



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, February 11, 2024
Transfiguration Sunday

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUALS OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

Organ/Piano Young Ju Oh

CALL TO WORSHIP (inspired by Psalm 50:1-6)

Jessica: God summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

People: Every time we encounter beauty, God's perfection shines forth, calling to us.

Jessica: God's revelation is a devouring fire, burning away our doubts.

People: The heavens declare God's righteousness, for God is the creator, the redeemer and the judge

***OPENING HYMN # 25 O Lord, Our God, How Excellent**

- 1 O, Lord, our God, how excellent, how glorious is your name.
Your majesty surrounds the earth, and children sing your name.**
- 2 The heavens shout your handiwork, we stand beneath in awe, to think the One who made all things should care for us at all.**
- 3 Yet you have made us less than gods, surpassing all but you, with heart and mind, with strength and will, to search for what is true**

- 4 Into our hands you've placed all things: the earth, the sea; each place we're called to probe for secret gifts and venture into space
- 5 O Lord, our God, how excellent, how glorious is your name, majestic in your holiness. We sing and praise your fame.

CALL TO CONFESSION

God is vaster than the night sky, brighter than the sun, and wilder than a tornado. Yet, God loves us enough to come to us in ways that we see and understand, including Jesus Christ. Let us open our hearts to God, confessing the ways that we have fallen short of God's call to love our neighbor and love the Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, when we encounter beauty and love and wonder in the world, so often we seek to control it, to contain it. Forgive us for all the ways we seek to pull things under our power, for the ways we fashion the world and put ourselves first. We are selfish, God. We push aside your command to love in order to seek comfort. Heavenly parent, we take this opportunity to acknowledge our lies and our denial, laying bare our hearts and minds before you now. (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

Rev. Jai Kwak

Pastor: Stand up, take your mat and walk." Jesus says to the crippled man. Transformed by Christ's redemption, let us get up and walk together.

**People: By the Christ's redemption, we are healed too!
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

Central Choir

Come, Let Us Gather

(Refrain) Come, let us gather in worship, and rejoice in God's saving grace.
We sing in praise and thanksgiving, and celebrate our worship in this place.

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How special this place where gather, how blessed are all people here!
In hearts full of love God is dwelling, to those full of life God is near.

Assembled to hear God's goodness, we celebrate life through the Word.
Through stories of faith, we are strengthened to spread the Good news that is
heard.

We gather for strength on our journey, a people united as one.
Refreshed and renewed by Christ's body, we tell of the work God has done.

May all those who come here find welcome, and all those in need know God's
care. Proclaiming the Kingdom among us, God's justice and peace we share.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDRENS SERMON

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 6:9, 10 (ESV)

9 Pray then like this: “Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. 10 Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 17:1–4 (ESV)

17 And after six days Jesus took with him Peter and James, and John his brother, and led them up a high mountain by themselves. 2 And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became white as light. 3 And behold, there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. 4 And Peter said to Jesus, “Lord, it is good that we are here. If you wish, I will make three tents here, one for you and one for Moses and one for Elijah.”

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Your Kingdom Come”

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***HYMN # 372 O for a World**

1 O for a world where everyone respect each other’s way, where love is lived and all is done with justice and with praise.

2 O for a world where goods are shared and misery relived, where truth is spoken, children spared, equality achieved.

3 We welcome one world family and struggle with each choice that opens us to unity and gives our vision voice.

**4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the foolish ones are wise.
Tell all who mourn: outcasts belong, who perishes will rise.**

**5 O for a world preparing for God's glorious reign of peace, where
time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.**

*** Affirmation of Faith (1 Timothy 3:16)**

Great indeed, we confess,

is the mystery of our religion:

Christ Jesus was manifested in the flesh,

**vindicated in the Spirit, seen by angels, preached among the
nations, believed in throughout the world, taken up in glory.**

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 # 772 Live into Hope**

1 Live into hope of captives freed, of sight regained, the end of greed. The oppressed shall be the first to see the year of God's own jubilee!

2 Live into hope! The blind shall see with insight and with clarity, removing shades of pride and fear, a vision of our God brought near.

3 Live into hope of liberty, the right to speak, the right to be, the right to have one's daily bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed!

4 Live into hope of captives freed from chains of fear or want or greed. God now proclaims our full release to faith and hope and joy and peace.

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

*Emil & Carol Brown
Jemmie Moseley
Karen Perdue
Mike & Lan Kelly*

*Hester Insley
Munn Family
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>Mary Owens</i>	<i>Friend of Rose VonTungeln</i>	<i>Family of Casey Hardin</i>	<i>Relative of Bubba VonTungeln</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

First, Lincoln

First, Heber Springs

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN
AROUND THE WORLD**

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.

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**Session
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<u>Class of 2023</u>	<u>Class of 2024</u>
Laura Cosner	George Mosley (Clerk)
Suzy VonTungeln	Pat Drewett
Denise Mosley	Jane Judkins

Standing Committee Moderators

George Mosley - Building & Grounds
 Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education
 Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach
 Laura Cosner - Worship & Music

Announcements

Celebrate love & community! Join our Valentine's Banquet today after worship. Enjoy a delicious meal by the Women of the Church.
Please take note: This month, there will be no regular potluck fellowship luncheon due to the Valentine's Day banquet.

We have formed the Nominating Committee for the next session (class of 2026).
 As we entrust the Nominating Committee with the important task of selecting members for the next session, we ought to lift them in prayer for God's wisdom and discernment.

Join us for a delicious Shrove Tuesday Pancake Evening this Tuesday, February 13th at 6PM in the Fellowship Hall!
 Indulge in a delightful spread of fluffy pancakes, topped with all your favorite syrups, fruits, and whipped cream. It's a perfect way to gather with friends and family, enjoy some treats, and celebrate the traditions of Shrove Tuesday before the start of Lent.

Ash Wednesday Service This Wednesday!
 Join us for a meaningful Ash Wednesday service this coming Wednesday, February 14th at 6PM in the Sanctuary. Reflect on the start of Lent with us as we gather for prayer, reflection, and the traditional imposition of ashes.

- *Palm Sunday, March 24th
- *Maundy Thursday, March 28th 6PM
- *Good Friday, March 29th 6PM
- *Resurrection Sunday, March 31st

