



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, November 19, 2023
Twenty-Fifth 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, I take refuge in you.

People: Save and deliver me from all who pursue me.

George: Let the assembled peoples gather around you, Lord.

People: My shield is God Most High.

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 # 643. Now Thank We All Our God**

**1 Now thank we all our God, with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in Whom this world rejoices.
Who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way,
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.**

**2 Oh, may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed;
And free us through all ills in this world and the next.**

**3. All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
To Father and to Son and Spirit now be given;
The one eternal God, Whom heaven and earth adore;
The God who was, and is, and shall be ever more.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

We know that our sins are too heavy for us to carry, too real to hide and too deep to undo. But we also know that God can lift that weight from us and transform our lives. So let us lift our prayer of confession to God, first in unison, and then in silence.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we come before you with humble and regretful hearts. We confess that we have not loved you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not been thankful for your blessings and gifts. We have taken your grace for granted and complained about our troubles. We have been selfish and greedy, ignoring the needs of others. We have been prideful and arrogant, thinking we know better than you. Forgive us, O God, for our ungratefulness and sin. Create in us a clean heart and renew the right spirit within us. Help us to be thankful for your goodness and mercy, and to share your love and joy with others. 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: Hear the good news! Who is our God?

People: Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

Pastor: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

People: We are forgiven, rescued, and redeemed. 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

Thanks to God

August L. Storm

**Thanks to God for my Redeemer, Thanks for all Thou dost provide!
Thanks for times now but a memory, Thanks for Jesus by my side!
Thanks for pleasant, balmy springtime, Thanks for dark and stormy fall!
Thanks for tears by now forgotten, Thanks for peace within my soul!**

**Thanks for prayers that Thou hast answered,
Thanks for what Thou dost deny! Thanks for storms that I have
weathered,
Thanks for all Thou dost supply!
Thanks for pain, and thanks for pleasure, Thanks for comfort in despair!
Thanks for grace that none can measure, Thanks for love beyond
compare!**

**Thanks for roses by the wayside, Thanks for thorns their stems contain!
Thanks for home and thanks for fireside, Thanks for hope, that sweet
refrain!**

**Thanks for joy and thanks for sorrow,
Thanks for heavenly peace with Thee!**

Thanks for hope in the tomorrow, Thanks through all eternity!

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 16:25–34 (ESV)

25 About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them, 26 and suddenly there was a great earthquake, so that the foundations of the prison were shaken. And immediately all the doors were opened, and everyone's bonds were unfastened. 27 When the jailer woke and saw that the prison doors were open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, supposing that the prisoners had escaped. 28 But Paul cried with a loud voice, "Do not harm yourself, for we are all here." 29 And the jailer called for lights and rushed in, and trembling with fear he fell down before Paul and Silas. 30 Then he brought them out and said, "Sirs, what must I do to be saved?" 31 And they said, "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household." 32 And they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. 33 And he took them the same hour of the night and washed their wounds; and he was baptized at once, he and all his family. 34 Then he brought them up into his house and set food before them. And he rejoiced along with his entire household that he had believed in God.

Philippians 4:4–7 (ESV)

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the

peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Psalm 100:1–5 (ESV)

1 Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth! 2 Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! 3 Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. 4 Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! 5 For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Thanks to God

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*** HYMN # 655. What Shall I Render to the Lord**

1 What shall I render to the Lord; what shall my offering be, for all the gracious benefits God hath bestowed on me?

2 Salvation's cup my soul shall take while to the Lord I pray, and with God's people I will meet, my thankful vows to pay.

3 Not lightly dost thou, Lord, permit thy chosen saints to die; from death thou hast delivered me; thy servant, Lord am I.

4 Within God's house, the house of prayer, my soul shall bless the Lord, and praises to God's holy name let all the saints accord.

***Affirmation of Faith (From the Heidelberg Catechism)**

My only comfort in life and death is:

That I am not my own, but belong – body and soul, in life and in death- to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with his precious blood and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for him.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly 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 # Why Should I Feel Discouraged?**

**1 Why should I feel discouraged, Why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely, And long for heaven and home;
When Jesus is my portion? My constant friend is he;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me.**

(Refrain)

**I sing because I'm happy, I sing because I'm free;
For his eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me.**

**2 "Let not your heart be troubled," His tender word I hear,
And resting on his goodness, I lose my doubts and fears;
Though by the path he leadeth, But one step I may see;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me. [Refrain]**

**3 Whenever I am tempted, Whenever clouds arise;
When songs give place to sighing, When hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to him, From care he sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, And I know he watches me. [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:

Church Nursery Workers

First, Rogers

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

We extend a deep appreciation to everyone for your steadfast support of this congregation. A special acknowledgment to those instrumental in making the Stewardship Sunday Luncheon possible. Your dedication has made a profound impact on this faith community. As you journey ahead, may God's abundant blessings accompany you through each day.

The CPC Presbyterian Women's Ministry Bake Sale triumphed! Heartfelt thanks to everyone for your tremendous support! All proceeds will aid in supporting the PW ministry.

We're nearing our target of collecting 100 cans of Cranberry Sauce for the community! Sincere gratitude to all who have generously contributed already!

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

Mark your calendar!

- Dec. 3rd The Season of Advent begins.
- Dec. 9th PW Christmas Party (3:00 PM)
- Dec. 10th Moravian Love Feast (5:30 PM)
- Dec. 16th Choir Christmas Party (5:00 PM)
- Dec. 21st Blue Christmas Service (6:00 PM)
- Dec. 24th Christmas Cantata (11 AM)
- Dec. 24th Christmas Eve Candlelight Service (5:30 PM)

