



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, February 19, 2023
Transfiguration Sunday

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 (from Psalm 99)

Logan: O Lord, you are a lover of justice,

People: You seek equity and have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

Logan: We praise your great and awesome name,

People: We come to worship you at your holy mountain.

***OPENING HYMN # 2 Come, Thou Almighty King**

1 Come, Thou Almighty King, Help us Thy name to sing, Help us to praise.

**Father, all glorious, O'er all victorious, Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days.**

2 Come, Thou incarnate Word, Gird on Thy mighty sword, Our prayer

**attend: Come, and Thy people bless, And give Thy word success;
Spirit of holiness, On us descend.**

3 Come, holy Comforter, Thy sacred witness bear In this glad hour:

**Thou who Almighty art, Now rule in every heart, And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power.**

**4 To Thee, great One in Three, Eternal praises be Hence evermore.
Thy sov'reign majesty May we in glory see, And to eternity
Love and adore.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Jai Kwak

CALL TO CONFESSION

In the transfiguration story, Jesus' clothes became dazzling white, a sign of resurrection from the violence the world inflicted upon him. Resurrection reminds us that the sins of the world and of our lives will not have the last word. God's love, compassion, and justice will be established on earth. So let us confess before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, even when we see your justice transfigured before us, we cower in fear of following your way in our world. We wonder what it might cost us to walk in the way of Jesus. Help us to listen. Empower us to be formed by the life of Jesus Christ. Restore in us the confidence to be disciples of 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

In the blazing light of God's grace, Jesus touches us to say, "Get up and do not be afraid." In the name of Christ, all is 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.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Heart and Soul

Choir

I never want anything in my life to take your place.

I never want to live by any other grace.

My longing and my heart's desire is to see your face, O Lord,

and become a friend of God.

I love you day and night. I love you all of my life.

I love you, Lord heart and soul, I long to be a friend of God.

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Laura Cosner

Matthew 17:1–5 (ESV)

17 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. 3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 And Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah." 5 He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."

Revelation 21:1–4 (ESV)

21 Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. 2 And I saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 3 And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. 4 He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Who Do You Think Jesus Is?

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN # 627 I Love You, Lord**

I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice to worship you;

O my soul, rejoice.

Take joy, my King, in what you hear;

may it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

*** Affirmation of (Apostles Creed)**

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting.
Amen.**

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 # 693 Though I May Speak (The Gift of Love)**

1 Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

2 Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

3. Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control;
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship and are freed.

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

*Mosley 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>
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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, Jacksonville

Presbyterian Disaster Assistance

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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Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education

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Laura Cosner - Worship & Music

Announcements

You are invited to the Valentine's Banquet following the worship today. This will serve as our monthly luncheon. An Italian meal will be provided. Your donations will be appreciated.

A Regular Session Meeting will follow immediately after the luncheon.

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

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!


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

Palm Sunday, Apr. 2nd

Maundy Thursday, Apr. 6th @ 6pm

Good Friday, Apr. 7th @ 6pm

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



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