry?
Would I open up my heart and welcome Him inside?

Would I miss the miracle? Would I see the King,
Or would my life be so consumed with ordinary things?
Would I miss the wonder, the hope that Christmas brings?

Would I miss the miracle? Would I see the King?
Would I miss the miracle? Would I see the King?



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A Gloria Gathering

Soloists; Amanda Chandler, Barbara Rhinehart, Benjimen Neal, Young Ju Oh

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

Angels, from the realms of glory, wing your flight over all the earth.
Ye who sang creation's story, now proclaim Messiah's birth.
Come and worship, Come and worship. Worship Christ, the new born King.

Angels we have heard on high, sweetly singing o'er the plains,
And the mountains in reply, echoing their joyous strains.
Gloria in excelsis Deo! Gloria in excelsis Deo.

Sing we now of Christmas, Sing we all Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas, Sing we all Noel!
Sing we Noel. The King is born, Noel. Sing we Noel.
Sing we now of Christmas. Sing we all Noel!

Sing we Noel! Noel! Noel!
Sing we now of Christmas. Sing we all Noel.
Sing we now of Christmas. Sing we all Noel!
Sing a glad Noel!

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

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King.
Peace on earth, and mercy mild. God and sinners reconciled."
Joyful, all ye nations rise. Join the triumph of the skies.
With th'angelic host proclaim, "Christ is born in Bethlehem!"

Hark! The herald angels sing, "Glory to the new born King!"
Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings. Ris'n 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!"

Glory to the new born King!"
Sing glory to God in the highest! Sing glory to God in the highest!
Christ, the Lord is born! Christ is born! Christ is born! Christ is born!

RESPONDING THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed

***CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

***OFFERTORY:** *The Advent Rose*

Martin

Benjimen Neal

***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 #136** Go, Tell it On The Mountain

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

POSTLUDE** *Joy to the World*

Bumgarner

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.**

Usher: Lynda Vick Lay Reader: Jemmie Moseley

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 Ghost,
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.**

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 80:1–7 (NASB95)

1 Oh, give ear, Shepherd of Israel,

You who lead Joseph like a flock;

You who are enthroned *above* the cherubim, shine forth!

2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your power

And come to save us!

3 O God, restore us

And cause Your face to shine *upon us*, and we will be saved.

4 O Lord God *of* hosts,

How long will You be angry with the prayer of Your people?

5 You have fed them with the bread of tears,

And You have made them to drink tears in large measure.

6 You make us an object of contention to our neighbors,

And our enemies laugh among themselves.

7 O God *of* hosts, restore us

And cause Your face to shine *upon us*, and we will be saved.

Gospel Reading:

Matthew 1:21–23 (NASB95)

21 “She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save His people from their sins.” 22 Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 23 “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.”

Central Prayer Concerns for the Week of December 18, 2016

MEMBERS:

Donna McCaleb	Valerie Reichen
Dana Neal	Mildred Gaunt
Bill VonTungeln	Hester Insley
Bernice Lackey	Mary Kientz
Raymond Turner	Bea Magee
Rose VonTungeln	

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Name	Related to/ Friends of	Name	Related to or Friends of
Sue Dell Black	sister in law of Lynda Vick	Georgiana Burnside	daughter of Amanda Chandler's co-worker
Dr. Laura Festa	wife of former pastor, Dr. Dan Festa	Mary McBee	friend of Karen & David Perdue
Quinn Wormer	grandnephew of Connie Detmers	Helen Gaunt	sister-in-law of Mildred Gaunt
Gerry Eilbott Soltz	friend of Lawrence Fikes	Dan Loomis	former pastor
Rebecca and Earl Phillips	friends of Karen and David Perdue	Franklin Ward	uncle of Dana Neal
Doris McCoy	mother of Kay Cromwell	Carla Baumer	mother of Briana Rodriguez's friend
Lois Tucker	neighbor of the Mosley Family	Wanda Vining	mother-in-law of Pat Drewett
Helen Knoll	great-grandmother of Amber Poss	Sean & Yesenia Treas-zapata	family of church secretary
Kathleen Simpson	mother of Denise Mosley	Miriam Jennings	friend of Cosner family
Audrey Brooks	mother-in-law of Nelson Buchannan	Brady Goodwin	friend of Howsen family
Cathy Risinger	sister of Kay Cromwell	David Gallaher & family	former pastor
Scott McGeorge	friend of Lawrence Fikes	Family of Mary Wooten	
Ryker Cheek	nephew of Bubba VonTungeln		

