



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, September 3, 2023
Fourteenth 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 : We gather hoping to see God,
People : **here in worship, we realize that we see God in one another.**
Jessica : We can see God,
People : **when we show one another honor,**
Jessica : when we pursue hospitality to strangers,
People : **when we live in harmony with one another,**
Jessica : When we rejoice in hope.
Together : **Let us worship the visible God amongst us.**

***OPENING HYMN # 634 To God Be the Glory**

**1 To God be the glory Great things He has done So loved He the world that He
gave us His Son Who yielded His life an atonement for sin And opened the
life-gate that all may go in**

Refrain:

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord Let the earth hear His voice Praise the
Lord, praise the Lord Let the people rejoice O Come to the Father Through
Jesus the Son and Give Him the Glory Great things He has done**

**2 Great things He has taught us, great things He has done And great
our rejoicing through Jesus the Son, But purer, and higher, and greater will
be Our wonder, our transport when Jesus we see**

CALL TO CONFESSION

God wants us to be ourselves. But every time we hurt one another, or ourselves, we get further and further away from who we are. It is in our confession, in admitting the truth of our lives, that we can be our genuine selves again. Let us join in our prayer of confession together:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of love, you ask us to love one another from the center of who we are, you tell us to bless one another, you encourage us to do good. But we have not listened to your words, instead of loving we have practiced hatred, instead of blessing, we have perfected cursing, Instead of doing good, we have sought to get even. Forgive us for giving up. Give us grace to try again, and encouragement to make your ways, our ways. We pray, we wait, and we hope. (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

Jessica: God's love for us is genuine. When we need it the most, God's grace washes over us seeping into the cracks of our brokenness and saturating our thirsty hearts. Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***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

To My Precious Lord

Piano/Organ: Young Ju Oh (Prerecorded)

To my precious Lord I bring my flask of fragrant oil; Keeling down, I kiss his feet, anoint them with the oil Jesus who for my sake walked the road to Calvary with each step has marked the imprint of his love for me.

To my precious Lord I bring my flask of fragrant oil; Keeling down, I kiss his feet, anoint them with the oil Jesus who for my sake had his feet nailed to the cross, with his blood has washed and healed me, paid the heavy cost.

To my precious Lord I bring my flask of fragrant oil; Keeling down, I kiss his feet, anoint them with the oil When in clouds of glory you come back to earth again, Jesus, with your love, embrace and claim me as your friend.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Laura Cosner

Proverbs 3:5–8 (ESV)

5 Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. 6 In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths. 7 Be not wise in your own eyes; fear the LORD, and turn away from evil. 8 It will be healing to your flesh and refreshment to your bones.

1 Kings 19:9–13 (ESV)

9 There he came to a cave and lodged in it. And behold, the word of the LORD came to him, and he said to him, “What are you doing here, Elijah?” 10 He said, “I have been very jealous for the LORD, the God of hosts. For the people of Israel have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword, and I, even I only, am left, and they seek my life, to take it away.” 11 And he said, “Go out and stand on the mount before the LORD.” And behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind tore the mountains and broke in pieces the rocks before the LORD, but the LORD was not in the wind. And after the wind an earthquake, but the LORD

was not in the earthquake. 12 And after the earthquake a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire the sound of a low whisper. 13 And when Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his cloak and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. And behold, there came a voice to him and said, “What are you doing here, Elijah?”

1 John 4:13–15 (ESV)

13 By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. 14 And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. 15 Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON Trust in the Lord Rev. Jai D. Kwak (Read by Logan Mosley)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN # 816 If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, With hopeful heart through all thy ways, God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in God's unchanging love Builds on the rock that nought can move.

2 Only be still, and wait God's leisure In cheerful hope, with heart content To take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure And all-discerning love hath sent; No doubt our inmost wants are clear To One who holds us always dear.

3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, But do thine own part faithfully; Trust the rich promises of grace, So shall they be fulfilled in thee. God never yet forsook at need The soul secured by trust indeed.

***Affirmation of Faith (The Apostles' Creed)**

I BELIEVE in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. 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 (Together)**

Gift-giving God, we bring you what we can offer, our time, our talents, our finances, our very selves, in the hope that what we bring, you might magnify, and multiply, for the work of your love in the world. Amen.

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

***CLOSING HYMN # 838 Standing on the Promises.**

1 Standing on the promises of Christ my King, through eternal ages let His praises ring, Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing, Standing on the promises of God.

**(Refrain) Standing, standing, Standing on the promises of God my Savior;
Standing, standing, I'm standing on the promises of God.**

**2 Standing on the promises that cannot fail, When the howling storms of
doubt and fear assail, By the living Word of God I shall prevail, Standing on
the promises of God. (Refrain)**

**3 Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord, bound to him eternally by
love's strong cord overcoming daily with the spirit's sword, standing on the
promises of God.**

**4 Standing on the promises I shall not fall, List'ning every moment to the
Spirit's call. Resting in my Savior as my All in all, Standing on the promises of
God. (Refrain)**

***CLOSING PRAYER (TOGETHER)**

King of glory, thank you for revealing your love to us today in a
powerful way. As we leave this place and go out there may we go in the
power of the Holy Spirit. May your grace and love be with us each day.
Bless us O Lord with your unfailing love and cause the work of our
hands to prosper. Uphold us in the palm of your hand and see us
through each stage of our lives. Bless us when we go out and when we
come in. In Jesus' name, we believe and pray, Amen.

****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
Lan Kelly*

*Hester Insley
Emil & Carol Brown
Laura Hayes*

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:

Faith, Pine Bluff

First, Beebe

**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

Class of 2023

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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

Announcements

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

Senior Citizens Event is on this 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.

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.

The collection of breakfast food items is still ongoing! We need more items to provide support for the younger members of the community.

Pastor Jai and Young are on leave today.



Little hands, little feet, simply precious and oh so sweet! Please join us for a 'Baby Shower,' honoring Issac Michael Filius Martin Sunday, September 10th 2:00PM to 4:00PM at Mary Light's (5503 Sorrells Rd.)

