



**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas**  
**Sunday, October 15, 2023**  
**Twentieth 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 (Psalm 19)**

Jessica: From where does our help come?

**People: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Jessica: Who keeps us in our going out and our coming in?

**People: The Lord is our keeper.**

Jessica: Who is with us always?

**People: The Lord Jesus Christ is with us and for us in all things.**

**\*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**

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would have us be. (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: Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.**

**People: In the name of Jesus, 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.**

**As the Wind Song**

**As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
as the heart made strangely warm, as the voice within the storm,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.**

**Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown  
bringing life, bringing power to the world,  
as the dancing tongues of fire, as the soul's most deep desire,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.**

**As the rainbow after rain, as the hope that's born again,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,  
as the green in the spring, as a kite on a string,  
so it is with the Spirit of God,**

**making worlds that are new, making peace come true,  
bringing gifts, bringing love to the world,  
as the rising of the yeast, as the wine at the feast,  
so it is with the Spirit of God.**

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

**TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH**

**Rose VonTungeln**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Laura Cosner**

**Matthew 5:1-7 (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.**

**4 “Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.**

**5 “Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.**

**6 “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.**

**7 “Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.**

The Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

**Blessed are Merciful**

**Rev. Jai D. Kwak**

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\* HYMN # 314 Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (Verses 1, 2, & 5)**

**1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you. Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.**

**(Refrain) Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair. Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.**

**5 Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong. Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.**

**\*Affirmation of Faith (Apostles Creed)**

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of heaven and earth, And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He arose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and 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**

### **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 # 300. We Are One in the Spirit**

1 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; And we pray that all unity will one day be restored."

(Refrain) And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand; We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand; And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. (Refrain)

3. We Will work with each other, we will work side by side; We will work with each other, we will work side by side; And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. (Refrain)

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come; And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son. And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. (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  
Mike & 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 &amp; 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 &amp; Carol Taylor</i>	<i>Friends of Denise Mosley</i>
<i>ChanSun Oh</i>	<i>Father of Young Oh</i>		

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:**

*First, Eureka Springs*

*Central, Russellville*

**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

The Younger Church's Sunday School gathers at 10 AM each Sunday. We kindly request parents to ensure punctuality.

As the season of gratitude and joy nears, join our church in collecting cans of Cranberry Sauce to aid those in need this holiday season. Remember, even the smallest donation can have a significant impact. Our goal is to amass 100 cans by the end of October and an additional 100 by the end of November. Let's come together and make a difference.

Join us for our monthly Fellowship Luncheon today after the worship. It is time for us to come together as a faith community, share food, and enjoy each other's company. Everyone is welcome!

Session will meet immediately after the fellowship. All session members, please plan to attend.

This year's Fall Festival (Trunk or Treat) has been moved indoors and is scheduled for Saturday, October 28th at 5pm in the fellowship hall. For donations or inquiries, kindly reach out to Laura Cosner.

The Women's Circle of the Church will convene on Sunday, October 29th after the service. Our subsequent meeting is scheduled for Sunday, December 10th. There will be no meeting in November.

**Pastor**

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

**Pianist/Organist**

Young Ju Oh

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### Session

**Class of 2023**

Laura Cosner

Jane Judkins

Denise Mosley

Suzy VonTungeln

**Class of 2024**

George Mosley (Clerk)

Zac Cosner

Pat Drewett

**Standing Committee Moderators:**

George Mosley - Building & Ground

Zac Cosner - Budget & Finance

Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education

Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach

Laura Cosner - Worship & Music

*blessed  
are the  
merciful  
for they  
will receive  
mercy*