



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, May 28, 2023
Day of Pentecost

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 Acts 2:1-4)

Rose : All together in one place;

All : **they heard the rush of a violent wind;**

Rose : it filled the entire house.

All : **Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared and rested on each of them;**

Rose : they were filled with the Holy Spirit.

***OPENING HYMN # 290 O Day of Joy and Wonder!**

1. O day of Joy and wonder! Christ's promise now fulfilled; the coming of the Spirit that holy love has willed. Our Lord in human body to mortal eye is lost, yet comes in flame upon us at blessed Pentecost.

2. The world, in sheer amazement, the truth must now declare: that those who once were cowards are brave beyond compare; and tongues, which could not utter their faith in Jesus' name, defy all persecution God's glory to proclaim!

3. We too may know your power; your courage makes us strong. Your love, your patience can all to us belong. Come now and dwell within us, O comforter divine. Come to our hearts, and keep them; there let your brightness shine

CALL TO CONFESSION

God's Spirit has gathered us for worship. Let us confess our sins and return to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Spirit of God, we hesitate and doubt. You call us to act boldly but our fear keeps us from following your call. Forgive our lack of courage. Embolden us to dream big and trust the Spirit to fill us and use us. Help us be Christ's church without hesitation. Guided by your Holy Spirit, help us usher in your kingdom to come. (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

Pastor: "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. 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 Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God (Keith Getty & Stuart Townend)

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, Breathe new life into my willing soul.

Bring the presence of the risen Lord To renew my heart and make me whole.

Cause Your Word to come alive in me; Give me faith for what I cannot see;

Give me passion for Your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; May Your joy be seen in all I do.

Love enough to cover ev'ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude.

Kindness to the greatest and the least, Gentleness that sows the path of peace.

Turn my strivings into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth, Giving life to all that God has made,

Show your power once again on earth; Cause Your Church to hunger for Your ways.

Let the fragrance of our prayers arise; Lead us on the road of sacrifice,

That in unity the face of Christ May be clear for all the world to see.

CHILDRENS SERMON

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE

Laura Cosner

Frist Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-22

16 Rejoice always, 17 pray without ceasing, 18 give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 19 Do not quench the Spirit. 20 Do not despise prophecies, 21 but test everything; hold fast what is good. 22 Abstain from every form of evil.

Second Reading: Acts 2:3-13

3 When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. 2 And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. 3 And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested[a] on each one of them. 4 And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

5 Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. 6 And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. 7 And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? 8 And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? 9 Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, 10 Phrygia and

Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, 11 both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God.” 12 And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, “What does this mean?” 13 But others mocking said, “They are filled with new wine.”

Third Reading: James 1:5-8

5 If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. 6 But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. 7 For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; 8 he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Power of the Spirit

Rev. Jai Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN #288 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, fall a fresh on me.

Spirit of the living God, fall a fresh on me.

Melt me; mold me; use me;

Spirit of the living God, fall a fresh on me

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostle’s Creed)

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

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

**Born of the Virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will 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 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 # My Country, 'Tis of Thee !**

**1 My country, 'tis of thee, Sweet land of liberty, Of thee I sing;
Land where my fathers died, Land of the pilgrims' pride,
From ev'ry mountainside Let freedom ring!**

**2 My native country, thee, Land of the noble free, Thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills, Thy woods and templed hills;
My heart with rapture thrills, Like that above.**

**3 Let music swell the breeze, And ring from all the trees Sweet freedom's
song; Let mortal tongues awake; Let all that breathe partake;
Let rocks their silence break, The sound prolong.**

**4 Our fathers' God, to thee, Author of liberty, To thee we sing;
Long may our land be bright With freedom's holy light;
Protect us by thy might, Great God, our King!**

***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

*Emil & Carol Brown
Hester Insley
Karen Perdue
Jemmie Moseley*

*Laura Brown Hayes
Munn Family
Mosley 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>Simone Kirk</i>	<i>Friend of Jessica Munn</i>		

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

Kirk in the Pines, Hot Springs Village

First, Searcy

**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

On this Pentecost Sunday, a notable occasion in the church calendar, we rejoice in the descent and everlasting presence of the Holy Spirit. May the Spirit of God fortify and uplift you as you engage in worship.

Today, we also honor Memorial Day, a day dedicated to remembering and paying tribute to the sacrifices made by our veterans. Let us take a moment to reflect and remember all the men and women currently serving in the military, and include them in our prayers.

We will be observing the confirmation Sunday on the 2nd Sunday of June (6/11). During the worship service, the confirmands will be officially welcomed as active members of the Central Presbyterian Church. We cordially invite all family members and friends to join us for this joyous occasion. Members of the Central congregation, we kindly request your presence and prayers to support the confirmands during this significant milestone.

Confirmands:

Langston Cosner (child of Zac and Laura Cosner)
Dominik Munn, Syla Munn, Skarlett Munn.
(children of Justine and Jessica Munn)



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