



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, August 6, 2023
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jessica : God willingly satisfied our great needs

People : **When we bring what little we have.**

Rose : Let us love our neighbor as ourself

People : **Joining in God's miracle-working power.**

***OPENING HYMN # 14 For the Beauty of the Earth (verses 1, 2, & 4)**

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.

Refrain) Lord of all, to thee we raise this hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light, [refrain]

4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

CALL TO CONFESSION

In this world of multiple pandemics and the promotion of individualism, there are many claims on our lives. In this moment, we remember the nature of our baptism, rooted in God's grace. We acknowledge before God and one another that we have not followed the model set before us in Jesus Christ. With every confidence in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O Lord our God, you call us to love our neighbor as ourself, ensuring that all will be fed and have dignity.

But in our own distractions, we are blinded by our selfish desires.

We are sick and have turned away those who are hungry and crying out for your help. We have forgotten to trust you with our little, to multiply it with your great power.

Forgive us, O Lord.

Turn us to your will by the power of your Spirit, so that all may know your abundance and grace; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior. Amen

KYRIE ELEISON: "Lord, Have Mercy"

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love. The Lord is good to all, and compassionate toward all of creation. Believe this good news and give thanks

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Hymnal #581

"Glory Be to the Father"

**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.**

**Why should I be discouraged and why should the shadows fall?
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heaven and home?**

**When Jesus is my portion, my constant Friend is He,
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.**



**Refrain) I sing because I'm happy;
I sing because I'm free;
His eye is on the sparrow
And I know He watches me.**

**Let not your heart be troubled; these tender words I hear;
And resting on his goodness I lose my doubts and fears;
For by the path He leadeth but one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.**

**Whenever I am tempted; whenever clouds arise;
When songs give place to sighing; when hope within me dies;
I draw the closer to Him; from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.
His eye is on the sparrow and I know He watches me.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Pam Riegler

Philippians 1:3–6 (ESV)

3 I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, 4 always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, 5 because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. 6 And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.

Philippians 1:18–21 (ESV)

18 What then? Only that in every way, whether in pretense or in truth, Christ is proclaimed, and in that I rejoice. Yes, and I will rejoice, **19** for I know that through your prayers and the help of the Spirit of Jesus Christ this will turn out for my deliverance, **20** as it is my eager expectation and hope that I will not be at all ashamed, but that with full courage now as always Christ will be honored in my body, whether by life or by death. **21** For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

To Live Is Christ

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN # 761 Called as Partners in Christ's Service

1 Called as partners in Christ's service Called to ministries of grace We
respond with deep commitment Fresh new lines of faith to trace May we
learn the art of sharing Side by side and friend with friend Equal
partners in our caring To fulfil God's chosen end

2 Christ's example Christ's inspiring Christ's clear call to work and
worth Let us follow never faltering Reconciling folk on earth Men and
women richer poorer All God's people young and old Blending human
skills together Gracious gifts from God unfold

3 Thus new patterns for Christ's mission In a small or global sense Help us bear each other's burdens Breaking down each wall or fence Words of comfort words of vision Words of challenge said with care Bring new power and strength for action Make us colleagues free and fair

4 So God grant us for tomorrow Ways to order human life That surround each person's sorrow With a calm that conquers strife Make us partners in our living Our compassion to increase Messengers of faith thus giving Hope and confidence and peace

*** Affirmation of Faith (from A Brief Statement of Faith)**

We trust in Jesus Christ, Fully human, fully God.

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and
giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen**

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

Hymnal #606

"Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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 LORD'S PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

CLOSING HYMN # 546 Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing

1 Lord, dismiss us with your blessing, Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each your love possessing, Triumph in redeeming grace;
Oh, refresh us, oh, refresh us, Traveling through this wilderness.

2 Thanks we give and adoration For your gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of your salvation In our hearts and lives abound:
Ever faithful, ever faithful, To the truth may we be found.

3. So that when Thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,
Let no fear of death appall us, Glad Thy summons to obey:
May we ever, may we ever Reign with Thee in endless day.

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

*Munn Family
Jemmie Moseley
Karen Perdue*

*Hester Insley
Emil & Carol Brown*

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

<u>Name</u>		<u>Name</u>	
<i>Max Zeng</i>	<i>Mike and Lan Kelly's son</i>	<i>Rebecca & Earl Phillips</i>	<i>Friends of Karen Perdue</i>
<i>Luis Sanchez</i>	<i>Father of Lizabeth Sanchez</i>	<i>Dr. Laura Festa</i>	<i>Wife of Dan Festa</i>
<i>Bernice Collins</i>	<i>Friend of the Church</i>	<i>Haley Chandler</i>	<i>Friend of the Church</i>
<i>Pat Mosley</i>	<i>Mother of George Mosley</i>	<i>Allie Cooper & Carol Taylor</i>	<i>Friends of Denise Moseley</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

Trinity, Little Rock

Spring River, Hardy

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

Pastor Rev. Jai D. Kwak	Pianist/Organist Young Ju Oh
Treasurer Rose VonTungeln	Sound Board Operator Zac Cosner

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.

Email: Office@centralprespb.com
Phone: 870-879-9074
Website: <http://www.centralprespb.com>
 Website Password: Trinity9074

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.



The VonTungeln family cordially invites you to a delightful Pool Party today immediately after the worship service. Come and join in the fun! We'll be serving delicious burgers and hot dogs, complemented by a variety of scrumptious sides. Don't forget to bring your swimsuit, towel, and ample sunscreen to stay protected as you take part in the merriment. Everyone is welcome to attend, and while swimming is entirely optional, we hope you'll be enticed to dive in and make a splash with us!

Session

<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Laura Cosner	George Mosley (Clerk)
Jane Judkins	Zac Cosner
Denise Mosley	Pat Drewett
Suzy VonTungeln	

Our Fellowship Luncheon will be on August 20th. This event promises to be a wonderful time of togetherness, where we can enjoy delicious food, strengthen our bonds, and share in the joy of being part of this loving congregation. Please bring a dish to share.

Standing Committee Moderators:

George Mosley - Building & Ground
 Zac Cosner - Budget & Finance
 Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education
 Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach
 Laura Cosner - Worship & Music

Immediately after the luncheon on August 20th, session will convene.