



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, August 13, 2023
Eleventh 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 : Jesus offers us peace,
People : So that we will not be afraid.
Jessica : The Holy Spirit reminds us,
People : we are never alone.
Jessica : God makes a home among us,
People : because God loves us.
Jessica : Let us worship our God.

***OPENING HYMN # 81. Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken**

1 Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
he whose word cannot be broken formed you for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake your sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, you may smile at all your foes.

2 See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply your sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

3 Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear
For a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near.
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,
safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them on their way.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Try as we might to stop sinning, we fail more often than succeed. But God's grace never fails, and God never stops giving us another chance to try. Let us now try again, as we confess our sins together in prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Grace giving God, you ask us to love and to keep your word. Simple instructions. Yet, even with the Advocate to help us, we still fail at loving and following faithfully. Every time we fail, speak to us again of your truths. Keep telling us over and over again, so that one day soon, we hear your words and believe (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: Christ says, "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you."

There is peace in God's forgiveness. Know that you are forgiven, know that you are loved, and be at peace.

People: 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.**

ANTHEM

All the Heavens

Piano/Organ: Young Ju Oh

**Holy, holy are You Lord,
The whole earth is filled with Your glory
Let the nations rise to give Honor and praise to Your name**

**Let Your face shine on us And the world will know You live
All the heavens shout Your praise
Beautiful is our God, the universe will sing
Hallelujah to You our King**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Pam Riegler

Philippians 3:1–11 (ESV)

1 Finally, my brothers, rejoice in the Lord. To write the same things to you is no trouble to me and is safe for you. 2 Look out for the dogs, look out for the evildoers, look out for those who mutilate the flesh. 3 For we are the circumcision, who worship by the Spirit of God and glory in Christ Jesus and put no confidence in the flesh— 4 though I myself have reason for confidence in the flesh also. If anyone else thinks he has reason for confidence in the flesh, I have more: 5 circumcised on the eighth day, of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; 6 as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. 7 But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. 8 Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ 9 and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— 10 that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, and may share his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, 11 that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

2 Corinthians 5:16–17 (ESV)

16 From now on, therefore, we regard no one according to the flesh. Even though we once regarded Christ according to the flesh, we regard him thus no longer. **17** Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.

Ephesians 2:1–5 (ESV)

1 And you were dead in the trespasses and sins **2** in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— **3** among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. **4** But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, **5** even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Are You Serious?

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN # 751 From the Nets of Our Labor (We Will Rise Up And Follow)

1. From the nets of our labors, through the noise and confusion, from the city or seashore, Jesus summons us all. When we faint and grow weary from the bearing of burdens, with a message of comfort, Jesus summons us all.

Refrain: "We will rise up and follow, Christ before and beside us, loving pattern to guide us, as we answer the call!"

2. In the eyes of the stranger— tearful, joyous, or frightened— in the face of each neighbor, Jesus summons us all. When we hear words of hatred spreading fear or false witness, words that cry to be challenged, Jesus summons us all. [Refrain]

3. In each moment of courage, steadfast even through trembling; in the yearning for justice, Jesus summons us all. Like disciples before us, from the city or seashore, risking selfless compassion: Jesus summons us all. [Refrain]

*** 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 "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 69. I, the Lord of Sea and Sky (Here I Am, Lord)

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?

(Refrain)

“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? (Refrain)

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 'Til their hearts be satisfied. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

(Refrain)

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> | |
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| <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:

First, Conway First,

Prairie Grove

**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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| Laura Cosner | George Mosley (Clerk) |
| Jane Judkins | Zac Cosner |
| Denise Mosley | Pat Drewett |
| Suzy VonTungeln | |

Standing Committee Moderators:

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

Announcements

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.

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.

Our Fellowship Luncheon will be on next Sunday (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.

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

Central will host an upcoming Senior Citizens Event on Saturday September 9th @ 4pm. All are invited to join & bring a friend for pizza, bingo & a gospel singing performance. The event is free to the community & will be held in the fellowship hall of Central Presbyterian Church. Please call Laura Cosner @ 870-718-6841 for more information.

COUNTING ALL AS
RUBBISH
 TO GAIN **CHRIST**