



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, October 29, 2023
Twenty-Second 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 16)

Jessica: Preserve me, O God, for in you I take refuge.

People: I say to the Lord, "You are my Lord; I have no good apart from you.

Jessica: The Lord is my chosen portion and my cup; you hold my lot.

People: You make known to me the path of life;

Jessica: in your presence there is fullness of joy;

People: at your right hand are pleasures forevermore.

***OPENING HYMN # 33 Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show**

1. Praise the Lord, His glories show, Alleluia! Saints with His courts below, Alleluia! Angels round His throne above, Alleluia! All who see and share His love. Alleluia!

2. Earth to heaven, ex-alt the strain, Alleluia! Send it, heave to earth again, Alleluia! Age to age, God's mercies trace, Alleluia! Praise Gods providence and grace! Alleluia!

3. Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia! In the concert bear you parts; Alleluia! All that breathe, you Lord adore, Alleluia! Singing praises forever more, Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Sin betrays us and our God. Repentance redeems and restores. Let us confess our sins together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, your law commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves. Too often we prioritize our own interests above the health and welfare of others. We betray you and our best selves by living without regard for the ways our actions harm our neighbors in need and the planet entrusted to our care. Open our hearts to love. Open our minds to honestly acknowledge our role in wrongdoing. Forgive us and return us to your way of righteousness. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON:

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old life has gone; a new life has begun

People: In Christ, we are forgiven. 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.**

My Lord Is Like A Shepherd

Lani Smith

**My Lord is like a shepherd, my eve'ry need he fills.
He leads me by the quiet streams and thro' the verdant hills.
He heals my broken spirit and when I start to roam
He sets me on a righteous road that brings me safely home.
When death becomes my shadow I need not be afraid.
My Lord stays close beside me, His presence gives me aid;
And if temptations lure me, He places at my feet
The riches of his storehouse.
What pow'r, what pow'r, what power can compete?
His goodness and his mercy will be forever mine
And I will live within his house thro' all the length of time.
Oooooooooo
And I will live within his house thro' all the length of time.
Amen.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Laura Cosner

Matthew 5:2–9 (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. 9 “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Matthew 28:18–20 (ESV)

18 And Jesus came and said to them, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

Romans 16:17–20 (ESV)

17 I appeal to you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions and create obstacles contrary to the doctrine that you have been taught; avoid them. 18 For such persons do not serve our Lord Christ, but their own appetites, and by smooth talk and flattery they deceive the hearts of the naive. 19 For your obedience is known to all, so that I rejoice over you, but I want you to be wise as to what is good and innocent as to what is evil. 20 The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Are You A Peacemaker?

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*** HYMN # 703 Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me**

1 Jesus, Thy boundless love to me No thought can reach, no tongue declare; Oh knit my thankful heart to Thee And reign without a rival there. Thine, Wholly Thine, alone I'd live; myself to thee entirely give.

2 O, grant that nothing in my soul May dwell but Thy pure love alone! Oh, may Thy love possess me whole, My joy, my treasure, and my crown! All coldness from my heart remove; May every act, word, thought, be love.

3 O love, how gracious is thy way! All fear before thy presence flies; Care, anguish, sorrow, melt away Wherever thy healing beams arise. O Jesus, nothing may I see, nothing desire or seek, but Thee!

***Affirmation of Faith (From the Belhar Confession)**

We believe

- that Christ's work of reconciliation is made manifest in the church as the community of believers who have been reconciled with God and with one another;**
- that unity is, therefore, both a gift and an obligation for the church of Jesus Christ; that through the working of God's Spirit it is a binding force, yet simultaneously a reality which must be earnestly pursued and sought: one which the people of God must continually be built up to attain;**
- that this unity must become visible so that the world may believe that separation, enmity and hatred between people and groups is sin which Christ has already conquered, and accordingly that anything which threatens this unity may have no place in the church and must be resisted. 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 # 738 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee**

1 O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free; tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love; teach me the wayward feet to stay and guide them in the homeward way.

3 Teach me thy patience, still with thee in closer, dearer company, in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong.

4 In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way; in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.

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
Linda Vick*

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:

Youth Directors

Ferncliff Camp & Conference Center

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 we approach the season of thankfulness and cheer, we invite you to stand with our church in gathering cans of Cranberry Sauce to support those less fortunate during the upcoming holiday season. We're grateful to announce that, with your support, we successfully reached our initial goal of collecting 100 cans by the end of October. Now, we're aiming to gather an additional 100 cans by the end of November. Thank you to all who have already contributed!

The Fall Festival yesterday was a resounding success! We extend our heartfelt gratitude to all of you for your invaluable assistance!

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

As we look forward to Stewardship Sunday on November 12th, let's prepare our hearts through prayer, reflecting on God's abundant generosity towards each of us. As a result, may we cultivate a spirit of generosity within our own hearts. A meal will be provided for all.

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.

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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