

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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Laura Cosner	Worship & Music

Announcements

The Session would like to announce that we will be holding a congregational meeting during the worship service on January 5th. No votes will be held and this is for information only.

PW Circle will meet Monday, January 13th at 6:30p.m.

CPC will be installing the Session Class of 2021 on Sunday January 19th.

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

Sunday School 9:45 am.

Young Adults Sunday School 9:45 am.



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, January 5, 2020
2nd Sunday of Christmas



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

Laura: Sing aloud with gladness, says the Lord.

People: We praise the Lord and call on God's name.

Laura: See—I am going to gather my people from the farthest parts of the earth.

People: We come with songs and dancing, to feast at the table of the Lord.

Laura: No more will they stumble and weep, for I am their shepherd, and I will lead them home.

People: God has turned our mourning into joy, and our sorrow into gladness. Praise the Lord!

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #12 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Emmanuel, you have come to dwell among us, full of grace and truth, but we have failed to welcome you. You are the light of the world, but we try to hide ourselves from you. You are the giver of endless life but we have refused your gift. You called and claimed us as your own, but we failed to accept you. Forgive us, Lord. Fill us with grace upon grace so that we may believe in you and live lives that bear witness to the truth that we are indeed children of God. (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

Laura: 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 A Friend We Have In 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 SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Jeremiah 31:7-14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

A People of New Beginnings

Rev. Timothy Reeves

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

see insert

***HYMN #630 Fairest Lord Jesus**

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 #744 Arise, Your Light Is Come**

***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:

Lay Reader: Laura Cosner

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:

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: Jeremiah 31:7-14

7For thus says the Lord: Sing aloud with gladness for Jacob, and raise shouts for the chief of the nations; proclaim, give praise, and say, "Save, O Lord, your people, the remnant of Israel." 8See, I am going to bring them from the land of the north, and gather them from the farthest parts of the earth, among them the blind and the lame, those with child and those in labor, together; a great company, they shall return here. 9With weeping they shall come, and with consolations I will lead them back, I will let them walk by brooks of water, in a straight path in which they shall not stumble; for I have become a father to Israel, and Ephraim is my firstborn.

10Hear the word of the Lord, O nations, and declare it in the coastlands far away; say, "He who scattered Israel will gather him, and will keep him as a shepherd a flock." 11For the Lord has ransomed Jacob, and has redeemed him from hands too strong for him. 12They shall come and sing aloud on the height of Zion, and they shall be radiant over the goodness of the Lord, over the grain, the wine, and the oil, and over the young of the flock and the herd; their life shall become like a watered garden, and they shall never languish again. 13Then shall the young women rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old shall be merry. I will turn their mourning into joy, I will comfort them, and give them gladness for sorrow. 14I will give the priests their fill of fatness, and my people shall be satisfied with my bounty, says the Lord.

Scripture Reading: John 1:1-18

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. 2He was in the beginning with God. 3All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being 4in him was life, and the life was the light of all people.

5The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. 6There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. 7He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. 8He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. 9The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. 10He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. 11He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. 12But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, 13who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. 14And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

15(John testified to him and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks ahead of me because he was before me.'") 16From his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. 17The law indeed was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ. 18No one has ever seen God. It is God the only Son, who is close to the Father's heart, who has made him known.

ANTHEM

What A Friend We Have In Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit;
O what needless pain we bear,
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness;
take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden,
cumbered with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge;
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.