



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, November 12, 2023
Twenty-Fourth 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 7)

George: Lord my God, let the assembled people gather around you.

People: Vindicate your people, O Lord.

George: Our shield is God Most High.

People: God saves the upright in heart.

George: I will give thanks to the Lord because of his righteousness.

People: I will sing the praises of the name of the Lord Most High.

***OPENING HYMN # 32. I Sing the Mighty Power of God**

**1 I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.
I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day;
the moon shines full at his command, and all the stars obey.**

**2 I sing the goodness of the Lord that filled the earth with food;
he formed the creatures with his word and then pronounced them
good. Lord, how your wonders are displayed, where'er we turn our
eyes, if I survey the ground we tread or gaze upon the skies.**

3. There's not a plant or flower below but makes your glories known, and clouds arise and tempests blow by order from thy throne; while all that borrows life from you is ever in your care, and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, are present there.

CALL TO CONFESSION

As far as the east is from the west, so far does God remove our transgressions from us. With the assurance of God's healing mercies in our lives, we need not fear confession. Let us confess to God those aspects of our lives in need of God's grace, first in unison, and then in silence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, your way for us is clear: We are to live so that the manner of our lives speaks of your goodness, your generosity, your infinite mercy. Too often, though, we forget the purposes for which you made us. Too often, when we might meet inhumanity with the reflection of your goodness, we turn aside. We return unkindness for unkindness. We cling to what might be shared. We avoid those who are not like us. We fail to give grace in the measure we have received it. Forgive us, we pray. Remind us that your goodness is enduring, and your mercy is everlasting, for we pray all these things in the name of our savior, Jesus Christ... (Time of silent confession)
Amen**

KYRIE ELEISON:

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: By grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing: it is the gift of God, not the result of works, so that no one might boast

People: In Jesus 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.**

ANTHEM

Piano/Organ: Young Ju Oh

Celtic Laud

Pamela Martin & Craig Courtney

**For fruit of the vine, for harvest of wheat, for bread and for wine, the gift of
your feast, the cup of Thanksgiving I gratefully raise,
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.**

**For dove in the sky, for wind in the trees, for coal in the fire, Your Spirit in me,
the cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,
O Lord of my living, my love and my praise.**

**For spring time's green earth, for morning's first light, for every birth, for
grace and for life, the cup of thanksgiving I gratefully raise,
O Lord of my living my love and my praise, my love and my praise, my love
and my praise.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 5:13-16 (ESV)

13 “You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how shall its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything except to be thrown out and trampled under people's feet.

14 “You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. 15 Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, but on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. 16 In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

The Salt and the Light

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* 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.

***Affirmation of Faith (From the Confession of 1967)**

We believe:

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate men from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of man's life in society and of God's victory over all wrong. 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 # 837 What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine**

1 What a fellowship, what a joy divine, leaning on the everlasting arms; what a blessedness, what a peace is mine, leaning on the everlasting arms.

(Refrain)

**Leaning, leaning, safe and secure from all alarms;
leaning, leaning, leaning on the everlasting arms.**

2 O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way, leaning on the everlasting arms; O how bright the path grows from day to day, leaning on the everlasting arms. [Refrain]

3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, leaning on the everlasting arms? I have blessed peace with my Lord so near, leaning on the everlasting arms. [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
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>	<i>Casey Hardin</i>	<i>Relative of Bubba VonTungeln</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

Campus Ministries

Hospital Chaplains and Counselors

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

Today marks Stewardship Sunday, a time for us to reflect upon and celebrate the immeasurable generosity of God. Throughout the entirety of Scripture, we find a resplendent testament to His grace and benevolence. On this special occasion, we come together as a community to pay tribute to His abundant gifts and to respond with gratitude in our hearts. We invite you to share your contributions with us, and we also extend an invitation to join us for a luncheon afterward.

Cranberry Sauce cans for the community! We are now striving to collect an extra 100 cans before November's end. Heartfelt thanks to all those who have already made generous contributions!

Join us for the CPC Women's Ministry Bake Sale Extravaganza! Be a part of our beloved tradition – the yearly bake sale that empowers the mission of our Presbyterian Women's Ministry. Save the date for Saturday, November 18th, between 9 AM and Noon, and relish the delectable treats as you contribute to a meaningful cause.

We kindly request your assistance in adorning the church for Advent! Join us on November 26th immediately following the Sunday Service. As a token of our appreciation, a light lunch will be served to those who choose to stay and lend a hand.

