



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas Sunday, March 5th, 2023 Second Sunday of Lent

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 121)

Logan: I lift up my eyes to the hills — from where will my help come?

People: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.

Logan: The Lord will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life. The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and forevermore.

People: Let us worship God

OPENING HYMN # 65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow.

Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.

Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.

Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.

Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee;

I will ever give to thee.

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jai Kwak

CALL TO CONFESSION (based on Psalm 121)

Our God does not slumber nor sleep. The Lord is your keeper and your shade at your right hand. Let us confess to our ever-vigilant and ever-faithful God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (World Day of Prayer Committee of Taiwan)

Gracious God, we are selfish and arrogant. We have overlooked human dignity; we ignore the needs of oppressed people. We hear the cries of the land, women, children, and young people, but we have not done enough to respond to the grace that we have received. These actions have caused some people to suffer and experience oppression. Have mercy on us and forgive us (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 (John 3:16-17)

Rev. Jai Kwak

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world but in order that the world might be saved through him." Let us walk in the light of the Lord. Thanks be to God. 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 <u>Until Then</u> Central Choir

My heart can sing when I pause to remember
A heartache here is but a stepping-stone
Along a trail that's winding always upward,
This troubled world is not my final home.
(Refrain)

But until then my heart will go on singing,
Until then with joy I'll carry on,
Until the day my eyes behold the city,
Until the day God calls me home.

The things of earth will dim and lose their value

If we recall they're borrowed for awhile;

And things of earth that cause the heart to tremble,

Remembered there will only bring a smile.

This weary world with all its toil and struggle
May take its toll of misery and strife;
The soul of man is like a waiting falcon;
When it's released, it's destined for the skies.

CHILDRENS SERMON

Rose VonTungeln

Scripture Reading

Jessica Munn

1 Peter 5:6-10 (NASB 2020)

6 Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, so that He may exalt you at the proper time, 7 having cast all your anxiety on Him, because He cares about you. 8 Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. 9 So resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same experiences of suffering are being accomplished by your brothers and sisters who are in the world. 10 After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who called you to His eternal glory in Christ, will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen, and establish you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Cast All Your Anxiety on Him

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN # 353 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

1 My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

Refrain: On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand; all other ground is sinking sand.

2 When darkness seems to hide his face, I rest on his unchanging grace; in every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. [Refrain]

3 His oath, his covenant, his blood support me in the whelming flood; when all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. [Refrain]

4 When he shall come with trumpet sound,
O may I then in him be found,
dressed in his righteousness alone,
faultless to stand before the throne. [Refrain]

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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*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 heav'nly 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 LORD'S PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

CLOSING HYMN #738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

1 O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.

3 Teach me thy patience, still with thee in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

4 In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way; in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

*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>	
Allie Cooper & Carol Taylor	Friends of Denise Mosley	Rebecca & Earl Phillips	Friends of Karen Perdue
Max Zeng	Mike and Lan Kelly's son	Dr. Laura Festa	Wife of Dr. Dan Festa
Luis Sanchez Bernice Collins	Father of Lizabeth Sanchez Friend of the Church	Haley Chandler Pat Mosley	Friend of the Church Mother of George Mosley
Jason McGriff Charlotte Thomas & Family	Friend of Jessica Munn Friend of Rose VonTungeln	Jerry Baxter & Family	Friend of Mosley Family

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

Second, Little Rock

First, Yellville

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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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.

Give ear to my prayer,
O God, and hide not yourself
from my plea for mercy!
Attend to me, and answer me; I am
restless in my complaint and I moan,
because of the noise of the enemy, because
of the oppression of the wicked. For they
drop trouble upon me, and in anger they
bear a grudge against me.

But I call to God, and the Lord will save me. Evening and morning and at noon I utter my complaint and moan, and he hears my voice. He redeems my soul in safety from the battle that I wage, for many are arrayed against me.

Cast your burden on the LORD, and he will sustain you; he will never permit the righteous to be moved.

Selected Verses from Psalm 55