

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

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>
Zac Cosner	Laura Cosner
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Logan Mosley	Jemmie Moseley

**Standing Committee Moderators:**

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

## Announcements

The Session will meet following worship.

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

Our Christmas Eve Evening Service will be held at 4:30 pm.

Today is the CHRISTMAS JOY OFFERING. Please use the envelopes in your bulletin to give to the Christmas Joy Offering.

We Need Volunteers for taking Advent Décor down on Jan. 4<sup>th</sup>.

Sunday School 9:45 am.

Young Adults Sunday School 9:45 am.



**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
Sunday, December 22, 2019  
4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Advent



**GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

William: The God of heaven has made his home on earth.

**People: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

William: Highest in all creation, he lives among the least,

**People: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**

William: Come now all who thirst

**People: And drink the water of life.**

William: Come now all who hunger

**People: And be filled with good things.**

William: Come now all who seek

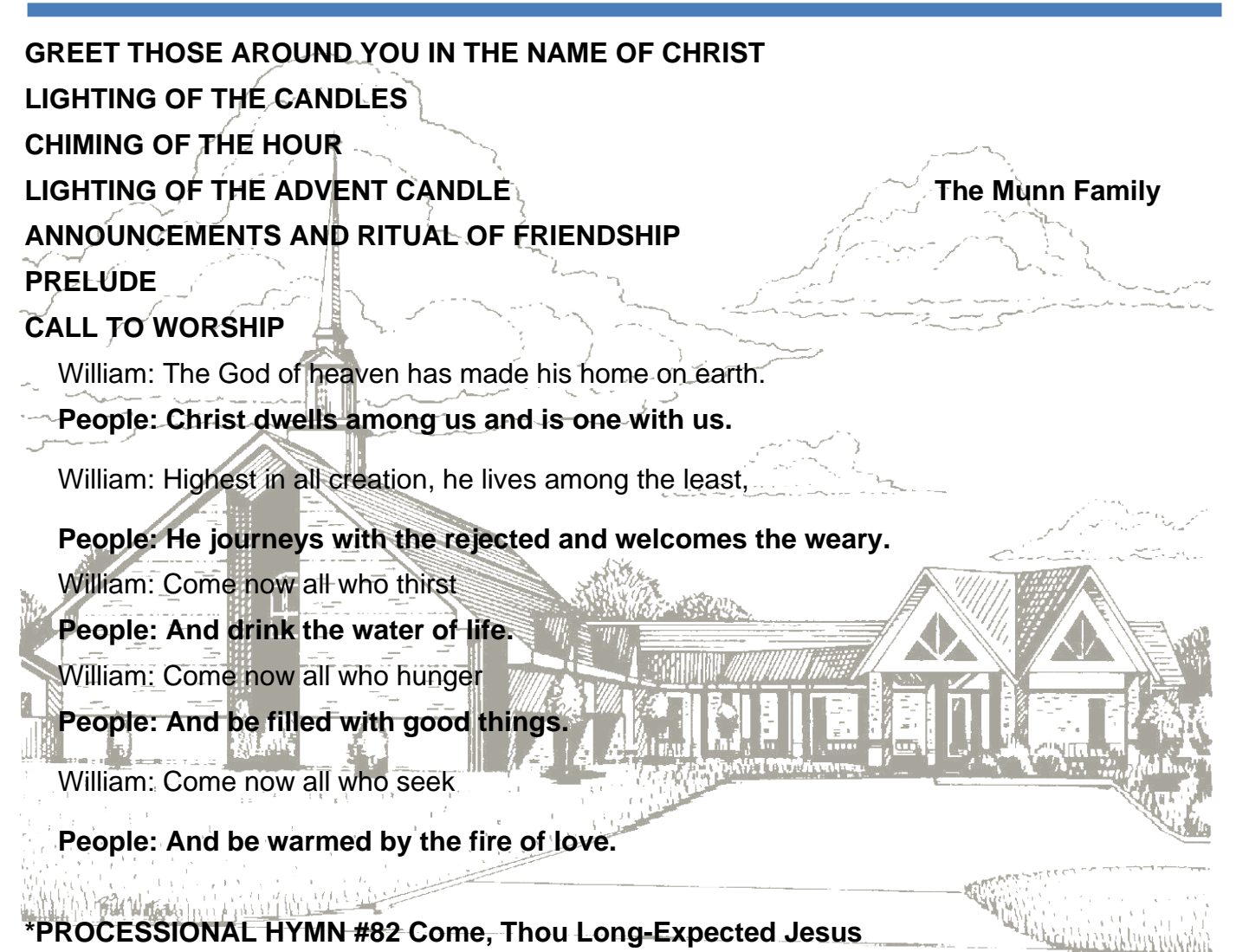
**People: And be warmed by the fire of love.**

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

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of all ages, 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. Amen. (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**

**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.*

**CHOIR CANTATA**

See Booklet

**SCRIPTURE READING: Matthew 1:18-25**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

*The Season of Presence*

**Rev. Timothy Reeves**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

see insert

**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 #97** Watchman, Tell Us of the Night

**\*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**

**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:**

*Memorial Church, Atkins*

*First, Walnut Ridge*

**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

Scripture Reading: Matthew 1:18-25

**18** Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah\* took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. **19** Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. **20** But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. **21** She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' **22** All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet:

**23** 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son,

and they shall name him Emmanuel',

which means, 'God is with us.' **24** When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, **25** but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son;\* and he named him Jesus.

***CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS  
HAVE BEEN  
PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY  
IN MEMORY OF LOVED ONES AND  
FOR THE GLORY OF GOD.***

*(Names will be listed in the Newsletter.)*

