

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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George Mosley	Building & Grounds
Denise Mosley	Education
Laura Cosner	Worship & Music

## Announcements

The deadlines for the Jr. High Jubilee and the Montreat Youth Celebration (for Sr. High Students), offered by the Presbytery of Arkansas, have extended their deadlines for registration. Both trips have a few openings left. If you have an interested youth, please contact Zac Cosner.

Ferncliff has decided, in coordination with the Arkansas Dept. of Health, to cancel their Summer Camp Programming. Check their website, [www.ferncliff.org](http://www.ferncliff.org), for more information.

Archives of our Online Services can be found on Facebook and YouTube! Links to each are on our website, [CentralPrespb.com](http://CentralPrespb.com)

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**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
Sunday, April 26, 2020  
2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Easter



**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**

Zac: In life, in death, in life beyond death,

**People: Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Zac: Over powers and principalities, over all who determine, control, govern, or finance the affairs of humankind,

**People: Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Zac: Of the poor, of the broken, of the sinned against and the sinner,

**People: Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Zac: Above the church, beyond our most excellent theologies and in the quiet corners of our hearts,

**People: Jesus Christ is Lord.**

Zac: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Risen Lord, how often you come to us, and we do not recognize you. In friends and strangers, who seek and offer kindness; in words that make sense of our lives and the world around us; in living, enduring promises that we have all but forgotten, you come, O God. But our hearts are slow to see and honor you. Forgive us, we pray. Do not leave us, but stay with us, and awaken us to your presence. Kindle within us a deep and genuine love for you and for all who are created in your image. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Zac: 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.**

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 1:13-25**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 24:13-35**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

*Grace under Pressure*

**Rev. Timothy Reeves**

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

see insert

**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**

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*\*POSTLUDE**

*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.**

**Lay Reader: Zac Cosner**

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

*MEMBERS*

*Donna McCaleb  
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David Perdue  
Nelson Buchanan  
Andy Matlock*

*Brad VonTungeln  
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Mary Kientz  
Lurline Elam  
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Mary Light  
Jemmie Moseley*

**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  
Pat Mosley      Mother of George Mosley*

*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, Mena      Directors of Children's Programs*

**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: 1 Peter 1:13-25**

13Therefore prepare your minds for action; discipline yourselves; set all your hope on the grace that Jesus Christ will bring you when he is revealed. 14Like obedient children, do not be conformed to the desires that you formerly had in ignorance. 15Instead, as he who called you is holy, be holy yourselves in all your conduct; 16for it is written, "You shall be holy, for I am holy." 17If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. 18You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, 19but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. 20He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. 21Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God. 22Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. 23You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. 24For "All flesh is like grass and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, 25but the word of the Lord endures forever." That word is the good news that was announced to you.

## Scripture Continued

### **Second Reading: Luke 24:13-35**

13Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, 14and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. 15While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, 16but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. 17And he said to them, "What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?" They stood still, looking sad. 18Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, "Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?" 19He asked them, "What things?" They replied, "The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, 20and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. 21But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. 22Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, 23and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. 24Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him." 25Then he said to them, "Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! 26Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?" 27Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures. 28As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. 29But they urged him strongly, saying, "Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over." So he went in to stay with them. 30When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. 31Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. 32They said to each other, "Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?" 33That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. 34They were saying, "The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!" 35Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.