

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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Zac Cosner	Budget & Finance
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Jemmie Moseley	Missions & Outreach
George Mosley	Building & Grounds
Denise Mosley	Education
Laura Cosner	Worship & Music

Announcements

Our Annual Moravian Love Feast will be the evening of December 8th. More details to follow.

Women of the Church:

Please join me Saturday December 21 at 2pm for a Christmas gathering for all women of Central. We will have visiting, refreshments and our last Secret Pal gift exchange for the year. I look forward to seeing all our women. (You did not have to participate in Secret Pals.)

-Kay Cromwell

Our Annual Christmas Cantata will be the morning of December 22nd. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sunday School 9:45 am.

Young Adults Sunday School 9:45 am.



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, December 1, 2019
1st 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

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP [\[1\]](#) (Responsive)

William: Among the poor, among the proud, among the persecuted, among the privileged, Christ is coming to make all things new.

People: In the private house, in the marketplace, in the wedding feast, in the judgment hall, Christ is coming to make all things new.

William: With a gentle touch, with an angry word, with a clear conscience, with burning love, Christ is coming to make all things new.

People: That the kingdom might come, that the world might believe, that the powerful might stumble, that the humble may be raised, Christ is coming to make all things new.

William: Within us, without us, among us, before us, in this place, in every place, for this time, for all time, Christ is coming,

People: Christ is coming to make all things new.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #93 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our past, present, and future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. (And now silently) Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON "Lord, Have Mercy"

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rose: As people born of water and the Spirit

we have died to the old life, and a new life has begun.

God's grace is poured out upon us day by day.

Come to the water and remember your baptism.

Be thankful, and live as one who has been raised to new life!

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

People: Amen.

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

see insert

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.

FIRST READING: Isaiah 2:1-5

SECOND READING: Matthew 24:36-44

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

In the Waiting Place

Rev. Timothy Reeves

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

see insert

***HYMN #347 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence**

OFFERTORY

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

see insert

***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 #104 O Lord, How Shall I Meet You**

***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: Logan Mosley

Lay Reader: William D. VonTungeln III

[\[1\]](#) Wild Goose Resource Group, "Among the Poor: Advent Litany," *Cloth for the Cradle: Worship Resources and Readings for Advent, Christmas, & Epiphany* (Chicago: Gia Publications, 2000), 31.

PRAYER CONCERNS

MEMBERS

*Donna McCaleb
Bernice Lackey
Carol Brown
Karen Perdue
David Perdue
Betty Coles
Suzy VonTungeln*

*Jemie Moseley
Hester Insley
Mary Kientz
Lurline Elam
Denise Mosley
Mary Light
Nelson Buchanan*

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

Name

Dr. Laura Festa *wife of former pastor, Dr. Dan Festa*
Scott McGeorge *friend of Lawrence Fikes*
Rebecca and Earl Phillips *friends of Karen and David Perdue*
Max Zeng *Mike and Lan Kelly's son*
Luis Sanchez *father of Lizabeth Sanchez*
Jorga Walker *wife of Donald Walker*
Rev.Rebecca Spooner *friend of the church*

Name

Carol Taylor *friend of Denise Mosley*
Franklin Ward *uncle of Dana Neal*
Ryker Cheek *nephew of Bubba VonTungeln*
Jennifer Place *friend of Laura Cosner*
Clara Hammonds *Step-Grandmother of Bubba VonTungeln*
Lydia Wright *Rev. Timothy Reeves & Jane Reeves' Granddaughter*

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.

Gloria Patri

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.

Doxology

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..

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

First Reading: Isaiah 2:1-5

The word that Isaiah son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem. 2In days to come the mountain of the Lord's house shall be established as the highest of the mountains, and shall be raised above the hills; all the nations shall stream to it. 3Many peoples shall come and say, "Come, let us go up to the mountain of the Lord, to the house of the God of Jacob; that he may teach us his ways and that we may walk in his paths." For out of Zion shall go forth instruction, and the word of the Lord from Jerusalem. 4He shall judge between the nations, and shall arbitrate for many peoples; they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more. 5O house of Jacob, come, let us walk in the light of the Lord!

Second Reading: Matthew 24:36-44

36"But about that day and hour no one knows, neither the angels of heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. 37For as the days of Noah were, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. 38For as in those days before the flood they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, 39and they knew nothing until the flood came and swept them all away, so too will be the coming of the Son of Man. 40Then two will be in the field; one will be taken and one will be left. 41Two women will be grinding meal together; one will be taken and one will be left. 42Keep awake therefore, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming. 43But understand this: if the owner of the house had known in what part of the night the thief was coming, he would have stayed awake and would not have let his house be broken into. 44Therefore you also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.

Anthem

"Beneath The Cross of Jesus"

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