

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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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, for more information.

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CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, May 10, 2020
5th 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

God our light, our Savior, our home: we humble ourselves before you, having refused many of your gifts. You invite us to taste that you are good; we cultivate tastes for lesser things. You show us yourself, that we might believe; we close our ears and eyes to you. You offer us refuge and salvation; we resort to violence as we seek our own security. You call us to be living stones, built into a spiritual house; we disobey your word and stumble upon the foundation you provide. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your face shine upon us again, that we may grow into salvation, and serve you with faithfulness and hope. 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: Acts 7:54-60

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: 1 Peter 2:2-10

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING: John 14:1-14

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

If These Walls Could Talk

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

Scripture

First Reading: Acts 7:54-60

54When they heard these things, they became enraged and ground their teeth at Stephen. 55But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 56“Look,” he said, “I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!” 57But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. 58Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. 59While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, “Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.” 60Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, “Lord, do not hold this sin against them.” When he had said this, he died.

Second Reading: 1 Peter 2:2-10

2Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation— 3if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

4Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight, and 5like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. 6For it stands in scripture: “See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.” 7To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, “The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,” 8and “A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.” They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. 9But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. 10Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

Scripture Continued

Third Reading: John 14:1-14

“Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. 2In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? 3And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.

4And you know the way to the place where I am going.” 5Thomas said to him, “Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?” 6Jesus said to him, “I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. 7If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.” 8Philip said to him, “Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.” 9Jesus said to him, “Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, ‘Show us the Father’? 10Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. 11Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves.

12Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. 13I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. 14If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.