

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 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

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 16, 2018**  
**Third 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**

**Mosley Family**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jemmie: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid.

People: for the Lord God is my strength and my might, and has become my salvation.

Jemmie: With joy you will give thanks to the Lord and call on God's name.

People: We will sing You our praises, O God, for You have done glorious things

All: Let us worship God!

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN# 82 Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Source of salvation, what shall we do? Our lives are unworthy of the goodness You offer. We complain of our condition when our wants go unnoticed. Contentment eludes us, since when we have plenty we still yearn for more. Millions face hunger, while we fret over abundance. Through Christ forgive us, yet grant us no peace until we share our bread with the hungry and our homes with those who lack shelter. (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: "Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.... The Lord is near.

**People: Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let our requests be made known to God.**

Jemie: And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard our hearts and our minds in Christ Jesus."

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

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

## PROCLAIMING THE WORD

### ANTHEM

"Be Thou My Vision"

### 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**     **Zephaniah 3:14-20**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**     **Philippians 4:4-7**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**     **Luke 3:7-18**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SERMON

*Piercing Our Present Darkness*

**Rev. Timothy Reeves**

## RESPONDING TO THE WORD

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

see insert

**\*HYMN # 147 The First Noel**

### 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 # 133 O Come, All Ye Faithful**

**\*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***

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

***PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:***

*Laotian Ministry, Fort Smith*

*First, Stuttgart*

***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 Zephaniah 3:14-20

<sup>14</sup> Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem!

<sup>15</sup> The LORD has taken away the judgments against you, he has cast out your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall fear evil no more.

<sup>16</sup> On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Do not fear, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak.

<sup>17</sup> The LORD your God is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory; he will rejoice over you with gladness, he will renew you in his love; he will exult over you with loud singing

<sup>18</sup> as on a day of festival. "I will remove disaster from you, so that you will not bear reproach for it.

<sup>19</sup> Behold, at that time I will deal with all your oppressors. And I will save the lame and gather the outcast, and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

<sup>20</sup> At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you together; yea, I will make you renowned and praised among all the peoples of the earth, when I restore your fortunes before your eyes," says the LORD.

### NEW TESTAMENT READING Philippians 4:4-7

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let all men know your forbearance. The Lord is at hand. <sup>6</sup> Have no anxiety about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which passes all understanding, will keep your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

### NEW TESTAMENT READING Luke 3:7-18

<sup>7</sup> He said therefore to the multitudes that came out to be baptized by him, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup> Bear fruits that befit repentance, and do not begin to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our father'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>9</sup> Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire."

<sup>10</sup> And the multitudes asked him, "What then shall we do?" <sup>11</sup> And he answered them, "He who has two coats, let him share with him who has none; and he who has food, let him do likewise." <sup>12</sup> Tax collectors also came to be baptized, and said to him, "Teacher, what shall we do?" <sup>13</sup> And he said to them, "Collect no more than is appointed you." <sup>14</sup> Soldiers also asked him, "And we, what shall we do?" And he said to them, "Rob no one by violence or by false accusation, and be content with your wages."

<sup>15</sup> As the people were in expectation, and all men questioned in their hearts concerning John, whether perhaps he were the Christ, <sup>16</sup> John answered them all, "I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming, the thong of whose sandals I am not worthy to untie; he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and with fire. <sup>17</sup> 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."

<sup>18</sup> So, with many other exhortations, he preached good news to the people.

## Anthem

### Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;  
thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2 Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;  
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

3 Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;  
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;  
thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

4 High King of Heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.