



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, October 8, 2023
Nineteenth 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: The heavens are telling the glory of God

People: and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.

Jessica: There is no speech, nor are there words;

People: their voice is not heard.

Jessica: Yet it goes out through all the earth!

People: and to the end of the world.

***OPENING HYMN # 36 For the Fruit of All Creation**

1 For the fruit of all creation, thanks be to God. For the gifts to every nation, thanks be to God. For the plowing, sowing, reaping, silent growth while we are sleeping, future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.

2 In the just reward of labor, God's will be done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.

3 For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.

CALL TO CONFESSION (based on Philipians 3)

Whether you feel like you have a grasp on who you are or whether you are questioning your identity. Whether you are new to this type of prayer or whether you've confessed a thousand times before. Whether you feel confident in the flesh or whether you know your shortcomings all too well. God meets us where we are, and God invites us into this prayer.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that our confidence is often misplaced. We put our confidence in our abilities rather than in your love. We put our confidence in our belongings rather than in your generosity. We put our confidence in ourselves rather than in you. Forgive us for our misgivings. Redirect us according to your Spirit and your will. Help us to follow your ways and find our freedom in your heavenly calling. Open us to new levels of trust and joy as we press on towards your goal. (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: Friends, we have not already obtained the prize or reached the goal, but Christ has! And in Christ you are a new creation, you are made whole and you are called beloved.

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.**

ANTHEM

Spirit Song

John Wimber

O let the son of God enfold you with his spirit and his love, let him fill your life and satisfy your soul. O let him have the things that hold you and His spirit like a dove, will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, come and fill your lambs, Jesus, O Jesus come and fill your lamb

O come and sing this song with gladness as your hearts are filled with joy, lift your hands in sweet surrender to his name. O give him all your tears and sadness, give him all your years of pain, and you will enter into life in Jesus' name.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Laura Cosner

Psalm 18:20–24 (ESV)

**20 The LORD dealt with me according to my righteousness;
according to the cleanness of my hands he rewarded me.**

**21 For I have kept the ways of the LORD, and have not wickedly
departed from my God.**

**22 For all his rules were before me, and his statutes I did not put away
from me.**

23 I was blameless before him, and I kept myself from my guilt.

**24 So the LORD has rewarded me according to my righteousness,
according to the cleanness of my hands in his sight.**

Matthew 5:1-4 (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.

Romans 3:9–12 (ESV)

9 What then? Are we Jews any better off? No, not at all. For we have already charged that all, both Jews and Greeks, are under sin, **10** as it is written:

“None is righteous, no, not one; **11** no one understands; no one seeks for God. **12** All have turned aside; together they have become worthless; no one does good, not even one.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Blessed are Those Who Hunger and Thirst

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN # 626 As the Deer**

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.

You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship you.

You alone are my strengths, my shield;

to you alone may my spirit yield.

You alone are my heart's desire and I long to worship you.

***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 # 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me**

1 I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

2 I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime! I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

3 I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord anytime! I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

4 I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord anytime! I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime!

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, Van Buren

First, Batesville

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

Sunday School for the Younger Church is to meet at 10 AM.

As we approach the season of gratitude and joy, we are thrilled to announce a special initiative that embodies the spirit of togetherness and generosity. Our church is embarking on a heartfelt mission to collect Cranberry Cans, and we invite you to join us in this noble endeavor. We believe that every contribution, no matter how small, has the power to make a significant difference. Whether you choose to donate one can or more, your generosity will touch the lives of those who may be facing challenging times this holiday season.

Join us for our monthly Fellowship Luncheon on 10/15. 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 on 10/15. All session members, please plan to attend.

Fall Festival (Trunk or Treat) this year will be an indoor event on Saturday October 28th in the fellowship hall @ 5pm If you would like to donate wrapped candy for the event please let Laura Cosner know.

Blessed are those who
 hunger and thirst
 for righteousness,
 for they will be filled
 MATTHEW 5:6