

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

We will continue with online worship services throughout the month of June. We miss all of you and pray that we see each other face to face soon!

The Presbytery of Arkansas has canceled all Summer youth trips.

Fortunately, the Presbytery is offering to cover the \$100 cost of Montreat @ Home! It'll take place from July 20-24th. Also, The Synod of the Sun is offering an online youth workshop July 13-17th. Registration is free and will include a free shirt!

Both Events will take place online and are for rising 9th graders to Graduated Seniors and interested Adult Leaders. If you have an interested youth, please contact Zac Cosner.

The PC(USA) General Assembly took place virtually! You can catch up on the happenings at www.ga-pcusa.org.

Archives of our Online Services can be found on Facebook and YouTube! Links to each are on our website, CentralPrespb.com



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, June 28, 2020
Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time



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 [Psalm 89:1-4]

Zac: I will sing of your steadfast love, O LORD, forever; with my mouth I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.

People: I declare that your steadfast love is established forever; your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.

Zac: You said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one, I have sworn to my servant David:

People: 'I will establish your descendants forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Here we are, O God; we present ourselves to you. But how little we trust you to provide! How we fear the path to which you call us! How wayward we continue to be! We have been slaves to sin, which leads to death. You call us to obedience, which leads to righteousness and life. Lord, forgive our lack of faith and loyalty. Make us obedient from the heart, generous to the people you send our way, and open to your bountiful grace. This we pray in the name of Christ, our Redeemer. 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: Genesis 22:1-14

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 6:12-23

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

What Will You Do with That Freedom? **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: Genesis 22:1-14

22After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, "Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." **2**He said, "Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you."

3So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. **4**On the third day Abraham looked up and saw the place far away. **5**Then Abraham said to his young men, "Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you." **6**Abraham took the wood of the burnt offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. **7**Isaac said to his father Abraham, "Father!" And he said, "Here I am, my son." He said, "The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?" **8**Abraham said, "God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt offering, my son." So the two of them walked on together. **9**When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. **10**Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son.

11But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, "Abraham, Abraham!" And he said, "Here I am." **12**He said, "Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me." **13**And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt offering instead of his son. **14**So Abraham called that place "The LORD will provide"; as it is said to this day, "On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided."

SCRIPTURE CONTINUED

Second Reading: Romans 6:12-23

12Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. **13**No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. **14**For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace. **15**What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! **16**Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? **17**But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, **18**and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. **19**I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification. **20**When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. **21**So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. **22**But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. **23**For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.