



**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas**  
**Sunday, September 20, 2020**  
**Twenty-Fifth 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)**

Zac: Give thanks to God who spread a cloud for a covering and gave fire to light the night!

**People: Who opened the rock and water gushed forth and flowed through the desert sands.**

Zac: Seek the Lord and the strength only God can give, a presence that continually abides.

**People: We will remember the wonderful works God has done, the miracles, and the judgments God made.**

Zac: Let us worship God

**CALL TO CONFESSION PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Loving God, you know our weaknesses. Fearful of the future, we forget what you have done for us in the past. We see scarcity where you supply abundance. We complain when conditions challenge us. We begrudge others their success, allow envy to divide us, and live lives that are unworthy of the gospel. Generous God, forgive us. Help us to remember your wonderful works, trust your gracious provisions, seek out your presence, and strive side-by-side with others to serve you well. 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:**

#### **Exodus 16:2-15**

<sup>2</sup>The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. <sup>3</sup>The Israelites said to them, “If only we had died by the hand of the Lord in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.” <sup>4</sup>Then the Lord said to Moses, “I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. <sup>5</sup>On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.” <sup>6</sup>So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, “In the evening you shall know that it was the Lord who brought you out of the land of Egypt, <sup>7</sup>and in the morning you shall see the glory of the Lord, because he has heard your complaining against the Lord. For what are we, that you complain against us?” <sup>8</sup>And Moses said, “When the Lord gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the Lord has heard the complaining that you utter against him—what are we? Your complaining is not against us but” against the Lord. <sup>9</sup>Then Moses said to Aaron, “Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, ‘Draw near to the Lord, for he has heard your complaining.’” <sup>10</sup>And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked toward the wilderness, and the glory of the Lord appeared in the cloud. <sup>11</sup>The Lord spoke to Moses and said, <sup>12</sup>“I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, ‘At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the Lord your God.’”

<sup>13</sup>In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. <sup>14</sup>When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. <sup>15</sup>When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, “What is it?” For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, “It is the bread that the Lord has given you to eat.

### **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:**

#### **Matthew 20:1-16**

<sup>20</sup>“For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire laborers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup>After agreeing with the laborers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup>When he went out about nine o’clock, he saw others standing idle in the marketplace; <sup>4</sup>and he said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right.’ So they went. <sup>5</sup>When he went out again about noon and about three o’clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup>And about five o’clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, ‘Why are you standing here idle all day?’ <sup>7</sup>They said to him, ‘Because no one has hired us.’ He said to them, ‘You also go into the vineyard.’ <sup>8</sup>When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said

to his manager, 'Call the laborers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first.' <sup>9</sup>When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup>Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup>And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup>saying, 'These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat.' <sup>13</sup>But he replied to one of them, 'Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup>Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup>Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?' <sup>16</sup>So the last will be first, and the first will be last."

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

**Rev. Timothy Reeves**

*I Wouldn't Have It Any Other Way*

## **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.

## **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  
Sydney Hayes*

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

## **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>
<i>Luis Sanchez</i>	<i>father of Lizabeth Sanchez</i>	<i>Jorga Walker</i>	<i>wife of Donald Walker</i>
<i>Clara Hammonds</i>	<i>Step-Grandmother of Bubba VonTungeln</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>Thomas Porter</i>	<i>father of Dana Neal</i>
<i>Linda Minyard</i>	<i>friend of the church</i>	<i>Kara &amp; Kyle Taylor</i>	<i>friend of Dana Neal</i>
<i>Kathy Griffin</i>	<i>Sister of Pamela Riegler</i>	<i>Rob Button</i>	<i>friend of Zac Cosner</i>
<i>The Mills Family</i>	<i>Former Members of Central</i>	<i>Brenda Greenham</i>	<i>aunt of Zac Cosner</i>

## **PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:**

*First, Brinkley*

*First, Jonesboro*

## **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

Ferncliff is now offering Advent in a Box, for those who might be limited in their mobility during the Pandemic. It provides 4 sessions of activities and supplies – one for each week of advent. 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

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### **Pulpit Supply**

Rev. Timothy Reeves

### **Secretary**

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### **Session**

#### **Class of 2020**

Laura Cosner

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Suzy VonTungeln

Jemmie Moseley

#### **Class of 2021**

Zac Cosner (Clerk)

George Mosely

Brad VonTungeln

Danny Reeves

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

Zac Cosner - Budget & Finance

Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education

Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach

George Mosley & Danny Reeves

-Building & Grounds

Laura Cosner & Jemmie Moseley

-Worship & Music