

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>
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Zac Cosner	Budget & Finance
Suzy VonTungeln	Fellowship & Nurture
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.

Trinity Village "Christmas Open House" Saturday, December 14, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

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 8, 2019  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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]**

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 #163 Wild and Lone the Prophet's Voice**

**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**

**"Love Lifted Me"**

**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.*

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**FIRST READING: Isaiah 11:1-10**

**SECOND READING: Matthew 3:1-12**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

*Possible Impossibilities*

**Rev. Timothy Reeves**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

\***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

see insert

\***HYMN #96 On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry**

**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 #106 Prepare the Way, O Zion**

\***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:**

*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 11:1-10**

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. <sup>2</sup>The spirit of the LORD shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. <sup>3</sup>His delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; <sup>4</sup>but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. <sup>5</sup>Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. <sup>6</sup>The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. <sup>7</sup>The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. <sup>8</sup>The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. <sup>9</sup>They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea.

<sup>10</sup>On that day the root of Jesse shall stand as a signal to the peoples; the nations shall inquire of him, and his dwelling shall be glorious.

### **Second Reading: Matthew 3:1-12**

In those days John the Baptist appeared in the wilderness of Judea, proclaiming, <sup>2</sup>"Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." <sup>3</sup>This is the one of whom the prophet Isaiah spoke when he said, "The voice of one crying out in the wilderness: 'Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight.'" <sup>4</sup>Now John wore clothing of camel's hair with a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. <sup>5</sup>Then the people of Jerusalem and all Judea were going out to him, and all the region along the Jordan, <sup>6</sup>and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins.

<sup>7</sup>But when he saw many Pharisees and Sadducees coming for baptism, he said to them, "You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? <sup>8</sup>Bear fruit worthy of repentance. <sup>9</sup>Do not presume to say to yourselves, 'We have Abraham as our ancestor'; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. <sup>10</sup>Even now the ax is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. <sup>11</sup>"I baptize you with water for repentance, but one who is more powerful than I is coming after me; I am not worthy to carry his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. <sup>12</sup>His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and will gather his wheat into the granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire."

## Anthem

### **"Love Lifted Me"**

1 I was sinking deep in sin,  
far from the peaceful shore,  
very deeply stained within,  
sinking to rise no more;  
but the Master of the sea  
heard my despairing cry,  
from the waters lifted me;  
now safe am I.

#### Refrain:

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help,  
Love lifted me. Love lifted me!

All my heart to Him I give,  
Ever to Him I'll cling,  
In His blessed presence live,  
Ever His Praises sing.  
Love so mighty and so true  
Merits my soul's best songs;  
Faithful, loving service, too, To Him belongs.

#### Refrain:

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help,  
Love lifted me. Love lifted me!

3 Souls in danger, look above,  
Jesus completely saves;  
He will lift you by His love  
out of the angry waves.  
He's the Master of the sea,  
billows His will obey;  
He your Savior wants to be -  
be saved today.

#### Refrain:

Love lifted me! Love lifted me!  
When nothing else could help,  
Love lifted me. Love lifted me!