

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

Class of 2019 **Class of 2020**

Zac Cosner	Laura Cosner
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Brad VonTungeln	Denise Mosley
Logan Mosley	Jemmie Moseley

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

CPC Women's Circle Meets on Monday Jan. 14th at 6:30pm

Central Circle of Comfort will meet January 22nd at 6:30 p.m.

The Souper Bowl of Caring will take place on Feb. 3rd. We'll be accepting donations of canned goods and monetary donations. Donations collected will be used to support the work of Neighbor to Neighbor of Pine Bluff.

Rev. Ben H. Bateman of Hot Springs, passed away at 87 on Dec.31,2018. A Presbyterian minister for over 50 years, Rev. Bateman served as pastor at Dollarway Presbyterian Church and Bel Air Presbyterian Church in Pine Bluff.

The following people have been confirmed as our commissioners to Trinity Village:
 Zac Cosner, Connie Detmers, Jane Judkins, George Mosley, and Lynda Vick.

If you see something that needs to be addressed around the building please add it to the CPC Men's Job Jar on the bulletin board in McElyea Hall.

The Worship and Music Committee is looking for Volunteers to be Lay Leaders and Ushers for 2019. Please sign up on the Bulletin Board in McElyea Hall.

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 choirmaster/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, January 13, 2019
Baptism of the Lord

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Laura: Ascribe to God, O heavenly being, ascribe to God's glory and strength

People: Ascribe to God the glory of God's Name; worship God in holy splendor

Laura: The voice of God is powerful; the voice of God is full of majesty.

People: May God give strength to God's people! May God bless God's people with peace!

All: Let us worship God!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN # 187 Savior, Like a Shepard Lead Us**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You, who in Christ have assured redemption, hear our confession and forgive our sin. Christ proclaims your goodwill toward all people, yet we pursue vengeance. Those who mourn go uncomforted, as warfare continues in the Earth. Captives without number await deliverance while we take freedom for granted. The afflicted await some sign of good news. Amid the ruin of cities and the clamor of protesting voices, we confess our disobedience. Save your people, O God, and cleanse us of our sin, for the sake of Your Anointed One, Jesus Christ. (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

Laura: Recall John's Words, "I baptize you with water; but He who is mightier than I is coming....(who) will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire."

People: As we repent of our wickedness, Christ, who knows the intents of our hearts, cleanses us of all sin.

Laura: The threshing floor is stirred and sifted so the wheat can be gathered.

People: May the unquenchable fires of the Spirit purge refine us and prepare us for the reign of God.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

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

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM "There is a Higher Throne"

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 Isaiah 43:1-7

PSALM READING Psalm 29

NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 3:15-22

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *Passionate Pursuit* Rev. Timothy Reeves

***HYMN # 321** The Church's One Foundation

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

***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.**

Usher: Lawrence Fikes

Lay Reader: Laura Cosner

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** The Apostles' Creed see insert

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>
Dr. Laura Festa	wife of former pastor, Dr. Dan Festa	Mary McBee	friend of Karen & David Perdue
Scott McGeorge	friend of Lawrence Fikes	Kelsey Hicks	friend of Logan Mosley
Rebecca and Earl Phillips	friends of Karen and David Perdue	Franklin Ward	uncle of Dana Neal
Lois Tucker	neighbor of the Mosley Family	Ryker Cheek	nephew of Bubba VonTungeln
Max Zeng	Mike and Lan Kelly's son	Mildred Patterson	former member
Paul Finley	friend of the Mosley Family	Bob Henderson	friend of Dana Neal & Zac Cosner
Cathy Risinger	sister of Kay Cromwell	Clara Hammonds	Step-Grandmother of Bubba Vontungeln
John Salvadore	uncle of Zac Cosner	Dianne Aud	friend of Denise Mosley
Pat Mosley	mother of George Mosley	Elaine Porter	friend of Dana Neal
Jennifer Place	friend of Laura Cosner	Dale Hale	friend of Laura Cosner
Cathy Cosner	Zac Cosner's Mother	Lydia Wright	Rev. Timothy Reeves & Jane Reeves' Granddaughter

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

Mt. Vernon, Pea Ridge

First, Huntsville

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 Isaiah 43:1-7

¹ But now thus says the Lord,
he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you;
I have called you by name, you are mine.
² When you pass through the waters, I will be
with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not
overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be
burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
³ For I am the Lord your God,
the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.
I give Egypt as your ransom,
Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
⁴ Because you are precious in my sight,
and honored, and I love you,
I give people in return for you,
nations in exchange for your life.
⁵ Do not fear, for I am with you;
I will bring your offspring from the east,
and from the west I will gather you;
⁶ I will say to the north, "Give them up,"
and to the south, "Do not withhold;
bring my sons from far away
and my daughters from the end of the earth—
⁷ everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made."

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 3:15-22

¹⁵ As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶ John answered all of them by saying, "I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷ His winnowing fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

¹⁸ So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people. ¹⁹ But Herod the ruler, who had been rebuked by him because of Herodias, his brother's wife, and because of all the evil things that Herod had done, ²⁰ added to them all by shutting up John in prison.

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized, and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened, ²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

PSALM READING

PSALM 29

¹ Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
² Ascribe to the Lord the glory of his name;
worship the Lord in holy splendor.
³ The voice of the Lord is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the Lord, over mighty waters.
⁴ The voice of the Lord is powerful;
the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.
⁵ The voice of the Lord breaks the cedars;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon.
⁶ He makes Lebanon skip like a calf,
and Sirion like a young wild ox.
⁷ The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of
fire.
⁸ The voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
⁹ The voice of the Lord causes the oaks to
whirl,
and strips the forest bare;
and in his temple all say, "Glory!"
¹⁰ The Lord sits enthroned over the flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king forever.
¹¹ May the Lord give strength to his people!
May the Lord bless his people with peace!

Anthem

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

There is a higher throne
Than all this world has known,
Where faithful ones from ev'ry tongue
Will one day come.
Before the Son we'll stand,
Made faultless through the Lamb;
Believing hearts find promised grace—
Salvation comes.

Refrain

Hear heaven's voices sing;
Their thund'rous anthem rings
Through em'rald courts and sapphire skies.
Their praises rise.
All glory, wisdom, pow'are,
Strength, thanks, and honor are
To God our King, who reigns on high
Forevermore.

And there we'll find our home,
Our life before the throne;
We'll honor Him in perfect song
Where we belong.
He'll wipe each tear-stained eye
As thirst and hunger die.
The Lamb becomes our Shepherd King;
We'll reign with Him.

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