



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas Sunday, June 11, 2023 Second Sunday after Pentecost / Confirmation 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 (Based on Psalm 33:1-5)

Rose : Rejoice in the Lord, O you God's beloved;

All : Sing to God a new song!

Rose: For the word of the Lord is upright,

All : And all God's work is done in faithfulness.

Rose: Our God loves righteousness and justice;

All : The earth is full of the steadfast love of the Lord.

*OPENING HYMN # 54 Make a Joyful Noise to God!

1 Make a joyful noise to God! All creation sings your praise!

Great your wonders here displayed, unexcelled throughout our days

Glorious is your sacred name ages old, yet still the same.

2 Come and see what God has done, great the blessings to the just:
Walked the chosen through the sea, brought their enemies to dust.

Let us lift a thankful voice for God's mercies

3 Bless the Lord, our refuge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!

By whose justice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt deferred.

When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heavenly home.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God promises to love us and forgive us, not because we are righteous or law-abiding, but simply because we are. Trusting in God's steadfast love, let us confess our sin together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, you are always drawing the circle of your love wider, but often we resist. You tell us that all people are your beloved, and we ask, "Why?" "Why them?" "Even them?!" We are quick to judge others rather than being grateful that we, too, are included in the fold. We prioritize the privileged, the powerful and the people who look and act right, but you extend grace first to the sinner, the outcast and the marginalized. Forgive us, O God. Transform us, that we may show mercy as you show mercy (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: When the woman touched Jesus' cloak, he told her, "Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well." Indeed, we are made well and whole, not because of ourselves, but through the grace of God!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!

*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>Draw Me Close</u> (arranged by Keith Christopher)

Draw me close to you Never let me go I lay it all down again To hear you say that I'm your friend. You are my desire No one else will do 'Cause nothing else can take your

place To feel the warmth of your embrace. Help me find the way. Bring me back to you . You're all I want You're all I've ever needed. You're all I want Help me know you are near.

Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord to the cross where Thou hast died.

Draw me nearer, nearer blessed Lord, blessed Lord.

Thy precious bleeding side

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE Laura Cosner

Hebrews 6:13-20 (ESV)

13 For when God made a promise to Abraham, since he had no one greater by whom to swear, he swore by himself, 14 saying, "Surely I will bless you and multiply you." 15 And thus Abraham, having patiently waited, obtained the promise. 16 For people swear by something greater than themselves, and in all their disputes an oath is final for confirmation. 17 So when God desired to show more convincingly to the heirs of the promise the unchangeable character of his purpose, he guaranteed it with an oath, 18 so that by two unchangeable things, in which it is impossible for God to lie, we who have fled for refuge might have strong encouragement to hold fast to the hope set before us. 19 We have this as a sure and steadfast anchor of the soul, a hope that enters into the inner place behind the curtain, 20 where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf, having become a high priest forever after the order of Melchizedek.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Anchor of Your Soul Rev. Jai Kwak

*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. Chorus) 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.

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.

4 When He shall come with trumpet sound, Oh, may I then in Him be found; Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne.

RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION

Langston Cosner, Dominik Munn, Syla Munn, & Skarlett Munn

Report of Confirmation Ministr	ту	Betty Coles	
Personal Statement of Faith		Confirmands	
Confirmation Questions		Rev. Jai kwak	
Session Receives the New Active Members George Mosele			
Gift of the Stoles		- George Moseley	
Blessing	To	ogether (Responsive)	

Pastor: May the Lord bless you and keep you. Remember you are God's beloved.

People: May the Lord make His face to shine upon you.

Pastor: May the Lord give you comfort and peace. Remember you are Christ's own.

People: May the Lord challenge and convict you, guard and guide you through the Power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

COMMUNION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, eternal God, our creator. [...]

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

O God, today you have called us together to be the church.

[...]

we will feast with you at your table in glory.

Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Breaking Of The Bread

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Gracious God, may we who have received this sacrament live in the unity of your Holy Spirit, that we may show forth your gifts to all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. 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 heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN # 69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

- 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard My people cry. All who dwell in dark and sin, My hand will save. I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright. Who will bear My light to them? Whom shall I send? Chorus) Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard You calling in the night. I will go, Lord, if You lead me. I will hold Your people in my heart.
- 2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne My people's pain. I have wept for love of them. They turn away. I will break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love alone. I will speak My words to them. Whom shall I send?
- 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide, Till their hearts be satisfied. I will give My life to them. Whom shall I send?

*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>	
Allie Cooper &	Friends of Denise Mosley	Rebecca &	Eviands of Vanon Dandus
Carol Taylor	Friends of Denise Mosiey	Earl Phillips	Friends of Karen Perdue
Max Zeng	Mike and Lan Kelly's son	Dr. Laura Festa	Wife of Dr. Dan Festa
Luis Sanchez	Father of Lizabeth Sanchez	Haley Chandler	Friend of the Church
Bernice Collins	Friend of the Church	Pat Mosley	Mother of George Mosley
Jason McGriff	Friend of Jessica Munn	Harry Moore	Brother of Nina Reeves
Simone Kirk	Friend of Jessica Munn		

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

Pulaski Heights, Little Rock

Harmony Church, Clarksville

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>

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Standing Committee Moderators:

George Mosley - Building & Ground

Zac Cosner - Budget & Finance

Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education

Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach

Laura Cosner - Worship & Music

Announcements

Dear Friends and Families,

We are delighted to extend our warmest greetings and express our sincere gratitude for your presence as we gather together for a truly remarkable occasion – a special worship service of confirmation.

This momentous event will be an opportunity to witness and celebrate the growth, commitment, and faith of our beloved young members who have chosen to affirm their dedication to their spiritual journey. It is with immense joy that we come together as a community to support and uplift these individuals in their pursuit of a deeper connection with their faith.

The monthly fellowship luncheon has been rescheduled and will now take place on June 25. Additionally, the stated session meeting will also be held on June 25, following the fellowship luncheon.

Pastor Jai and Young will be taking a temporary leave of absence from June 12th to June 19th. While they are away, the session has made arrangement to ensure our worship service and pastoral care continue uninterrupted. If you have any immediate concerns or needs, please do not hesitate to reach out to anyone of the session members. They will be more than happy to assist you.

