



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, November 5, 2023
Twenty-Third 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)

George: Come, all who are weary from the past week.

People: We come seeking rest; We come seeking comfort.

George: Come, all who are in need of inspiration for the week ahead.

People: We come seeking God's truth, word and worship that will set us on the faithful path.

George: Come, all who are humble, open, and ready to learn.

People: We come as God's students, ready to listen and learn.

***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. Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

CALL TO CONFESSION

Confession requires a humble heart. Let us bow before our God to honestly confess our sins

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our teacher, we often exalt ourselves while evaluating and judging others. We assume too much and don't invest enough in listening, learning, and seeking to understand. You call us to humility, yet we resist, puffing ourselves up with prideful arrogance and rigid certainty. Forgive us, soften our hearts and open our minds to all we have yet to learn. (Silent Prayer) Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON:

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: Your guilt has departed, and your sin is blotted out.

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

You Said You Would Come

Marsha J. Stevens

You said you'd come and show all my sorrows, you said you'd be there for all my tomorrows. I came so close to sending you away. But just like you promised, you came there to stay. I just had to pray!

(Refrain) And Jesus said, "Come to the water, stand by my side, I know you are thirsty. You won't be denied, I felt every teardrop when in darkness you cried. And I strove to remind you that for those tears I died.

Your goodness so great. I can't understand. And dear Lord, I know that all this was planned. I know you are here now and always will be. Your love loosed my chains and now I am free. But Jesus, why me?

Jesus, I give you my heart and my soul. I know that without you I'd never be whole. Savior, you opened all the right doors, and I thank you and praise you in earth humble shores. Take me, I am yours.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Logan Mosley

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 139:13–14 (ESV)

**13 For you formed my inward parts;
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.**

**14 I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.
Wonderful are your works;
my soul knows it very well.**

Matthew 5:10–12 (ESV)

10 “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

John 3:18–19 (ESV)

18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only Son of God. 19 And this is the judgment: the light has come into the world, and people loved the darkness rather than the light because their works were evil.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Blessed are the Persecuted

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*** HYMN # 216 Beneath the Cross of Jesus**

1 Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land, a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

2 Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see the very dying form of one who suffered there for me, and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess; the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

3 I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place; I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss, my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

***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 # 702 Christ Be Beside Me**

1 Christ be beside me, Christ be before me, Christ be behind me, king of my heart. Christ be within me, Christ be below me, Christ be above me, never to part.

2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising, light of my life.

3 Christ be in all heart thinking about me, Christ beyond all tongues telling of me. Christ be the vision in eyes that see me; in ears that hear me Christ ever be.

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:

Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals

First, 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

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!

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.

Donation statements for January thru October 2023 are now available on round table in the narthex. If you have any questions, please contact Rose VonTungeln.

