



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, January 1, 2023
First Sunday after Christmas

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

Organ/Piano: Young Ju Oh

CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on Psalm 148)

Leader: Sun and moon and all of you bright stars!

**People: Praise God! Leader: All of you who are his messengers and
comprise his heavenly forces!!**

People: Praise God!

Leader: Highest heaven and you waters that are above the sky!

People: Praise God!

Leader: Let all of these praise the Lord's name because God gave the
command and they were created!

**People: God set them in place always and forever. God made a law that
will not be broken.**

ALL: Let us worship God!

***OPENING HYMN # 385 All People on Earth Do Dwell**

**1 All people that on earth do dwell, sing to the Lord with cheerful
voice. Serve him with mirth, his praise forth tell, come ye before him
and rejoice!**

2 Know that the Lord is God indeed; without our aid, he did us make.

We are his folk; he doth us feed, and for his sheep he doth us take.

3 O enter then his gates with praise, approach with joy his courts unto. Praise, laud, and bless his name always, for it is seemly so to do.

4 For why? The Lord our God is good; his mercy is forever sure. His truth at all times firmly stood, and shall from age to age endure.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Jai Kwak

CALL TO CONFESSION (Based on Isaiah 63:7-9)

Surrounded by God's everlasting faithfulness, we acknowledge our distress in how we have lost faith, become separated from God and one another. Let us confess our sins to God our loving and merciful redeemer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Thomas Merton, Thoughts in Solitude)

"My Lord God, I have no idea where I am going. I do not see the road ahead of me. I cannot know for certain where it will end. Nor do I really know myself, and the fact that I think that I am following your will does not mean that I am actually doing so. But I believe that the desire to please you does in fact please you. And I hope I have that desire in all that I am doing. I hope that I will never do anything apart from that desire. And I know that if I do this you will lead me by the right road though I may know nothing about it. Therefore, will I trust you always though I may seem to be lost and in the shadow of death. I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone."

KYRIE ELEISON: "Lord, Have Mercy"

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Jai Kwak

During all our distress, God is also distressed, so he sends a messenger who serves him to save us. In love and mercy, God has redeemed us. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**
Hymnal #581

"Glory Be to the Father"

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

ANTHEM

Piano/Organ: Young Ju Oh

By Gentle Powers

Dietrich Bonhoeffer

**Surrounded by such true and gentle powers So wondrously consoled and
without fear, Thus will I spend with You these final hours,
And then together enter a new year.**

**(Chorus) By gentle powers lovingly surrounded, With patience we'll endure,
let come what may. God is with us at night and in the morning
and certainly on every future day.**

**The worries of the old year still torment us. We're troubled still by long and
wicked days. O Lord, give our frightened souls the healing,
For which You've chastened us in many ways.**

**And though You offer us the cup so heavy. So painful, it's the most that we
can stand. Not faltering, with thanks we will accept it
And take it as a gift from Your good hand.**

**And should it be Your will once more to grant us. To see the world and to
enjoy the sun, Then we will all the past events remember
And finally our life with You is one.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDRENS SERMON

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 45:1-8

Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all his attendants, and he cried out, "Have everyone leave my presence!" So there was no one with Joseph when he made himself known to his brothers. ² And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard him, and Pharaoh's household heard about it.

³ Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph! Is my father still living?" But his brothers were not able to answer him, because they were terrified at his presence.

⁴ Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come close to me." When they had done so, he said, "I am your brother Joseph, the one you sold into Egypt! ⁵ And now, do not be distressed and do not be angry with yourselves for selling me here, because it was to save lives that God sent me ahead of you. ⁶ For two years now there has been famine in the land, and for the next five years there will be no plowing and reaping. ⁷ But God sent me ahead of you to preserve for you a remnant on earth and to save your lives by a great deliverance.

⁸ "So then, it was not you who sent me here, but God. He made me father to Pharaoh, lord of his entire household and ruler of all Egypt.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Promise, Vision, Hope

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN # 625 O Lord My God

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the works thy hand hath made, I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed;

(Refrain) Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!
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how great thou art, how great thou art!

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander and hear the birds
sing sweetly in the trees; when I look down from lofty mountain
grandeur and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: (Refrain)**

**And when I think that God, his Son not sparing, sent him to die – I
scarce can take it in that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin: (Refrain)**

**When Christ shall come with shouts of acclamation and take me home –
what joy shall fill my heart! Then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, ‘my God, how great thou art!’ (Refrain)**

*** Affirmation of Faith (Apostles’ Creed)**

**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 again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY Hymnal #606 "Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow"**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

SHARING OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS

(You each are 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

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

CLOSING HYMN # 295 Go to the World!

Go to the world! Go into all the earth; Go preach the cross where Christ renews life's worth, Baptizing as the sign of our rebirth. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go into every place; Go live the word of God's redeeming grace; Go seek God's presence in each time and space. Alleluia.

Go to the world! Go struggle, bless, and pray; The nights of tears give way to joyful day. As servant Church, you follow Christ's own way. Alleluia.

Go to the World! Go as the ones I send, For I am with you till the age shall end, When all the host of glory cry, "Amen." Alleluia

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

****POSTLUDE**

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.***

PRAYER CONCERNS

*Dominik Munn
Jemmie Moseley
Emil & Carol Brown*

*Sydney Hayes
Hester Insley
Karen Perdue*

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

<u>Name</u>		<u>Name</u>	
<i>Allie Cooper & Carol Taylor</i>	<i>Friends of Denise Mosley</i>	<i>Rebecca & Earl Phillips</i>	<i>Friends of Karen Perdue</i>
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<i>Luis Sanchez</i>	<i>Father of Lizabeth Sanchez</i>	<i>Haley Chandler</i>	<i>Friend of the Church</i>
<i>Bernice Collins</i>	<i>Friend of the Church</i>	<i>Pat Mosley</i>	<i>Mother of George Mosley</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

First, Clarksville

Park Hill, North Little Rock

***PLEASE PRAY FOR 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.

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 hearts and welcomes all in the name of Jesus Christ.

Announcements

May God's presence never leaves your heart. To each new chapter of your life, may the Lord grant you His grace and strength. Happy New Year!

We're looking for volunteers to take down the Advent decorations next Saturday morning at 9am. We hope to see you there!

There will be a Congregational Meeting held on January 8th. This will be for the purposes of presenting the budget to the congregation and electing the incoming session class. We will also be dealing with matters of session class size and lengths of term.

We will be holding a family movie night for our January Blue Moon event. This will take place on January 22nd at 5:30pm. Look for more details soon!

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