

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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Laura Cosner	Fellowship & Nurture
	Missions & Outreach
Jemmie Moseley & Marty Shell	Worship & Music

Announcements

Rev. Jai Kwak's installation service will be held this afternoon, Sunday December 4th at 4:00 p.m. in the sanctuary. A reception will be held following the service.

A Memorial Service to Celebrate the life of Mr. Mcelyea on December 14 (WED) 2PM at the main sanctuary. A reception will be followed

The deadline to order poinsettia's in December 14. Please be sure to get your order into the office by that date.

Our Christmas Cantata, "Invitation to a Miracle" by Joseph M. Martin will be presented by the combined choirs of Central and First Presbyterian during the worship service on Dec. 18th. This will be our monthly potluck meal, so join us as we celebrate Christmas!



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
(870) 879-9074
Sunday, December 4, 2016
2ND 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 *O Come All Ye Faithfull* Brickman
LIGHTING THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE Mosley Family

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jemmie: Let me hear what You will speak, O God, for You will speak peace to Your people.

People: Surely Your salvation is at hand for those who fear You, that glory may dwell in our land.

Jemmie: Yes, God will give what is good, and our land will yield its increase.

People: In God's righteousness let us worship, that we may walk in God's way.

All: Let us worship God!

* **HYMN #90** *Wait for the Lord*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God of forgiveness, with our tongues we speak evil against our sisters and brothers. By our actions, we disobey Your commandments. Hostility is bred through our suspicion and envy; anger continues in spite of Christ's peace. You open our eyes to His righteousness, yet we remain blind to the truth of His reconciling presence. Forgive our deliberate misuse of Your mercy, and in Christ hear our prayer. (Silent Prayer) 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: Isaiah speaks of God's comfort, of God's pardoning of iniquity, and of the coming One who shall level uneven ground and make a plain of the rough places.

People: All the earth shall know that God's judgment is tempered by Christ's presence and peace on our behalf.

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Come, Emmanuel Come* Besig

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 READING Isaiah 9:6

GOSPEL READING John 1:1-5

EPISTLE READING Philippians 2:1-18

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON *As lights in the world* Rev. Jai D. Kwak

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

***HYMN #658** *God is so Good*

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY *O Jesu lein Süß, O Jesu lein Mild* *Bach*

(O Sweet Child Jesus, O Gentle Child Jesus)

***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 #133 O Come, All Ye Faithful**

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE** *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly* 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

Central Prayer Concerns for the Week of November 27

MEMBERS:

Lynda Vick	Dana Neal
Bill VonTungeln	Rose VonTungeln
Raymond Turner	

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

The family of Noie Roberson, sister of Frank Merritt
The family of Lori Partridge, friend of Rose VonTungeln
The family and friends of Stacy Joan Gran, close friend of Megan, Rick and Laura Pierce's niece
The family of Mary Ward, mother of Dana Neal
Carla Baumer, mother of Brianna Rodriguez's friend
All who have been affected by wildfires in Gatlinburg, TN
Maisie Varnell, mother of Jayme Varnell
Brent Harrison, friend of Rose & Suzy VonTungeln
Tommy Gonzales, Uncle of Michael Chandler
Ashley Raff, co-worker of Denise Mosley
Quinn Wormer, grandnephew of Connie Detmers
Gerry Eilbott Soltz, friend of Lawrence Fikes
Blake & Jordan Sorey & Baby Broox Sorey, friends of the Cosner family
Rebecca and Earl Phillips, friends of Karen and David Perdue
Doris McCoy, mother of Kay Cromwell
Lois Tucker, neighbor of The Mosley family
Allen Wimberly, Benjimen Neal & Avery Peyton's band director
Sean & Yesenia Treas-Zapata, Family of church secretary.

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.

Scripture Readings for Sunday, December 4, 2016

Scripture selection for Sunday, 2nd Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 9:6 (RSV)
6 For to us a child is born,
to us a son is given;
and the government will be upon his shoulder,
and his name will be called
“Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.”

John 1:1-5 (RSV)
1.In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning with God; 3 all things were made through him, and without him was not anything made that was made. 4 In him was life, and the life was the light of men. 5 The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

Philippians 2:1–18 (RSV)
1 So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any incentive of love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, 2 complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. 3 Do nothing from selfishness or conceit, but in humility count others better than yourselves. 4 Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. 5 Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, 6 who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. 9 Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, 11 and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. 12 Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; 13 for God is at work in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure. 14 Do all things without grumbling or questioning, 15 that you may be blameless and innocent, children of God without blemish in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, 16 holding fast the word of life, so that in the day of Christ I may be proud that I did not run in vain or labor in vain. 17 Even if I am to be poured as a libation upon the sacrificial offering of your faith, I am glad and rejoice with you all. 18 Likewise you also should be glad and rejoice with me.

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.**

Anthem

Come, Emmanuel, Come

All of the world is awaiting a king,
Anxiously seeking the joy He will bring.
Soon He will be with us,
God’s love revealed to us.
Come, Emmanuel, Come

We must believe that the moment is near,
Faithfully knowing He soon will appear,
Cast every doubt away, let us prepare the way.
Come, Emmanuel, Come.

Soon angels will sing,
Earth and heaven will ring.
Soon, soon He will come
The world will know God’s Son.

Out of the darkness will come a great light
Radiantly guiding us on through the night.
Then we will welcome Him,
We will rejoice in Him.
Come, Emmanuel Come.

Soon heaven will shine,
God will send us a sign,
Soon, soon we will see
How great God’s love can be.

Now let us watch and prepare for the King,
Humbly awaiting the joy He will bring,
Let us believe in Him, Open our hearts to Him,
Come, Emmanuel, Come.