

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

Central's Session has postponed in person worship through the end of May. A decision about future in person worship will be made at that time. Follow us on social media, or check out our website [www.centralprespb.com](http://www.centralprespb.com), for more information.

Congratulations to our graduating seniors... Logan Mosley, Weston Mosley, Lyndzie Sanchez, and Kodee Vick. We are so proud of you all!!

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 is asking for your recipes for a cookbook fundraiser! Check their Facebook, <http://www.facebook.com/ferncliffcamp>, 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)

CPC now has online giving available! Check out our website [www.centralprespb.com](http://www.centralprespb.com) and look for the "Donate Now" Link. We take credit cards, debit cards and checks! You can also set up recurring donations (Weekly, Bi-Weekly or Monthly).



**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas  
Sunday, May 24, 2020  
Ascension Sunday



**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**

Almighty God, father and mother to orphans, protector of outcasts, provider for the needy, Savior of all: We confess that we have neglected the work you entrusted to us. We have been half-hearted in our prayers, in our care for those who suffer, and in our witness to your love for us, and for all. God of mercy, restore us. Support us. Strengthen and establish us, that we may do your will on earth, until you come again. 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 1:3-14**

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 17:1-11**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

*God's Gift*

**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  
Bernice Lackey  
Carol Brown  
Karen Perdue  
David Perdue  
Nelson Buchanan  
Andy Matlock*

*Brad VonTungeln  
Hester Insley  
Mary Kientz  
Lurline Elam  
Denise Mosley  
Mary Light  
Jemie Moseley*

**FRIENDS AND RELATIVES**

*Name  
Dr. Laura Festa      wife of former pastor, Dr. Dan Festa  
Scott McGeorge      friend of Lawrence Fikes  
Rebecca and Earl      friends of Karen and David Perdue  
Phillips  
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

## Personal Message from Our Pastor

### **First Reading: Acts 1:3-14**

<sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

<sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

### **Second Reading: John 17:1-11**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, "Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

<sup>6</sup>"I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them.

<sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

**On this Memorial Day weekend, we honor and give thanks to all who gave the last full measure of devotion to this country by sacrificing their lives in defense of liberty. As we are battling an invisible foe, let us also remember, honor, and thank those who are on the frontlines today -- the brave and compassionate men and women administering care to all who have been infected with Covid 19. May God continue to bless and keep you all safe.**