



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Sunday, December 13th, 2020

Fourth 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: Walking toward Bethlehem,

People: Listening every step of the way

Zac: For the sound of our name

People: For the announcement that we have found favor with God.

Zac: Walking toward Bethlehem,

People: Watching every step of the way

Zac: For a new star in the sky,

People: For guidance in our daily lives.

Zac: Walking toward Bethlehem,

People: Sensing we are not alone.

Zac: Angels are all around us.

People: The prayers of saints surround us.

Zac: Walking toward Bethlehem

People: Hoping we shall find a baby in a manger:

Zac: A simple sign that God loves us still

People: And reason enough to sing God's praise.

CALL TO CONFESSION PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and awesome God, your love is wider than our sight; your grace is more wonderful than we can sing. Yet you chose to visit us as a child in a manger, love us as a friend, and save us as a redeemer. We admit that there is much in us that is not ready to receive you. Our world is torn by horrors in distant countries and tensions on our streets. Our communities have children hungry in school and youth hungry for work. Our lives are busy to the point of

exhaustion, and we carry so much worry that turns prayer dry and flattens our joy. Holy and awesome God, stop us long enough that we might hear a song in the darkest night, might feel your presence in the midst of common tasks and sense joy and hope that flows from the strength of your care. Come, give us a heart of praise and a song of gladness. In Jesus we pray. 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 READING:

2 Samuel 7:1-11, 16

⁷Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." ³Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you."

⁴But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. ⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make

you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure forever before me; your throne shall be established forever.

SECOND READING:

Luke 1:26-38

²⁶In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, "Greetings, favored one! The Lord is with you." ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, "Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favor with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end." ³⁴Mary said to the angel, "How can this be, since I am a virgin?" ³⁵The angel said to her, "The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God." ³⁸Then Mary said, "Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word." Then the angel departed from her.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Timothy Reeves

Have I Got Good News for You!

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
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FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

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| <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>Rebecca and Earl Phillips</i> | <i>Friends of Karen and David Perdue</i> | <i>Family of Dianna Coats</i> | <i>Cousin of George Mosley</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 Lizabeth Sanchez</i> | <i>Kara & Kyle Taylor</i> | <i>Friend of Dana Neal</i> |
| <i>Jorga Walker</i> | <i>Wife of Donald Walker</i> | <i>Franklin Ward</i> | <i>Uncle of Dana Neal</i> |
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| <i>Hailey Chandler</i> | <i>Friend of the Church</i> | <i>Al Drewett</i> | <i>Brother-In-Law of Pat Drewett</i> |
| <i>Family of Bobby Lawson</i> | <i>Jessica Munn's Grandfather-In-Law</i> | | |

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW

PRESBYTERIANS:

Memorial Church, Atkins

First, Walnut Ridge

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

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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-Worship & Music