



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, October 22, 2023
Twenty-First 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 (Based on Psalm 24)

Jessica: The earth is the Lord's and everything in it.

People: Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord.

Jessica: Who may stand in His holy place?

People: The one who has clean hands and a pure heart.

Jessica: They will receive blessing from the Lord.

People: From the Lord Almighty – He is the King of glory!

***OPENING HYMN # 93. Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!

2 Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

3 Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide. Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal.

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sin tricks and traps us a hundred times a day. So we turn to God, whose business is freedom. Trusting that God will free us from our sin and deliver us to safety, let us confess our sins with courage and hope.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Creator God, we are commanded to give to you what is branded as yours. But since we cannot see your face, we confess to a miserable confusion.

Where is your image printed? Not on our coinage or our calendars. Not on any of the things we buy in the store or in the ad-laden videos that stream by us. No, the only place we can see your face, is in our neighbor and in the mirror. We're the ones created in your image.

Honestly, we'd rather pay you taxes, God, than give up our whole selves. But if we are what you want, heart, mind, soul, and strength — we'll do our best, God. We'll give our all to you. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON:

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Hear the good news! Our God, lover of justice, glories not in punishment but in redemption.

People: Christ has broken the power of sin and rescued us from our shame.

Pastor: Be at peace: you are forgiven, and you are free.

People: To God be the glory! Alleluia! 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

Piano/Organ: Young Ju Oh

Thy Strong Word

Donald Busarow

**Thy strong Word did cleave the darkness; At thy speaking it was done.
For created light we thank thee, While thine ordered seasons run.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Without end**

**Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, Dark as night and deep as death,
Broke the light of thy salvation, Breathed thine own life giving breath.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Without end**

**Thy strong Word bespeak us righteous; Bright with thine holiness,
Glorious now, we press toward glory, And our lives our hope confess.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Without end**

**From the cross thy wisdom shining Breaketh forth in conqu'ring might;
From the cross forever beameth All thy bright redeeming light.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise to thee who light dost send!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Without end**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Laura Cosner

Psalm 24:1–4 (ESV)

1 The earth is the LORD's and the fullness thereof, the world and those who dwell therein, 2 for he has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. 3 Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place? 4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.

Matthew 5:1–8 (ESV)

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. 8 “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Matthew 19:16–22 (ESV)

16 And behold, a man came up to him, saying, “Teacher, what good deed must I do to have eternal life?” 17 And he said to him, “Why do you ask me about what is good? There is only one who is good. If you would enter life, keep the commandments.” 18 He said to him, “Which ones?” And Jesus said, “You shall not murder, You shall not commit adultery, You shall not steal, You shall not bear false witness, 19 Honor your father and mother, and, You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” 20 The young man said to him, “All these I have kept. What do I still lack?” 21 Jesus said to him, “If you would be perfect, go, sell what you possess and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow me.” 22 When the young man heard this he went away sorrowful, for he had great possessions.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Is Your Heart Pure?

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN # 828 More Love to Thee, O Christ

1 More, love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee! Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee. This is my earnest plea: more love, O Christ, to thee, more love to thee, more love to thee!

2 Once earthly joy I crave, sought peace and rest. Now thee alone I seek; give what is best. This is all my prayer shall be: more love, O Christ, to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!

3 Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise; this be the parting cry my heart shall raise. This still its prayer shall be: more love, O Christ to thee; more love to thee, more love to thee!

***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 # 839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!**

1 Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

(Refrain)

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

2 Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight. Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [Refrain]

3 Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and blest, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [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 & 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>
<i>ChanSun Oh</i>	<i>Father of Young Oh</i>		

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

First, Helena

West End, Arkadelphia

**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.

Pastor Rev. Jai D. Kwak	Pianist/Organist Young Ju Oh
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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	

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 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. Our goal is to amass 100 cans by the end of October and an additional 100 by the end of November.

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.

In this season of Harvest, when gratitude and Thanksgiving abound, Stewardship Sunday approaches on November 12th. Let's ready our hearts through prayer, mindful of God's generosity towards each of us, and in turn, let's nurture the spirit of generosity within our hearts.

CPC Women's Ministry Bake Sale Extravaganza! Come and be part of our cherished tradition – the annual bake sale that fuels the mission of our Presbyterian Women's Ministry. Mark your calendar for Saturday, November 18th, from 9 AM to Noon, and savor the delightful treats while supporting a great cause.

