



**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas**  
**Sunday, January 15, 2023**  
**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

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**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 (Psalm 148:11-13)**

George: To all searching for grace and truth,

**People: Come and see!**

George: To all searching for meaning and purpose,

**People: Come and see!**

George: To all searching for abundant life,

**People: Come and see!**

George: Let us worship our God together

**\*OPENING HYMN # 81**

**81. Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken**

**1 Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken formed you for his own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake your sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, you may smile at all your foes.**

**2 See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
well supply your sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.**

**3 Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them on their way.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Rev. Jai Kwak**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

God, who knit us in the womb, knows us completely. God inclines towards us and hears our cry. Assured of God's grace and steadfast love, let us confess our sin together.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, We confess that we have been timid and unreliable witnesses of Jesus Christ.**

**Forgive us for the times we have stayed silent in the face of injustice and hate, ...for the times our actions have not matched our beliefs, for the times we have hoarded our abundance, ...for the times we have turned away from your children in need.**

**For the many ways we fail to follow Jesus, forgive us. Invite us again to come and see, and to abide in your presence so that we may be transformed and renewed. Empower us to witness, with our words and lives, to the love and grace we've experienced in Jesus Christ. (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**

**Rev. Jai Kwak**

Hear the good news of the gospel: God will not withhold mercy from us. The steadfast love and faithfulness of the Lord is with us, now and forever. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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**

**Young Ju Oh, Piano/Organ**

**Without Love (We Have Nothing)**

If we speak with the tongues of angels and have not love, we have nothing. If we gain all the world and its knowledge, and have not love, we have nothing.

If our faith is strong to move the mountains, and if we give all we have to the poor, and if we offer ourselves, yet our heart never loves, we have nothing.

Without love, we have nothing.

Love is patient and kind. Love isn't selfish or boastful. Love doesn't seek out its own way, but rejoices in the truth, in the truth.

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Without love, we have nothing, nothing,  
nothing...

Without Love...

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**CHILDRENS SERMON**

**Rose VonTungeln**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**1 Corinthians 1:1–9 (NASB95)**

**Logan Mosley**

**1 Paul, called as an apostle of Jesus Christ by the will of God, and Sosthenes our brother,**

**2 To the church of God which is at Corinth, to those who have been sanctified in Christ Jesus, saints by calling, with all who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, their *Lord* and ours:**

**3 Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.**

4 I thank my God always concerning you for the grace of God which was given you in Christ Jesus,  
5 that in everything you were enriched in Him, in all speech and all knowledge,  
6 even as the testimony concerning Christ was confirmed in you,  
7 so that you are not lacking in any gift, awaiting eagerly the revelation of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
8 who will also confirm you to the end, blameless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ.  
9 God is faithful, through whom you were called into fellowship with His Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Are You in the Right Church?

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

#### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

**HYMN # 751**     From the Nets of Our Labor (We Will Rise Up And Follow)

1. From the nets of our labors, through the noise and confusion,  
from the city or seashore, Jesus summons us all.  
When we faint and grow weary from the bearing of burdens,  
with a message of comfort, Jesus summons us all.

*Refrain: "We will rise up and follow, Christ before and beside us,  
loving pattern to guide us, as we answer the call!"*

2. In the eyes of the stranger— tearful, joyous, or frightened—  
in the face of each neighbor, Jesus summons us all.  
When we hear words of hatred spreading fear or false witness,  
words that cry to be challenged, Jesus summons us all. [Refrain]

**3. In each moment of courage, steadfast even through trembling;  
in the yearning for justice, Jesus summons us all. Like disciples before us,  
from the city or seashore, risking selfless compassion:  
Jesus summons us all. [Refrain]**

**\* Affirmation of Faith (Adapted from 1 Corinthians 15)**

**This is the good news which we have received, in which we stand, and  
by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins  
according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on  
the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter,  
and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that  
Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first  
and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God.  
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 # 69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)**

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who made the stars of night I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Refrain

“Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart”

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain. I have borne my people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone. Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak my words to them. Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide 'Til their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

### **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.*

*Lay Reader: Elder George Mosley*

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

*Dominik Munn  
Jemmie Moseley  
Karen Perdue*

*Emil & Carol Brown  
Hester Insley  
Sydney Hayes*

**FRIENDS AND RELATIVES**

<u>Name</u>		<u>Name</u>	
<i>Allie Cooper &amp; Carol Taylor</i>	<i>Friends of Denise Mosley</i>	<i>Rebecca &amp; Earl Phillips</i>	<i>Friends of Karen Perdue</i>
<i>Max Zeng</i>	<i>Mike and Lan Kelly's son</i>	<i>Dr. Laura Festa</i>	<i>Wife of Dr. Dan Festa</i>
<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, Benton*

*Active Ruling Elders*

**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

Today we have the monthly fellowship luncheon after the worship. The Lord invites His friends to the table. All are welcome. Please come and be blessings to others.

A regular session meeting will be held immediately after the luncheon.

Thursday Evening Bible Study will resume 2-9-2023 at 6:30pm

The Family movie night is coming for our January Blue Moon event. This will take place on January 22<sup>nd</sup> at 5:30pm. Pizza and popcorn will be provided.

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Rev. Jai D. Kwak

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### Session

#### Class of 2022

Zachary Cosner  
(Clerk)  
Pat Drewett

George Mosley  
Danny Reeves

#### Class of 2023

Laura Cosner  
Jane Judkins

Denise Mosley  
Suzy VonTungeln

#### Standing Committee Moderators:

Zac Cosner - Budget & Finance

Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education

Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach

Laura Cosner - Worship & Music

Do not fret because of the wicked;  
do not be envious of wrongdoers,  
for they will soon fade like the grass,  
and wither like the green herb.

Trust in the Lord and do good;  
so you will live in the land and enjoy security.  
Take delight in the Lord,  
and He will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord;  
trust in Him, and He will act.  
He will make your vindication shine like the light,  
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.

Psalm 37:1-6