

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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Announcements

Monthly Fellowship Luncheon Today!
Join us for lunch as we strengthen our connections. As followers of Jesus, we are called to love one another, and our bonds in Christ grow stronger when we spend time together. Let's make a deliberate effort to nurture this love. Remember, we're not just gathering for the sake of it; we're coming together because we're already united by our faith in Christ. Everyone is welcome. Please join us!

The Session will convene following the luncheon.

The Women's Circle is scheduled to convene on the second Monday of each month, except for this month. For September, our gathering will take place on tomorrow, 18th at 6:30 pm.

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, 2-4PM as we come together to commemorate this special occasion.

— B L E S S E D —
ARE THE POOR IN SPIRIT
FOR THEIRS IS THE KINGDOM OF HEAVEN.
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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, September 17, 2023
Sixteenth 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

Logan : Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me.

People : Bless God's holy name.

Logan : God forgives. God heals. Gods transforms with steadfast love.

People : Bless God's holy name.

Logan : Come, let us worship God, our Maker!

***OPENING HYMN # 41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above! (v.1,2 & 5)**

1. O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing God's power and God's love Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise.

2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form And bright is His path on the wings of the storm.

5. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail. Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Before we can hear God’s truth spoken in love, we must free ourselves from all that obstructs us from honestly acknowledging our wrongdoing. Let us examine our hearts and confess our sins to God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Nurturing God, like a hen gathers her brood under her wings, you desire to gather your children. But division and disagreement plague us. We cling to rigid certainties, approach each other in arrogance, and fail to listen. We walk away from conflict, rather than working through it. Forgive us, Holy God. Help us grow in faith, mature in relationships, and be transformed through your steadfast love. (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: The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. Anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, redeemed and restored to God’s path of righteousness. 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.

PRAYER CONCERNS

*Munn Family
Jemie Moseley
Karen Perdue
Lan Kelly*

*Hester Insley
Emil & Carol Brown
Laura Hayes
Denise Mosley*

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 Mosley</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

First, Brinkley

First, Jonesboro

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.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN # 462 I Love to Tell the Story**

1 I love to tell the story of unseen things above, of Jesus and his glory,
Of Jesus and his love, I love to tell the story Because I know 'tis true; It
satisfies my longings as nothing else can do.

Refrain: I love to tell the story; 'twill be my theme in glory to tell the old,
old story Of Jesus and his love.

2 I love to tell the story, 'tis pleasant to repeat what seems, each time I
tell it, more wonderfully sweet! I love to tell the story, for some have
never heard the message of salvation from God's own holy Word.

3 I love to tell the story, for those who know it best seem hungering and
thirsting to hear it, like the rest. And when, in scenes of glory, I sing the
new, new song, 'twill be the old, old story that I have loved so long.

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.*

ANTHEM

It is Well with My Soul

H. G. Spafford

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows
roll; Whatever my lot, Thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my
soul. It is well with my soul, It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come, Let this blest
assurance control, That Christ hath regarded my helpless estate, And hath
shed His own blood for my soul. It is well with my soul, It is well,
it is well with my soul.

My sin—oh, the bliss of this glorious thought! — My sin, not in part but the
whole, Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more, Praise the Lord, praise the
Lord, O my soul! It is well with my soul, it is well, it is well with my soul.

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, The clouds be rolled
back as a scroll; The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, Even
so, it is well with my soul. It is well with my soul, it is well,
it is well with my soul.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Laura Cosner

Jeremiah 33:3 (ESV)

1 The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah a second time, while he was
still shut up in the court of the guard: 2 “Thus says the LORD who made the

earth,[a] the LORD who formed it to establish it—the LORD is his name: 3 Call to me and I will answer you, and will tell you great and hidden things that you have not known.

Matthew 5:1-3 (ESV)

1 Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. 2 And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: 3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Romans 4:7-8 (ESV)

7 Blessed are those whose lawless deeds are forgiven, and whose sins are covered; 8 blessed is the man against whom the Lord will not count his sin.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Blessed are Poor in Spirit

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN # 65 Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

1 Guide me, O thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land. I am weak, but thou art mighty. Hold me with thy powerful hand. Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.

2 Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through. Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.

3 When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside. Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side. Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.

***Affirmation of Faith (From the Heidelberg Catechism)**

My only comfort in life and in death is —

That I am not my own, but belong— body and soul, in life and in death—to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

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