



**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas**  
**Sunday, February 18, 2024**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

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**GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUALS OF FRIENDSHIP**

**LENTEN CANDLE LITURGY**

**Rev. Jai Kwak**

**PRELUDE**

**Organ/Piano Young Ju Oh**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 25)

Jessica: O God, in you we trust.

**People: Lead us in your truth and teach us,**

Jessica: for you are the God of our salvation,

**People: for you we wait, for you we worship.**

**\*OPENING HYMN #165 The Glory of These Forty Days**

**1 The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise,  
for Christ, by whom all things were made, himself has fasted and  
has prayed.**

**2 Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law.  
And to Elijah, fasting, came the steed and chariots of flame.**

**3 So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lion's  
might. And John, the Savior's friend, became the herald of  
Messiah's name.**

**4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, return in fast and prayer to you. Our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

We pause here to examine our lives, our temptations, and the ways we have fallen short before our God. Let us confess our sins together.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, as we begin this Lenten wilderness journey with Jesus, we confess our neglect of you and our faith. We make idols of nation, money and power. We build walls instead of better relationships. We fail to follow Jesus to the poor, the destitute, the stranger. Empty us this Lent, Holy God. Guide us in our faith so we can leave this wilderness season in the right relationship with you. (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: Jesus said, "If the Son makes you free, you shall be free"  
Receive this truth and be free!

**People: Through the blood of Jesus, we are set free from our sins!  
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**

**As the Deer**

**As the deer pants for the water so my soul longs after You.**

**You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.**

**(Refrain) You alone are my strength, my shield To You alone may my  
spirit yield. You alone are my heart's desire, and I long to worship You.**

**You're my friend and You're my brother, even though You are a King.**

**I love You more than any other, so much more than anything.**

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**CHILDREN'S SERMON**

**Laura Cosner**

**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. 11 Give us this day our daily bread**

## **Exodus 16:4 (ESV)**

**4 Then the LORD said to Moses, “Behold, I am about to rain bread from heaven for you, and the people shall go out and gather a day’s portion every day, that I may test them, whether they will walk in my law or not.**

The word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

***“Our Daily Bread”***

**Rev. Jai D. Kwak**

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **\*HYMN # 336 We Gather Together**

- 1 We gather together to ask the Lord’s blessing; He chastens and hastens His will to make known; The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing; Sing praises to His Name; He forgets not His own.**
- 2 Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining, Ordaining, maintaining His kingdom divine; So from the beginning the fight we were winning; Thou, Lord, were at our side, all glory be Thine!**
- 3 We all do extol Thee, Thou Leader triumphant, And pray that Thou still our Defender will be; Let Thy congregation escape tribulation; Thy Name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!**

### **\* 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**

**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 # 187 Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us**

- 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need your tender care;  
In your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your folds prepare:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, we are yours;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have brought us, we are yours.**
  
- 2 We are yours: in love befriend us, be the guardian of our way;  
Keep your flock; from sin defend us; seek us when we go astray:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, your children when we pray;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear, your children when we pray.**
  
- 3 You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;  
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to free:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to you;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, Early let us turn to you.**
  
- 4 Early let us seek your favor, Early let us do your will;  
Blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our spirits fill:  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still;  
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.**

### **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

Name

*Max Zeng*

*Mike and Lan Kelly's son*

Name

*Rebecca & Earl  
Phillips*

*Friends of Karen Perdue*

*Luis Sanchez*

*Father of Lizabeth Sanchez*

*Dr. Laura Festa*

*Wife of Dan Festa*

*Bernice Collins*

*Friend of the Church*

*Haley Chandler*

*Friend of the Church*

*Pat Mosley*

*Mother of George Mosley*

*Allie Cooper &  
Carol Taylor*

*Friends of Denise Mosley*

*Mary Owens*

*Friend of Rose VonTungeln*

*Helen King*

*Friend of Mike Kelly*

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:**

*Synod of the Sun*

*Church Musicians*

**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.

**Pastor**  
Rev. Jai D. Kwak

**Pianist/Organist**  
Young Ju Oh

**Treasurer**  
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### Session Session

#### Class of 2023

Laura Cosner

Suzy VonTungeln

Denise Mosley

#### Class of 2024

George Mosley (Clerk)

Pat Drewett

Jane Judkins

#### Standing Committee Moderators

George Mosley - Building & Grounds

Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education

Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach

Laura Cosner - Worship & Music

## *Announcements*

Join Us for the Next *Congregational Meeting!*  
We invite all members of our congregation to a special meeting next Sunday, February 25th, immediately following the worship service. Your presence and participation are vital to the future of our church community. Please plan to attend.

#### Meeting Agenda:

\*Election of New Session Members (Class of 2026):  
We will be electing three dedicated individuals to serve on the Session, our governing body, for a three-year term.

\*Presentation of the 2024 Budget: The proposed budget for the year 2024 will be presented.

We are pleased to announce that we have acquired additional PA Listening Devices to enhance communication for those who have trouble hearing. If you or someone you know could benefit from these devices, please reach out to Zac Cosner for further information and assistance.

#### Presbyterian Women's Circle Meeting!

Join us for the upcoming Presbyterian Women's Circle meeting on 25th of this month, following the congregational meeting. We look forward to seeing all ladies of Central there!

#### Worship Schedule during the Lenten Period.

\*Palm Sunday, March 24th

\*Maundy Thursday, March 28th 6PM

\*Good Friday, March 29th 6PM

\*Resurrection Sunday, March 31st

## GIVE US

## THIS DAY

Our

## *Daily Bread*

Matthew 6:11