



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, March 12th, 2023
Third Sunday of Lent

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 (based on Psalm 42)

Logan: As a deer longs for flowing streams

People: so our souls long for you, O God.

Logan: Our souls thirst for God, for the living God.

People: When shall I come and behold the face of God?

***OPENING HYMN # 37 Let All Things Now Living**

**1 Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving
to God our Creator triumphantly raise;
who fashioned and made us protected and stayed us,
by guiding us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us; pure light goes before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night;
Till shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,
As forward we travel from light to light.**

**2 By law God enforces, the stars in their courses,
The sun in its orbit obediently shines;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,
The depths of the ocean proclaim God divine.
We too should be voicing our love rejoicing;
With glade adoration, a song let us raise,
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
To God in the highest, hosanna and praise!**

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jai Kwak

CALL TO CONFESSION

As thirsty people wandering through this season of Lent, we seek God's forgiveness and grace in this moment of honest confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, as we wander through the wilderness this Lent, we are more aware of our thirst for your presence, your love, your guidance on life's journey. Forgive us for turning away from you. Forgive our doubt and uncertainty that led us to place our faith in worldly comforts that don't run deep enough and don't last. We come to your well today desperate and thirsty for Christ's living water. Quench our thirst, we pray. Grant us your forgiveness and your grace. (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

Jesus said, "Those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty."

Come, drink deep, and know that you are forgiven. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI "Glory be to the Father"**

Hymnal #581

**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

Before the Throne of God Above

Central Choir

1 Before the throne of God above I have a strong and perfect plea; a great High Priest whose name is Love, whoever lives and pleads for me. My name is graven on his hands, my name is written on his heart.

**I know that while in heaven he stands no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**2 When Satan tempts me to despair and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look and see him there who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
for God the just is satisfied to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.**

**3 Behold him there, the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace.
At one with him, I cannot die; my soul is purchased by his blood.
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ my Savior and my God,
with Christ my Savior and my God.**

CHILDRENS SERMON

Rose VonTungeln

Scripture Reading

Jessica Munn

First Reading Psalm 11:1–7 (ESV)

- 1 In the LORD I take refuge; how can you say to my soul,
“Flee like a bird to your mountain,**
- 2 for behold, the wicked bend the bow; they have fitted their arrow to
the string to shoot in the dark at the upright in heart;**
- 3 if the foundations are destroyed, what can the righteous do?**
- 4 The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD’s throne is in heaven;
his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man.**
- 5 The LORD tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the
one who loves violence.**
- 6 Let him rain coals on the wicked; fire and sulfur and a scorching wind
shall be the portion of their cup.**
- 7 For the LORD is righteous; he loves righteous deeds;**

Second Reading Psalm 37:5–7 (ESV)

- 5 Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act.**
- 6 He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice
as the noonday.**

7 Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him;

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

When Your Foundations Are Destroyed

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN # 803

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need (Psalm 23)

**1 My shepherd will supply my need; Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed, beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways,
and leads me, for his mercy's sake, in paths of truth and grace.**

**2 When I walk through the shades of death your presence is my stay;
one word of your supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Your hand, in sight of all my foes, does still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows; your oil anoints my head.**

**3 The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days;
O may your house be my abode, and all my work be praise.
There would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger, or a guest, but like a child at home.**

***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

OFFERING

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

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

***PRAYER OF 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 CLOSING HYMN # 187 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us
1 Savior, like a shepherd, lead us; much we need your tender care.

In your pleasant pastures feed us; for our use your fold prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us: we are yours.

2 We are yours: in love befriend us; be the guardian of our way.
Keep your flock: from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear your children when we pray.
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3 You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
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4 Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will.
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us; love us still.
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***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
Munn Family*

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>
<i>Jason McGriff</i>	<i>Friend of Jessica Munn</i>	<i>Jerry Baxter & Family</i>	<i>Friend of Mosley Family</i>
<i>Charlotte Thomas & Family</i>	<i>Friend of Rose VonTungeln</i>		

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

Directors of Children's Programs

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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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George Mosley - Building & Ground

Zac Cosner - Budget & Finance

Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education

Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach

Laura Cosner - Worship & Music

Announcements

The Season of Lent has begun. Lent is a time to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter and to renew our life in the mystery of the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Let us focus on Jesus and our Christian discipleship with prayer, meditation, and fasting.

Palm Sunday, Apr. 2nd

Maundy Thursday, Apr. 6th @ 6pm


Good Friday, Apr. 7th @ 6pm

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

PW Food Drive

Help the young ones in our community have food on their breakfast table!

We are in need of breakfast items such as: Cereals, Crackers, Granola Bars, Snacks, or anything you can think of as a good breakfast item.



**I believe in the sun,
even when it is not shining.
And I believe in love,
even when there's no one there.
And I believe in God,
even when He is silent.
I believe through any trial,
there is always a way.
But sometimes in this suffering
and hopeless despair
My heart cries for shelter,
to know someone's there.
But a voice rises within me,
saying hold on my child,
I'll give you strength,
I'll give you hope.
Just stay a little while.**

**(From an inscription on the wall of a Nazi
Concentration Camp written by a Jew)**