



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, July 16, 2023

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

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ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUALS OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

Organ/Piano Young Ju Oh

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rose : The very word of God is a light to our feet,

All : **a lamp to our path.**

Rose : We gather this day to hear the Word of God.

All : **to offer prayers and sing songs of praise.**

Rose : We gather this day,

All : **to worship God!**

***OPENING HYMN # 610 O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing**

**1 O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King, the triumphs of his grace!**

**2 The name of Jesus charms our fears, and bids our sorrows cease,
Sing music in the sinner's ears, bring life and health and peace.**

**3. Christ speaks and listening to his voice new life of the dead receive
The mournful waken to rejoice, the poor in heart believe.**

**4 My gracious Master and my God, assist me do proclaim, to spread
through all the earth abroad the honors of thy name**

5. To God all glory, praise and love be now and ever given by saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.

CALL TO CONFESSION

To know God is to know of God's mercy, justice, and love. To know God is to also know ourselves, and we are a people who have not loved as much as we should, always showed mercy, or worked for justice. So let us offer our prayer of confession, knowing that out of God's great mercy, we will be forgiven and made new.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious and loving God, we are a people who are always concerned about ourselves. We worry about what is ours and are concerned with getting more. We have not been guided by your Spirit or the teachings of Christ. Forgive us, we pray, and gently guide us back to your way. Help us to think of others and sharing what we have with the world. (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: Hear the good news! There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus! Know you are forgiven, and be at peace.

People: 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

We Will Keep Our Faith Alive!

Gathered here, within this place, we can share in God's redeeming grace. There's no room for doubt or fear; we can feel His presence here. As we face each passing day we will serve and honor and obey; and if hope should start to dim, we will know our trust is in Him.

Chorus) And we will keep our faith alive, God will always be our guide. Through the darkest night, we will see God's light. We will keep our faith alive!

We will live as God has planned, though at times we may not understand. Many things we may not see, but our faith will help us believe. From His Word we learn the truth; through His love we all are born anew. With His help, we will not fail for we know our God will prevail.

When we share the Love He gives, all the world will know that we are His. In God's name we stand as one; and through us, His work will be done! And we will keep our faith alive, God will always be our guide. Through the darkest night, we will see God's light. We will keep our faith alive!

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE

Laura Cosner

John 13:34–35 (ESV)

34 A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another: just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. 35 By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.”

1 Thessalonians 2:1–4 (ESV)

**1 For you yourselves know, brothers, that our coming to you was not in vain.
2 But though we had already suffered and been shamefully treated at Philippi,**

as you know, we had boldness in our God to declare to you the gospel of God in the midst of much conflict. 3 For our appeal does not spring from error or impurity or any attempt to deceive, 4 but just as we have been approved by God to be entrusted with the gospel, so we speak, not to please man, but to please God who tests our hearts.

2 Corinthians 4:7-10

7 But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. 8 We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; 9 persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; 10 always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

To Please God

Rev. Jai Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN # 721 Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore

1 Lord, you have come to the lakeshore, Looking neither for wealthy nor wise ones; You only asked me to follow humbly.

Chorus) O Lord, with your eyes you have searched me, And while smiling have spoken my name; Now my boat's left on the shoreline behind me; By your side I will seek other seas.

2 You know so well my possessions; My boat carries no gold and no weapons; You will find there my nets and labor.

**3 You need my hands, full of caring, Through my labors to give others rest,
And constant love that keeps on loving.**

**4. You, who have fished other oceans, Ever longed for by souls who are
waiting, My loving friend, as thus you call me.**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Apostles Creed)**

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

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy
Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead.

**He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father
Almighty, from whence He shall 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 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 # 767 Together We Serve**

1 Together we serve, united by love, inviting God's world to the glorious feast. We work and we pray through sorrow and joy, extending your love to the last and the least.

2 We seek to become a beacon of hope, a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet. We learn, year by year, to let love shine through until we see Christ in each person we meet.

3 We welcome the scarred, the wealthy, the poor, the busy, the lonely, and all who need care. We offer a home to those who will come, our hands quick to help, our hearts ready to dare.

4 Together, by grace, we witness and work, remembering Jesus, in whom we grow strong. Together we serve in Spirit and truth, remembering love is the strength of our song.

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*

*Laura Brown Hayes
Munn Family
Jemmie Moseley*

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>
<i>Max Zeng</i>	<i>Mike and Lan Kelly's son</i>	<i>Dr. Laura Festa</i>	<i>Wife of Dr. Dan Festa</i>
<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:

First, Mountain Home

First, Newport

**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

Fellowship Luncheon: Join us for our third Sunday fellowship luncheon today after the service. We look forward to a time of food and fellowship together.

Session Announcement: Please note that the Session will not meet during the month of July.

Trinity Village Birthday Party: The ladies of our church have graciously taken charge of organizing the upcoming quarterly birthday celebration at Trinity Village. We invite you to join us on Wednesday, September 20th, as we come together to commemorate this special occasion.

Vesper Service will be held at Trinity Village on July 30th. Please mark your calendars and join us for this meaningful and uplifting gathering.

From the Women of the Church: We invite all members of our congregation to participate in gathering breakfast food items that will be donated to schools in our community to support our local schools and make a positive impact on the lives of students.

We kindly ask for your participation in this endeavor by contributing any of the following breakfast food items: Cereal (both hot and cold varieties), Oatmeal packets, Granola bars, Breakfast bars, Individual fruit cups, Juice boxes, Peanut butter or cheese crackers, Instant breakfast drinks, Shelf-stable milk,

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