



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Sunday, December 13th, 2020

Third Sunday of Advent

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: Rejoice in the coming of God the Savior, for there is good news on the way.

People: Good news for the down-trodden and weary?

Zac: Good news -- peace is coming.

People: Good news for the broken-hearted?

Zac: Good news -- joy is coming.

People: Good news for those captive and imprisoned?

Zac: Good news -- freedom is coming.

People: Good news for the hard of heart?

Zac: Good news is on the way!

CALL TO CONFESSION PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our past, present, and future, you are coming in power to bring all nations under your rule. We confess that we have not expected your kingdom, for we live casual lives, ignoring your promised judgment. We accept lies as truth, exploit neighbors, abuse the earth, and refuse your justice and peace. In your mercy, forgive us. Grant us wisdom to welcome your way, and to seek things that will endure when Christ comes to judge the world. 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 LESSON:

Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11

⁶The spirit of the Lord GOD is upon me, because the LORD has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; ²to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; ³to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, to display his glory.

⁴They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

⁸For I the LORD love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. ⁹Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the LORD has blessed.

¹⁰I will greatly rejoice in the LORD, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. ¹¹For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord GOD will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

SECOND LESSON:

Luke 1:46-55

⁴⁶And Mary said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, ⁴⁷and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, ⁴⁸for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; ⁴⁹for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name. ⁵⁰His mercy is for those who fear him from generation to generation. ⁵¹He has shown strength with his arm; he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts. ⁵²He has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; ⁵³he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty. ⁵⁴He has helped his servant Israel, in remembrance of his mercy, ⁵⁵according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham and to his descendants forever."

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Timothy Reeves

Topsy-turvy Grace

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 & David Perdue
Sydney Hayes
Nelson Buchanan
Andy Matlock
Adam Vick*

*Brad VonTungeln
Hester Insley
Jemie Moseley
Lurline Elam
Denise Mosley
Mary Light
Dominik Munn
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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>Dewayne Simpson</i>	<i>Father of Denise Mosley</i>
<i>Max Zeng</i>	<i>Mike and Lan Kelly's son</i>	<i>Dianna Coats</i>	<i>Cousin of George Mosley</i>
<i>Allison Cromwell</i>	<i>Daughter of Kay Cromwell</i>	<i>Franklin Ward</i>	<i>Uncle of Dana Neal</i>
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<i>Jorga Walker</i>	<i>Wife of Donald Walker</i>	<i>Kara & Kyle Taylor</i>	<i>Friend of Dana Neal</i>
<i>Luis Sanchez</i>	<i>Father of Lizabeth Sanchez</i>	<i>Elaine Porter</i>	<i>Step-Mother of Dana Neal</i>
<i>Anita Rodriguez</i>	<i>Daughter of Mary Light</i>	<i>Ryker Cheek</i>	<i>Nephew of Bubba VonTungeln</i>
<i>Lydia Wright</i>	<i>Rev. Timothy Reeves & Jane Reeves' Granddaughter</i>	<i>Clara Hammonds</i>	<i>Step-Grandmother of Bubba VonTungeln</i>
<i>Al Drewett</i>	<i>Brother-In-Law of Pat Drewett</i>	<i>Hailey Chandler</i>	<i>Friend of the Church</i>
<i>Rebecca and Earl Phillips</i>	<i>friends of Karen and David Perdue</i>	<i>The Family & Friends of Rebecka Kearney</i>	<i>Friend of the Cosner Family</i>
<i>Kathy Griffin</i>	<i>Sister of Pamela Riegler</i>	<i>Brenda Greenham</i>	<i>Aunt of Zac Cosner</i>
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<i>Dr. Carlos Arango</i>	<i>Friend of the Vick Family</i>		

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW
PRESBYTERIANS:
Laotian Ministry, Fort Smith**

**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 will be taking up the Christmas Joy offering virtually this year. Give online at www.pcusa.org/christmasjoy or you can text JOY to 56512. We'll have more in a future bulletin insert.

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

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