



**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas**



**Sunday, August 16, 2020**  
**Twentieth 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 (Responsive) [2 Corinthians 5:15-19]**

**Zac:** Christ died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them.

**People:** From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way.

**Zac:** So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!

**People:** All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation;

**Zac:** that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself,

**People:** not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

**CALL TO CONFESSION PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. 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**

**TIME WITH OUR YOUNG ONES**

**Rose VonTungeln**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:**

**Genesis 45:1-28**

**45**Then Joseph could no longer control himself before all those who stood by him, and he cried out, "Send everyone away from me." So no one stayed with him when Joseph made himself known to his brothers. **2**And he wept so loudly that the Egyptians heard it, and the household of Pharaoh heard it. **3**Joseph said to his brothers, "I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?" But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. **4**Then Joseph said to his brothers, "Come closer to me." And they came closer. He said, "I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. **5**And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. **6**For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. **7**God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. **8**So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. **9**Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, 'Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. **10**You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children's children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. **11**I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.' **12**And now your eyes and the eyes of my brother Benjamin see that it is my own mouth that speaks to you. **13**You must tell my father how greatly I am honored in Egypt, and all that you have seen. Hurry and bring my father down here." **14**Then he fell upon his brother Benjamin's neck and wept, while Benjamin wept upon his neck. **15**And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:**

### **Matthew 15:10-28**

10Then he called the crowd to him and said to them, "Listen and understand: <sup>11</sup>it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but it is what comes out of the mouth that defiles." <sup>12</sup>Then the disciples approached and said to him, "Do you know that the Pharisees took offense when they heard what you said?" <sup>13</sup>He answered, "Every plant that my heavenly Father has not planted will be uprooted. <sup>14</sup>Let them alone; they are blind guides of the blind. And if one blind person guides another, both will fall into a pit." <sup>15</sup>But Peter said to him, "Explain this parable to us." <sup>16</sup>Then he said, "Are you also still without understanding? <sup>17</sup>Do you not see that whatever goes into the mouth enters the stomach, and goes out into the sewer? <sup>18</sup>But what comes out of the mouth proceeds from the heart, and this is what defiles. <sup>19</sup>For out of the heart come evil intentions, murder, adultery, fornication, theft, false witness, slander. <sup>20</sup>These are what defile a person, but to eat with unwashed hands does not defile."

<sup>21</sup>Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. <sup>22</sup>Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." <sup>23</sup>But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." <sup>24</sup>He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." <sup>25</sup>But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." <sup>26</sup>He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." <sup>27</sup>She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." <sup>28</sup>Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

**The Word of the Lord.**

**Thanks be to God.**

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

**Rev. Timothy Reeves**

*Extending Our Reach*

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

#### **\*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.

## **OFFERTORY**

### **\*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**

### **\*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**

*Donna McCaleb  
Bernice Lackey  
Carol Brown  
Karen Perdue  
David Perdue  
Nelson Buchanan  
Andy Matlock  
Adam Vick*

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

**FRIENDS AND RELATIVES**

<u>Name</u>		<u>Name</u>	
<i>Dr. Laura Festa</i>	<i>wife of former pastor, Dr. Dan Festa</i>	<i>Carol Taylor</i>	<i>friend of Denise Mosley</i>
<i>Scott McGeorge</i>	<i>friend of Lawrence Fikes</i>	<i>Franklin Ward</i>	<i>uncle of Dana Neal</i>
<i>Rebecca and Earl Phillips</i>	<i>friends of Karen and David Perdue</i>	<i>Ryker Cheek</i>	<i>nephew of Bubba VonTungeln</i>
<i>Max Zeng</i>	<i>Mike and Lan Kelly's son</i>	<i>Jennifer Place</i>	<i>friend of Laura Cosner</i>
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<i>Jorga Walker</i>	<i>wife of Donald Walker</i>	<i>Lydia Wright</i>	<i>Rev. Timothy Reeves &amp; Jane Reeves' Granddaughter</i>
<i>Pat Mosley</i>	<i>Mother of George Mosley</i>	<i>Family of Mary Kientz</i>	<i>family of member</i>
<i>Family of Ann Hollingsworth</i>	<i>friend of the church</i>	<i>Kara &amp; Kyle Taylor</i>	<i>friend of Dana Neal</i>
<i>Linda Minyard</i>	<i>friend of the church</i>	<i>Thomas Porter</i>	<i>father of Dana Neal</i>
<i>Family of Don Neal</i>	<i>Dana Neal's family</i>		

**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.**

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.

## Announcements

We send congratulations to Jayme Varnell and Dylan Wolfe who welcomed James Don Wolfe into the world Thursday afternoon at 3:26pm. He was 8 lbs 2.5 oz and 49 cm long. Mom and baby are doing well and made it home on Saturday.

Dominik Munn has placed a Blessings Box at the fire department in Grady. If you are interested in donating non-parishable food items or books please contact Jessica Munn or the Church via Social Media.

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### **Pulpit Supply**

Rev. Timothy Reeves

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#### **Standing Committee Moderators:**

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Jemmie Moseley

George Mosley

Denise Mosley

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Building & Grounds

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