



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 10, 2023

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

Organ/Piano: Young Ju Oh

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (HOPE, PEACE) Cosner Family

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Isaiah 40:1-5*)

Logan : Comfort, O comfort my people!

People : We welcome God's tender words to us today.

Logan : Prepare the way for your God!

People : We gather to prepare ourselves for Christ's coming.

Logan : Christ is coming! The glory of God will be revealed!

People : Thanks be to God for this good news!

***OPENING HYMN # 82 Come, thou long-expected Jesus**

**1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;
dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.**

**2 Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;

by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God promises forgiveness through Jesus Christ. On this second Sunday of Advent, let us approach God in humility and faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, John the Baptist prepares the way by calling upon us to repent. We have failed to share as we should. We have failed to honor the poor and the oppressed. We have failed to bear fruit worthy of your salvation. Have mercy upon us, God. Heal and forgive us so we can welcome Christ with pure and genuine hearts. (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: With joy, let us draw water from the springs of salvation. Give thanks to the Lord! Call on God's name.

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

Hope is like a candle burning in the night. Hope paints every shadow with its gentle light. Glowing like a promise till our faith is sight, hope is like a candle in the night.

Peace is like sweet music sounding pure and strong, Singing songs of comfort when the night is long. Turning drums of hatred into heaven's song, peace is like sweet music pure and strong.

Joy is like flower blooming in the soul, sending forth its fragrance to heal and make us whole. And when bitter winds are blowing, when birds refuse to sing, joy can turn our winter into spring,

Love is like a diamond wrapped in purest gold. Nothing is more precious, nothing bought or sold. Pear of heaven's glory, wondrous to behold, love is like a diamond wrapped in gold.

Joy is like a flower. Peace is like sweet music.
Hope is like a candle in the night.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 10:34–39 (ESV)

34 "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth. I have not come to bring peace, but a sword. 35 For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law. 36 And a person's enemies will be those of his own household. 37 Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more

than me is not worthy of me. 38 And whoever does not take his cross and follow me is not worthy of me. 39 Whoever finds his life will lose it, and whoever loses his life for my sake will find it.

Ephesians 2:12–19 (ESV)

12 Remember that you were at that time separated from Christ, alienated from the commonwealth of Israel and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. 13 But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. 14 For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility 15 by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances, that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two, so making peace, 16 and might reconcile us both to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility. 17 And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. 18 For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. 19 So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

PEACE

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN # 88 “O come, O come, Emmanuel” (Verses 1, 2, 4, & 5)**

1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel, that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.

(Refrain) Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things mightily: to us the path of knowledge show; and teach us in her ways to go. (Refrain)

4 O come, thou Root of Jesse, free thine own from Satan’s tyranny; from depths of hell thy people save and give them victory o’er the grave. (Refrain)

5 O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly home; make safe the way that leads on high, and close the path to misery. (Refrain)

*** Affirmation of Faith (from The Heidelberg Catechism)**

Pastor: Why do you say that you are righteous by faith alone?

People: Not because I please God by virtue of the worthiness of my faith, but because the satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ alone are my righteousness before God, and because I can accept it and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY Hymnal #606 "Praise God, from Whom all Blessings flow"**

**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 # 92 While We Are Waiting, Come

**1 While we are wait-ing, come; while we are waiting, come.
Jesus our Lord, Em-man-u-el, while we are waiting come.**

**2 With power and glo-ry, come; with power and glor-ry, come.
Jesus our Lord, Em-man-u-el, while we are waiting come.**

**3 Come, Sav-ior, quick-ly come; come, Savior, quick-ly come.
Jesus our Lord, Em-man-u-el, while we are waiting come.**

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:

Laotian Ministry, Fort Smith

Youth and Young Adults

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

We have delivered 100 cans of Cranberry Sauce. Thank you all for your support.

Please find the Christmas Poinsettia Ordering Form to place an order and honor or remember someone special. Each poinsettia, priced at \$16.00, serves as a meaningful tribute or remembrance during the holiday season.

Join us this evening at 5:30 PM for the Moravian Love Feast. We invite you to partake in a beautiful fellowship centered around Christ. Your presence would be greatly appreciated.

Mark your calendar for the upcoming services!

- 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)

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Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach

Laura Cosner - Worship & Music

SECOND ADVENT CANDLE
THE PROMISE OF PEACE

