

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

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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

CPC Christmas Ornaments are available for \$5. Display stands are also available. See Zac Cosner for more details.

Today is our monthly Fellowship Luncheon following the worship service. All Members, Visitors, and Guests are invited to join in this fellowship meal.

The Session will meet following the fellowship luncheon.

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 will also be taking up the Christmas Joy offering that morning. 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 15, 2019
3rd Sunday in Advent



GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

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LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP [1]

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 #88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Verses 1-4**

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

William: 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

"What Child is This"

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 35:1-10

SECOND READING: Matthew 11:2-11

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

What Did You Expect?

Rev. Timothy Reeves

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

see insert

***HYMN #88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel Verses 5-7**

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 #99 My Soul Gives Glory To My God**

***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
Nelson Buchanan*

*Suzy VonTungeln
Hester Insley
Mary Kientz
Lurline Elam
Denise Mosley
Mary Light*

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:

Mountainburg Church, Mountainburg

Active and Retired Ministers

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 35:1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus ²it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God. ³Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. ⁴Say to those who are of a fearful heart, "Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you."

⁵Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; ⁶then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; ⁷the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes. ⁸A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveler, not even fools, shall go astray. ⁹No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. ¹⁰And the ransomed of the LORD shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Second Reading: Matthew 11:2-11

²When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples ³and said to him, "Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?" ⁴Jesus answered them, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: ⁵the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. ⁶And blessed is anyone who takes no offense at me."

⁷As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: "What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? ⁸What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. ⁹What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. ¹⁰This is the one about whom it is written, 'See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you.' ¹¹Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

Anthem

"What Child Is This"

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest,
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet
while shepherds watch are keeping?
This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing;
haste, haste to bring him laud,
the babe, the son of Mary!

2 Why lies he in such mean estate
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here
the silent Word is pleading.
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through;
the cross be borne for me, for you.
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh,
the babe, the son of Mary!

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh;
come, one and all, to own him.
The King of kings salvation brings;
let loving hearts enthrone him.
Raise, raise the song on high.
The virgin sings her lullaby.
Joy, joy, for Christ is born,
the babe, the son of Mary!