



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, July 9, 2023

Sixth 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

Rose : In this place, we gather to turn our hearts and minds to God.

All : **We rejoice that the Triune God meets us here.**

Rose : As we worship, we remember,

All : **that we are the family of faith together!**

***OPENING HYMN # 19 God of Great and God of Small**

1 God of great and God of small, God of one and God of all, God of weak and God of Strong, God to whom all things belong.

Chorus) alleluia, alleluia, praise to be your name.

2 God of land and sky and sea, God of life and destiny, God of never ending power, yet beside me every hour,

3 God of silence, God of sound, God by whom the lost are found, God of day and darkest night, God whose love turns wrong to right

4 God of heaven and God of earth, God of death and God of birth, God of now and days before, God who reigns forever more,

CALL TO CONFESSION

When we come to worship God, we must first remember who we are, and we are people who often sin and turn from the ways of God. Relying on God's abundant grace, let us offer our confession together, knowing that we will be offered forgiveness in Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are a people who often do the wrong thing, even when we want to do what is right. We have not cared for others as you have called us to, but we have been focused primarily on ourselves. We have been a people who are more divisive than uniting, more unkind than kind, and more rebellious than faithful. Forgive us, we pray and make us new to go forth and glorify you. (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! Through the grace and love of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

Hail to the King

You came to us a man, in very nature God, Pierced for our iniquities as You hung upon the cross. But God exalted You to the highest place, And gave to You the right to bear The Name above all names

**That at the Name of Jesus we should bow. And every tongue confess that
You are Lord. And when You come in glory for the world to see We will sing...**

Hail to the King, in all His splendor and majesty

Hail to the King of kings, Lord Jesus, our God

**We eagerly await the coming of the day, When the glory of the risen King will
shine upon the earth. Then rival thrones will fall before the Lord of all, And**

hail supreme authority in the true and living God.

At the Name of Jesus we will bow As every tongue confesses You as Lord.

And when You come in glory for the world to see We will sing...

Hail to the King, in all His splendor and majesty

Hail to the King of kings, Lord Jesus, our God

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE

Laura Cosner

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10 (ESV)

Greeting

1 Paul, Silvanus, and Timothy,

**To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ: Grace to you and peace.**

**2 We give thanks to God always for all of you, constantly mentioning you in
our prayers, 3 remembering before our God and Father your work of faith and
labor of love and steadfastness of hope in our Lord Jesus Christ. 4 For we
know, brothers loved by God, that he has chosen you, 5 because our gospel
came to you not only in word, but also in power and in the Holy Spirit and
with full conviction. You know what kind of men we proved to be among you
for your sake. 6 And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you**

received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, 7 so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. 8 For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything. 9 For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, 10 and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead, Jesus who delivers us from the wrath to come.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Not only in word

Rev. Jai Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN # 630 Fairest Lord Jesus

1 Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O Thou of God to earth com down,
Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy and crown.

2. Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, Robed in the blooming
garb of spring; Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to
sing.

3. Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, And all the twinkling starry
host; Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels heav'n
can boast.

4. Beautiful Savior! Ruler of all the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor, praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from the PC(USA) Declaration of Faith)**

Jesus Christ stands at the center of the biblical record.

The Bible is the account of God's word and action in history, together with his people's response in faith.

It tells how the Lord has moved with Israel and the church towards the kingdom of God, his just and loving rule over all.

**It is the story of the one God,
who is the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.**

That story is still unfolding, and in faith, we make it our own.

It forms our memory and our hope.

It tells us who we are and what we are to do.

To retell it is to declare what we believe. 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 # 846 Fight the Good Fight**

1 Fight the good fight with all your might, Christ is thy strength and Christ thy right. Lay hold on life, and it shall be thy joy and crown eternally.

2 Run the straight race through God's good grace; lift up thine eyes, and seek Christ's face. Life with its way before us lies; Christ is the path and Christ the prize.

3 Cast care aside, lean on thy guide; God's boundless mercy will provide. Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove Christ is its life and Christ its love.

4 Faint not nor fear; God's arms are near. God changeth not, and thou are dear. Only believe, and you will see that Christ is all in all to thee.

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:

Barr Memorial, Norman

Hopewell Church, Morrilton

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

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Session

Class of 2023

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Class of 2024

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Zac Cosner

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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

As we step into the vibrant season of summer, we acknowledge that numerous members of our congregation will embark on various journeys, both nearby and far away. Whether you're embarking on a road trip, a cherished family vacation, or visiting dear ones, our prayers are with you for a safe and joyful experience. As you venture forth, we kindly remind you of the significance of seeking God's divine protection along the way. May His guiding hand be upon you, ensuring your safety and well-being throughout your travels.

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

Fellowship Luncheon: Join us for our third Sunday fellowship luncheon on July 16th. We look forward to a time of food and fellowship together.

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, July 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.

