

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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Rev. Timothy Reeves Justine Anton

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### Session

**Class of 2018**      **Class of 2019**

Kay Cromwell	Zac Cosner
Karen Perdue	George Mosley
Lynda Vick	Brad VonTungeln
Laura Cosner	Logan Mosley

**Standing Committee Moderators:**

Zac Cosner	Budget & Finance
Zac Cosner	Fellowship & Nurture
Kay Cromwell	Missions & Outreach
George Mosley	Building & Grounds
Logan Mosley	Education
Lynda Vick	Worship & Music

## Announcements

Tuesday December 11<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm: Presbyterian Women's Christmas Dinner will be held @ Margland's the cost is \$22 per person & a sign-up sheet is available in the fellowship hall.

Our Christmas Eve Evening Service will be held at 3:30 pm.

We were also asked to consider sponsoring 4 or more children for Christmas with cash donation of \$60 per child. This will insure the child will have toys under the tree on Christmas Morning.

If you have a favorite hymn that you would like to see included in the Worship Service, please tell Laura Cosner.

Both Thursday Bible Studies are taking a break but will resume in the near future.

We are looking for a choir master/organist. If you know of someone who would be a good fit, please let Lynda Vick know.

Sunday School 9:45 am

Young Adults Sunday School 9:45 am



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**Sunday, December 9, 2018**  
**Second Sunday in Advent**

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES

Vick / Sanchez Family

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jemmie: Blessed be the God of Israel, for You have looked favorably upon Your people.

People: You have raised up a mighty savior for us in the house of His servant David.

Jemmie: By the tender mercy of Our God, the dawn from on high will break upon us.

People: To give light to those who sit in darkness and guide our feet into the way of peace.

All: Let us worship God!

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN# 353 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of abounding grace, have mercy upon us. Our valleys are deep when we are encompassed with care. Our mountains are high when our burdens are heavy. We grope in the maze of our tangled alliances and reap the pain of bad choices and ignorant gambles. You promised that all flesh shall see Your salvation. Show us the straight path and the smooth way that lead to Your righteousness, through Jesus Christ, who is the way. (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

Jemie: Paul prays "that your love may overflow more and more with knowledge and full insight to help you to determine what is best,

**People: so that in the day of Christ you may be pure and blameless, having produced the harvest of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ for the glory and praise of God."**

Jemie: Friends, in Christ live in the assurance of righteousness to the glory of God.

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI** ("Glory be to the Father") *Hymnal #581*

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### ANTHEM

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

### TIME WITH OUR YOUNG ONES

*Preschool-aged children may go to the nursery after the children's message. Children of kindergarten age and above may remain in worship.*

**OLD TESTAMENT READING** Malachi 3:1-4

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Luke 1:68-79

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Luke 3:1-6

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SERMON

Holiday Meltdown

Rev. Timothy Reeves

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

see insert

### \*HYMN # 145 What Child Is This

### OFFERTORY

**\*DOXOLOGY** ("Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow") *Hymnal #606*

### \*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

(We use debts and debtors)

## FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN # 839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!**

### \*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.**

**Ushers: Jane Judkins**

**Lay Reader: Jemie Moseley**

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**MEMBERS**

**Donna McCaleb  
Bernice Lackey  
Raymond Turner  
Carol Brown  
Karen Perdue  
David Perdue  
Betty Coles**

**Mildred Gaunt  
Hester Insley  
Mary Kientz  
Bea Magee  
Lurline Elam  
Suzy Von Tungeln  
Mary Light**

**FRIENDS AND RELATIVES**

<u>Name</u>	<u>Related to or Friend of</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Related to or Friend of</u>
<b>Dr. Laura Festa</b>	wife of former pastor, Dr. Dan Festa	<b>Mary McBee</b>	friend of Karen & David Perdue
<b>Scott McGeorge</b>	friend of Lawrence Fikes	<b>Kelsey Hicks</b>	friend of Logan Mosley
<b>Rebecca and Earl Phillips</b>	friends of Karen and David Perdue	<b>Franklin Ward</b>	uncle of Dana Neal
<b>Lois Tucker</b>	neighbor of the Mosley Family	<b>Ryker Cheek</b>	nephew of Bubba VonTungeln
<b>Max Zeng</b>	Mike and Lan Kelly's son	<b>Mildred Patterson</b>	former member
<b>Paul Finley</b>	friend of the Mosley Family	<b>Bob Henderson</b>	friend of Dana Neal & Zac Cosner
<b>Cathy Risinger</b>	sister of Kay Cromwell	<b>Clara Hammonds</b>	Step-Grandmother of Bubba Vontungeln
<b>Matt Cannon</b>	friend of Laura Cosner	<b>Dianne Aud</b>	friend of Denise Mosley
<b>Gail Malone</b>	friend of Rose VonTungeln	<b>MJ and Bernsine Bullard</b>	friend of Rose VonTungeln
<b>Pat Mosley</b>	mother of George Mosley	<b>Elaine Porter</b>	friend of Dana Neal
<b>Jennifer Place</b>	friend of Laura Cosner	<b>Dale Hale</b>	friend of Laura Cosner

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:**

*First, Paragould*

*Church Custodians*

**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.**

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed (Traditional)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead, and buried;

he descended into hell

the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Scripture

### OLD TESTAMENT READING Malachi 3:1-4

“Behold, I send my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple; the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

“For he is like a refiner’s fire and like fullers’ soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the sons of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, till they present right offerings to the LORD. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the LORD as in the days of old and as in former years.

### NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 1:68-79

<sup>68</sup> “Blessed be the Lord God of Israel,  
for he has visited and redeemed his people,  
<sup>69</sup> and has raised up a horn of salvation for us  
in the house of his servant David,  
<sup>70</sup> as he spoke by the mouth of his holy prophets from of old,  
<sup>71</sup> that we should be saved from our enemies,  
and from the hand of all who hate us;  
<sup>72</sup> to perform the mercy promised to our fathers,  
and to remember his holy covenant,  
<sup>73</sup> the oath which he swore to our father Abraham, <sup>74</sup> to grant us  
that we, being delivered from the hand of our enemies,  
might serve him without fear,  
<sup>75</sup> in holiness and righteousness before him all the days of our life.  
<sup>76</sup> And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High;  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his ways,  
<sup>77</sup> to give knowledge of salvation to his people  
in the forgiveness of their sins,  
<sup>78</sup> through the tender mercy of our God,  
when the day shall dawn upon<sup>[a]</sup> us from on high  
<sup>79</sup> to give light to those who sit in darkness and in the shadow of death,  
to guide our feet into the way of peace.”

### NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 3:1-6

In the fifteenth year of the reign of Tibe’ri-us Caesar, Pontius Pilate being governor of Judea, and Herod being tetrarch of Galilee, and his brother Philip tetrarch of the region of Iturae’a and Trachoni’tis, and Lysa’ni-as tetrarch of Abile’ne, <sup>2</sup> in the high-priesthood of Annas and Ca’iaphas, the word of God came to John the son of Zechari’ah in the wilderness; <sup>3</sup> and he went into all the region about the Jordan, preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins. <sup>4</sup> As it is written in the book of the words of Isaiah the prophet,

“The voice of one crying in the wilderness:

Prepare the way of the Lord,  
make his paths straight.

<sup>5</sup> Every valley shall be filled,  
and every mountain and hill shall be brought low,  
and the crooked shall be made straight,  
and the rough ways shall be made smooth;

<sup>6</sup> and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.”

## Anthem

### Beneath the Cross

1 Beneath the cross of Jesus  
I fain would take my stand,  
the shadow of a mighty rock  
within a weary land;  
a home within the wilderness,  
a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat,  
and the burden of the day.

2 Upon the cross of Jesus  
mine eye at times can see  
the very dying form of One  
who suffered there for me;  
and from my stricken heart with tears  
two wonders I confess:  
the wonders of redeeming love  
and my unworthiness.

3 I take, O cross, thy shadow  
for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than  
the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by,  
to know no gain or loss,  
my sinful self my only shame,  
my glory all the cross.