



**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas**  
**Sunday, November 1st, 2020**  
**Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
**World Communion 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 (Responsive)**

**Zac:** In Christ, God was reconciling the world to God's self, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

**People:** Our Savior Christ Jesus abolished death, and brought life and immortality to light through the gospel.

**Zac:** Therefore we offer up our worship through prayer and acts of devotion.

**People:** Therefore we offer up our service to God through our service to neighbor.

**Zac:** Therefore we take up the ongoing work of reconciliation

**People:** Until at the name of Jesus every knee shall bend and every tongue confess him Lord to the glory of God our Father.

**CALL TO CONFESSION PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. In Jesus' name we pray. (Silently) Amen.**

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Zac: The good news in Christ is that when we face ourselves and God with the awareness of our need, we are given grace to grow, and courage to continue the journey. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel. In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

**People: Amen.**

## **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**CHILDRENS SERMON**

**ROSE VONTUNGELN**

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING:**

### **Joshua 24:1-25**

<sup>1</sup>Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem, and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel; and they presented themselves before God. <sup>2</sup>And Joshua said to all the people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. <sup>3</sup>Then I took your father Abraham from beyond the River and led him through all the land of Canaan and made his offspring many. I gave him Isaac; <sup>4</sup>and to Isaac I gave Jacob and Esau. I gave Esau the hill country of Seir to possess, but Jacob and his children went down to Egypt. <sup>5</sup>Then I sent Moses and Aaron, and I plagued Egypt with what I did in its midst; and afterwards I brought you out. <sup>6</sup>When I brought your ancestors out of Egypt, you came to the sea; and the Egyptians pursued your ancestors with chariots and horsemen to the Red Sea. <sup>7</sup>When they cried out to the LORD, he put darkness between you and the Egyptians, and made the sea come upon them and cover them; and your eyes saw what I did to Egypt. Afterwards you lived in the wilderness for a long time. <sup>8</sup>Then I brought you to the land of the Amorites, who lived on the other side of the Jordan; they fought with you, and I handed them over to you, and you took possession of their land, and I destroyed them before you. <sup>9</sup>Then King Balak, son of Zippor of Moab, set out to fight against Israel. He sent and invited Balaam son of Beor to curse you, <sup>10</sup>but I would not listen to Balaam; therefore he blessed you; so I rescued you out of his hand. <sup>11</sup>When you went over the Jordan and came to Jericho, the citizens of Jericho fought against you, and also the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites; and I handed them over to you. <sup>12</sup>I sent the hornet ahead of you, which drove out before you the two kings of the Amorites; it was not by your

sword or by your bow. <sup>13</sup>I gave you a land on which you had not laboured, and towns that you had not built, and you live in them; you eat the fruit of vineyards and olive groves that you did not plant.

<sup>14</sup>Now therefore revere the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the LORD. <sup>15</sup>Now if you are unwilling to serve the LORD, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living; but as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD.'

<sup>16</sup>Then the people answered, 'Far be it from us that we should forsake the LORD to serve other gods; <sup>17</sup>for it is the LORD our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed; <sup>18</sup>and the LORD drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the LORD, for he is our God.'

<sup>19</sup>But Joshua said to the people, 'You cannot serve the LORD, for he is a holy God. He is a jealous God; he will not forgive your transgressions or your sins. <sup>20</sup>If you forsake the LORD and serve foreign gods, then he will turn and do you harm, and consume you, after having done you good.' <sup>21</sup>And the people said to Joshua, 'No, we will serve the LORD!' <sup>22</sup>Then Joshua said to the people, 'You are witnesses against yourselves that you have chosen the LORD, to serve him.' And they said, 'We are witnesses.' <sup>23</sup>He said, 'Then put away the foreign gods that are among you, and incline your hearts to the LORD, the God of Israel.' <sup>24</sup>The people said to Joshua, 'The LORD our God we will serve, and him we will obey.' <sup>25</sup>So Joshua made a covenant with the people that day, and made statutes and ordinances for them at Shechem.

## **SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:**

### **Matthew 25:1-13**

<sup>1</sup>Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. <sup>2</sup>Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. <sup>3</sup>When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; <sup>4</sup>but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. <sup>5</sup>As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. <sup>6</sup>But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." <sup>7</sup>Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. <sup>8</sup>The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." <sup>9</sup>But the wise replied,

"No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." <sup>10</sup>And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. <sup>11</sup>Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." <sup>12</sup>But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." <sup>13</sup>Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

**Rev. Timothy Reeves**

**Delivered by RE Zachary Cosner**

***The Politics of God***

## **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  
Emil & 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  
Skarlett 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>Cassie Everett</i>	<i>Friend of Dana Neal</i>
<i>Luis Sanchez</i>	<i>father of Elizabeth Sanchez</i>	<i>Clara Hammonds</i>	<i>Step-Grandmother of Bubba VonTungeln</i>
<i>Jorga Walker</i>	<i>wife of Donald Walker</i>	<i>Lydia Wright</i>	<i>Rev. Timothy Reeves &amp; Jane Reeves' Granddaughter</i>
<i>Elaine Porter</i>	<i>Step-Mother of Dana Neal</i>	<i>The Family of Issac Pittillo</i>	<i>Friend of the church</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>Brenda Greenham</i>	<i>Aunt of Zac Cosner</i>
<i>Family of Dyan Bledsoe-Brown</i>	<i>Cousin of Rose &amp; Suzy VonTungeln</i>	<i>Anita Rodriguez</i>	<i>Daughter of Mary Light</i>
<i>Jane Glover</i>	<i>Friend of The Cosners</i>	<i>The Family of David Shapiro</i>	<i>Friend of The Cosners</i>

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

*Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals*

*First, Arkadelphia*

## **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.

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**Session**

**Class of 2020**

Laura Cosner

Denise Mosley

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

# *Announcements*

Neighbor to Neighbor has asked us for a donation of 50 cans of cranberry sauce by November 23rd for Christmas. For more information about where to drop them off contact us via social media.

It is Stewardship Season! Look for your pledge cards via mail the next few weeks. As a thank you, we'll be taking reservations to pick up Chicken and Dressing meals prepared by the VonTungelns on Nov. 22<sup>nd</sup>. You can either mail back your pledge cards or drop them off when you pick up your meal. Contact Suzy via phone, or CPC via Social Media, to RSVP for your meal. THANKS!

The General Election is Nov. 3rd. CPC will again be a polling place for our community. Be aware of election rules if you plan on being in the building that Tuesday. If you would like more information on voting head to <http://www.pcusa.org/vote>.

The Session of CPC has decided to stick with Virtual Services for the foreseeable future. Keep in contact with us via social media (Username: CentralPresPB) or at our website for announcements about any special services and when we plan to resume in person worship.

Archives of our Online Services can be found on Facebook and YouTube! Links to each are on our website, [CentralPrespb.com](http://CentralPrespb.com)