



# CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas Sunday, March 10, 2024 Fourth Sunday of Lent

#### 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** (Psalm 107)

Rose: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good;

People: ; for God's steadfast love endures forever.

Rose: Let the redeemed of the Lord say so.

People: Let them thank the Lord for God's steadfast love, for God's

wonderful works to humankind.

Rose: And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices,

People: and tell of the Lord's deeds with songs of joy.

\*OPENING HYMN #41 O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

(Verses 1, 2, & 5)

1 O worship the King all-glorious above, O gratefully sing his power and his love: our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

2 O tell of his might and sing of his grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space. His chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form, and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

5 Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail. Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!

#### **CALL TO CONFESSION**

The faithfulness of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting. The mercies of God are new every morning. Beloved, confession of our sin before God is an act of trust in the goodness of God. In confession, we draw near to our maker in candor, knowing that nothing can be hidden from God. So let us confess our sin, first in unison, and then in silence.

#### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, giver of all that is good. Everything we have is a gift from you. Why, then, do we complain as though the manna, raining down from heaven for us even now, is not enough? Why do we worry that your well of living water will someday run dry? It is surely our sin that causes us live as though we do not trust your goodness. Forgive us, we pray. Teach us again to put all our trust in your promises that never fail. Remind us that we are always in your loving care. Fill us with grace, so that our lives might show forth the fullness of your love for all people. (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: "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more," says the Lord. Believe the promise of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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

# For God So Loved the World

For God so loved the world, He gave His priceless pearl.

For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son.

Love came that none should die. Christ came, a sacrifice, that who soever believeth in Him, would have eternal life, would have eternal life.

For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son.

For God so loved the world.

For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might live, that the world through Him might live. For God so loved the world.

For God so loved the world. For God so loved the world.

He gave His priceless pearl. For God so loved the world,

He gave His only Son. Love came that none should die.

Christ came, a sacrifice, that whosoever believeth in Him, would have eternal life.

For God so loved the world, He gave His only Son.

For God so loved the world.

So Loved the World...

JOHN 3:16

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Matthew 6:19–24 (ESV)

19 "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, 20 but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. 22 "The eye is the lamp of the body. So, if your eye is healthy, your whole body will be full of light, 23 but if your eye is bad, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light in you is darkness, how great is the darkness! 24 "No one can serve two masters, for either he will hate the one and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and money.

Luke 12:16-21 (ESV)

16 And he told them a parable, saying, "The land of a rich man produced plentifully, 17 and he thought to himself, 'What shall I do, for I have nowhere to store my crops?' 18 And he said, 'I will do this: I will tear down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods. 19 And I will say to my soul, "Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry." '20 But God said to him, 'Fool! This night your soul is required of you, and the things you have prepared, whose will they be?' 21 So is the one who lays up treasure for himself and is not rich toward God."

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Where Is Your Heart?"

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

# **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

# \*HYMN # 724 O Jesus, I Have Promised (Verses 1, 2, & 4)

- 1 O Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end; be Thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend; I shall not fear the battle if Thou art by my side, nor wander from the pathway if Thou wilt be my Guide.
- 2 O let me feel Thee near me, the world is ever near; I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear; my foes are ever near me, around me and within; but, Jesus, draw Thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.
- 4 O Jesus, Thou hast promised to all who follow Thee that where Thou art in glory there shall Thy servant be; and, Jesus, I have promised to serve Thee to the end; O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend!

# \* 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 # 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 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 peace complete 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.

<sup>\*</sup>Those who are able, please stand.

<sup>\*\*</sup> 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 Name Max Zeng Mike and Lan Kelly's son **Rebecca & Earl** Friends of Karen Perdue **Phillips** Wife of Dan Festa Father of Lizabeth Sanchez Luis Sanchez Dr. Laura Festa Friend of the Church Haley Chandler Bernice Collins Friend of the Church Allie Cooper & Carol Taylor Pat Mosley Mother of George Mosley Friends of Denise Mosley Friend of Rose VonTungeln Friend of the Church Mary Owens Helen King

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# PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

Second, Little Rock

First, Yellville

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 allin the name of Jesus Christ.

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- Suzy VonTungeln & Lan Kelley

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- Kay Cromwell & Pat Drewett

# Announcements

We invite you to observe this season of Lent with fasting, penitence, and meditation. As we journey toward Easter, let us reflect, seek forgiveness, and deepen our spiritual connection. May this sacred time bring renewal and growth.

This month, we will not have the third Sunday Potluck fellowship Luncheon.

Session will not meet this month again. The next meeting is scheduled for Sunday, April 21st.

#### **PW Circle Meeting Today!**

Dear Ladies of the Church, you all are invited to today's PW Circle Meeting following the Worship. Join us for a time of fellowship and Bible study as we delve into God's Word and strengthen our bonds as sisters in faith. Your presence is valued, and we look forward to sharing this enriching experience together. Let's grow in grace and wisdom as we explore the Scriptures.

Worship Schedule during the Lenten Period.

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

