



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

**Sunday, January 24, 2021**

**Third 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: The Word of the Lord came

**People: hope for all people cradled in his arms.**

Zac: The Word of the Lord comes,

**People: "Follow me. Come and see."**

Zac: God uses our ordinary gifts and our everyday lives, saying:

**People: calling us out of our comfort zones, to go where grace is needed most.**

Zac: The Word of the Lord will come

**People: gathering all the outsiders and insiders into one community of the kingdom.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Our comfortable lives convince us we do not need to follow Jesus, Steadfast God. Our work provides for our wants, so we have no need for your grace. Our friends are found through social media, so we do not need your community. Our fear of the beliefs and cultures of others makes us sure that we do not need to share your grace with them. Forgive us for dragging our feet as Jesus' disciples, Compassionate God. May we get up from our comfort zones and step out in faith. May we go to all the uncomfortable places to bring hope. May we proclaim with our lips, but especially with our lives, that the kingdom of love is near, brought by Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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:**

**Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

**<sup>3</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days’ walk across. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”**

**<sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.**

**<sup>10</sup>When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.**

**SECOND READING:**

**Mark 1:14-20**

**<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” <sup>16</sup>As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.**

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

**Rev. Timothy Reeves**

*Redefining the Absurd*

## **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**

<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>Hailey Chandler</i>	<i>Friend of the Church</i>
<i>Max Zeng</i>	<i>Mike and Lan Kelly's son</i>	<i>Cassie Everett</i>	<i>Friend of Dana Neal</i>
<i>Lori &amp; Luis Sanchez</i>	<i>Family of Lizabeth Sanchez</i>	<i>Kara &amp; 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>
<i>Anita Rodriguez</i>	<i>Daughter of Mary Light</i>	<i>Elaine Porter</i>	<i>Step-Mother of Dana Neal</i>
<i>Linda Minyard</i>	<i>Friend of the church</i>	<i>Allison Cromwell</i>	<i>Daughter of Kay Cromwell</i>
<i>Kathy Griffin</i>	<i>Sister of Pamela Riegler</i>	<i>Brenda Greenham</i>	<i>Aunt of Zac Cosner</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>Jane Glover</i>	<i>Friend of The Cosner Family</i>	<i>Ryker Cheek</i>	<i>Nephew of Bubba VonTungeln</i>
<i>Dr. Carlos Arango</i>	<i>Friend of the Vick Family</i>	<i>Al Drewett</i>	<i>Brother-In-Law of Pat Drewett</i>
<i>Benjimen Neal</i>	<i>Dana Neal's Son</i>	<i>Tim, Cerrie, &amp; Tyler Brown</i>	<i>Friends of the Cosner Family</i>
<i>Family of Boe Fontaine</i>	<i>Friend of the Church</i>	<i>Family of Nancy Altstatt McClain</i>	<i>Friend of Suzy VonTungeln</i>
<i>Family of Mr. Bullard</i>	<i>Friend of Rose VonTungeln</i>		

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

*University of the Ozarks, Clarksville*

*Faith, Horseshoe Bend*

## **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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### **Session**

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#### **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