



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, February 12, 2023
Sixth Sunday after the Epiphany

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUALS OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

Organ/Piano Young Ju Oh

CALL TO WORSHIP

Logan: Steady our steps, O God, as we travel the journey set before us.

People: Let us walk in the way of light and pursue the path of peace.

Logan: Keep us on your course of life as we seek to be faithful.

People: And as we gather to praise you, our faithful Lord and God.

OPENING HYMN # 268 Crown Him with Many Crowns (verses 1,2 & 4)

1. Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon his throne.

Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns all music but its own.

Awake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,

and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.

2. Crown him the Lord of love; behold his hands and side,

rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified;

no angels in the sky can fully bear that sight, but downward bends their

burning eye at mysteries so bright.

4. Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,

creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.

All hail, Redeemer, hail! for thou hast died for me;

thy praise shall never, never fail throughout eternity.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Jai Kwak

CALL TO CONFESSION

As we stand in the presence of God, let us confess the ways we have strayed and failed in faithfulness.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Generous God, we are baptized as your people, called to live and serve together as your church. We confess that we have sought to live for ourselves, not reaching out to others and honoring the divine image in all your children. Forgive us, we pray. In your abundant mercy give us the grace to be your church, confessing our faults, offering forgiveness, and working for reconciliation. Turn our hearts to your intentions so that we may hold fast to one another and draw near to your presence. (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

Friends, in Jesus Christ, we have been fed God's grace and redemption. And that redemption gives us the strength to love our neighbors near and far, proclaiming in our words and deeds:

***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.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

With All My Heart

Choir

In this quite place with you I bow before your throne

I bear the deepest part of me To you and you alone

I keep no secrets For there is no thought That you have known

I bring my best and all the rest To you I lay them down

With all my heart I want to love you Lord And live my life

Each day to know you more All that is in me Is yours completely

I'll serve you only With all my heart

You faithfully supply my needs According to your plans So help me Lord to

seek your face Before I seek your hand

And trust you know what 's best for me When I don't understand

Then follow in obedience In every circumstance

CHILDREN'S SERMON

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Laura Cosner

Psalm 18:1–6 (ESV)

¹ love you, O Lord, my strength.

² The Lord is my rock and my fortress and my deliverer,

my God, my rock, in whom I take refuge,

my shield, and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.

³ I call upon the Lord, who is worthy to be praised,

and I am saved from my enemies.

⁴ The cords of death encompassed me;
the torrents of destruction assailed me;

⁵ the cords of Sheol entangled me;
the snares of death confronted me.

⁶ In my distress I called upon the Lord;
to my God I cried for help.

From his temple he heard my voice,
and my cry to him reached his ears.

Luke 13:1–9 (ESV)

1 There were some present at that very time who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. **2** And he answered them, “Do you think that these Galileans were worse sinners than all the other Galileans, because they suffered in this way? **3** No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish. **4** Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them: do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others who lived in Jerusalem? **5** No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” **6** And he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. **7** And he said to the vinedresser, ‘Look, for three years now I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree, and I find none. Cut it down. Why should it use up the ground?’ **8** And he answered him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and put on manure. **9** Then if it should bear fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rock, Fortress, Deliverer

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN # 265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun (verses 1,2 & 4)**

**1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run,
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no
more.**

**2 To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head.
His name like sweet perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.**

**4 Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to lose their
chains, the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.**

*** Affirmation of (From A Brief Statement of Faith)**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and our neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world, the Spirit gives us the courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY Hymnal #606**

**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 THE LORD'S PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN # 465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus**

**1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!**

**2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!**

**3 Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge-- take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.**

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

*Munn Family
Jemmie Moseley
Karen Perdue*

*Emil & Carol Brown
Hester Insley*

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>
<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:

Synod of the Sun

Church Musicians

**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.

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Session

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Laura Cosner	George Mosley (Clerk)
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Denise Mosley	Pat Drewett
Suzy VonTungeln	

Standing Committee Moderators:

George Mosley - Building & Ground
 Zac Cosner - Budget & Finance
 Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education
 Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach
 Laura Cosner - Worship & Music

Announcements

Thursday Bible Study will be resumed on this coming Thursday, Feb. 16th at 6:30 pm. The class will continue to study the book of Revelation chapter 11.

You all are invited to the Valentine's Banquet next Sunday (19th) following worship. This will serve as our monthly luncheon. An Italian meal will be provided but donations will be accepted. All Love comes from God. Let us come together and celebrate.

The Lenten Season is at hand. The following are our scheduled events.

Our Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held the evening of Feb. 21st at 6 pm. The Cost will be \$8 Per Person, \$20 for a family. Bring the family for a heaping helping of Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, and all the fixings!

Our Ash Wednesday Service will be held on Feb. 22nd at 6 pm. The choir will hold their regular Wednesday practice following the service.

Details for the following events will be posted soon...

Palm Sunday, Apr. 2nd

Maundy Thursday, Apr. 6th @ 6pm

Good Friday, Apr. 7th @ 6pm

Resurrection Sunday, Apr. 9th festivities will begin at 9am.

**THE LORD IS MY ROCK AND MY FORTRESS
 AND MY DELIVERER,
 MY GOD, MY ROCK, IN WHOM I TAKE
 REFUGE, MY SHIELD, AND THE HORN OF MY
 SALVATION, MY STRONGHOLD.**