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

Campus Ministries	Hospital Chaplains & Counselors
Prison Chaplains	

OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN AROUND THE WORLD

Help us keep our Prayer list up-to-date. If you have family or friends who need to be added or removed from the Prayer Concerns list, please let the Office know.

Christmas Poinsettias Placed in the Sanctuary

Pat Drewett, Lee and Stacy Drewett, Derick and Samantha Drewett and grandchildren	In memory of Mike Drewett
David and Karen Perdue	In memory of Richard/Jack Perdue III
VonTungeln Family	In memory of Nancy VonTungeln
W.D. Bubba VonTungeln III Family	In memory of Nancy, W.D. VonTungeln, SR., Dora E. VonTungeln, Jonathan L. Harding, Danleigh Joyce Cosner.
Dana Neal	In memory of Mary H. Ward
Mamie Chavarria	In memory of my mother, father and brother
Jemmie D. Moseley, Martin Jr., Susan and Curenda	In Honor of Pastor Jai and Young Kwak In memory of Martin Moseley, Sr.
B.J. & Janice Goodman	In memory of Howard & Norma Adams
Nelson, Jeff, Spencer Buchanan	In Honor of Beatrice B. Magee and Audrey Brooks In memory of Judy D. Buchanan
Zac, Laura and Langston Cosner	In memory of Danleigh Joyce Cosner
George and Denise Mosley	In memory of Franklin and Barbara Simpson, Marion Brantley, Danleigh Cosner, Billy Mosley and Sue Williams
Valerie Reichen, Donna and Martin Shipman	In memory of Murray Reichen
Lynda, Brady and Adam Vick Brianna, Kodee, Jacob and Weston	In memory of Earl W. Vick and Nell and Leon Horne



The Choir

SOPRANO

Ann Tucker Woolley
Barbara E. Rhinehart
Amanda Chandler
Young Ju Oh

Tenor

Frank Merritt
Logan Mosley
Weston Mosley
Don Neal
Jeff Tilghman

Alto

Betty Coles
Laura Cosner
Denise Mosley
Suzy VonTungeln

Organist

Marty Shell

Pianist

Emma Butram

Sound & Lighting

Tommy Dunlap

Bass

Benjimen Neal
Bradley Hill

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

Rev. Jai Deok Kwak

Secretary

Yesenia Zapata

ChoirMaster/Organist

Marty Shell

Nursery Attendants

Laura & Zac Cosner

Youth Advisory Team

Marty Shell

Maggie Shell-Howsen

Dana Neal

The Session

Class of 2016

Nelson Buchanan

Tommy Dunlap

Jemmie Moseley

Benjimen Neal

Class of 2017

Denise Mosley

Laura Cosner

Betty Coles (Clerk)

Marty Shell

Standing Committee Moderators

Betty Coles

Nelson Buchanan

Denise Mosley

Laura Cosner

Jemmie Moseley

& Marty Shell

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Education

Fellowship & Nurture

Missions & Outreach

Worship & Music

Website: www.centralprespb.com

Announcements

The Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Will Be Held after service. All are invited to join in this time of fellowship.

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

Our Annual Christmas Eve Service Will Be Held Saturday, December 24, at 4:00p.m. Come and sing with us as we celebrate together!

First Presbyterian will have a candlelight service Saturday, December 24, at 5:00p.m.

The Deadline for the January Issue of Central Scene is **Monday, December 26.** Please turn in all articles, announcements, and meeting dates to the church office by the end of the day

Thank you to the combined choir of Central and First Presbyterian for providing our service today. We are grateful for you sharing your time and talents with us