



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, June 25, 2023

Fourth Sunday after 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 (From Matthew 10:29-31)

Rose : Not one sparrow will fall to the ground apart from their Creator

All : **God tells us we are of more value than many sparrows**

Rose : God knows us and loves us. Even the hairs of our head are all counted.

All : **We praise you, O God! Grateful are we for your love and care!**

***OPENING HYMN # 2 I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

**1 I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.**

**I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.**

**2 I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them good.**

**Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er we turn our eyes,
if I survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.**

**3. There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known,
and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from thy throne;
while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care,
and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, are present there.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Before we hear the Word read and proclaimed, let us prepare our hearts through the confession of our individual and collective sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You send us, God of the Great Commission, but we hedge and hesitate. Forgive our fear and our excuses. We are witnesses of your grace and glory but allow others to silence our praise. We imprison ourselves with doubt and shame and fail to shine your light for all to see. Forgive our fears. Free our testimony. Help us be your faithful disciples.

(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: Through Christ's death and resurrection, we are a new creation, ready to sing God's glory and testify to God's grace

People: . In the name of 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

I Come to the Cross

**I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace,
I come to the cross where You died in my place.
Out of my weakness and into Your strength,
Humbly, I come to the cross.
I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace,
I come to the cross where You died in my place.**

**Out of my weakness and into Your strength,
Jesus, I come to the cross.**

**Your arms are open, You call me by name,
You welcome the child that was lost.
You paid the price for my guilt and my shame,**

Jesus, I come, Jesus I come, Jesus, I come to the cross

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE

First Reading: Psalm 19:7–11 (ESV)

- 7 The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
8 the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
9 the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.
10 More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold;
sweeter also than honey and drippings of the honeycomb.
11 Moreover, by them is your servant warned; in keeping them
there is great reward.**

Second Reading: Matthew 12:9–14 (ESV)

9 He went on from there and entered their synagogue. 10 And a man was there with a withered hand. And they asked him, “Is it lawful to heal on the Sabbath?”—so that they might accuse him. 11 He said to them, “Which one of you who has a sheep, if it falls into a pit on the Sabbath, will not take hold of it and lift it out? 12 Of how much more value is a man than a sheep! So it is lawful to do good on the Sabbath.” 13 Then he said to the man, “Stretch out your hand.” And the man stretched it out, and it was restored, healthy like the other. 14 But the Pharisees went out and conspired against him, how to destroy him.

Third Reading: James 1:22–25 (ESV)

22 But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.

23 For if anyone is a hearer of the word and not a doer, he is like a man who looks intently at his natural face in a mirror. 24 For he looks at himself and goes away and at once forgets what he was like. 25 But the one who looks into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and perseveres, being no hearer who forgets but a doer who acts, he will be blessed in his doing.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

The Perfect Law

Rev. Jai Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN # 629 Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

**1 Jesus, the very thought of thee With sweetness fills my breast;
But sweeter far thy face to see, And in thy presence rest.**

**2 Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, Nor can the mind recall
A sweeter sound than thy blest name, O Savior of us all!**

**3 O hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind thou art! How good to those who seek!**

**4 But what to those who find? Ah, this Nor tongue nor pen can show;
The love of Jesus, what it is, None but his loved ones know.**

5 Jesus, our only joy be thou, As thou our prize wilt be;

1. Jesus, be thou our glory now, And through eternity.

***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 # 838 Standing on the Promises**

**1 Standing on the promises of Christ my King, Through eternal ages let His praises ring; Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,
Standing on the promises of God.**

**Chorus: Standing, standing, Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail, When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail, By the living Word of God I shall prevail,
Standing on the promises of God.**

**3 Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, Bound to Him eternally by love's strong cord, Overcoming daily with the Spirit's sword,
Standing on the promises of God.**

**4 Standing on the promises I cannot fall, Listening every moment to the Spirit's call, Resting in my Savior as my all in all,
Standing on the promises of God.**

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
Cosner Family
Reeves 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>

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

Graham Memorial, Forrest City

Elkins Church, Elkins

**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

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George Mosley - Building & Ground

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Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education

Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach

Laura Cosner - Worship & Music

Announcements

Today, following the service, we invite all of you to join us for a delightful meal together.

We believe that sharing a meal is not merely a physical act but a meaningful opportunity for spiritual connection. It is through these communal gatherings that God works to unite us as one faith community, fostering a sense of togetherness, love, and support.

So, this luncheon is not just about the food; it's about building a deeper sense of community and expressing God's love through fellowship. Everyone! please join us today, and let us embrace the spirit of togetherness as we share in this blessed time.

The stated session meeting will also be held following the fellowship luncheon.

