



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

**Sunday, March 21, 2021**

**Fifth Sunday in Lent**

**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: I am doing a new thing, says our God.

**People: We will answer God with new hearts.**

Zac: Seek me, and desire truth and mercy, calls our God.

**People: With our whole lives, we will hear God's voice.**

Zac: If a grain of wheat dies, it grows into new life, promises Jesus.

**People: We will seek to let go, and to grow deeper into faith.**

Zac: If you wish to follow me, become servants, Jesus tells us.

**People: We will live a life of service, following him.**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our 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**

FIRST READING:

Jeremiah 31:31-34

<sup>31</sup>The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. <sup>32</sup>It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. <sup>33</sup>But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. <sup>34</sup>No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

SECOND READING:

John 12:20-33

<sup>20</sup>Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, “Sir, we wish to see Jesus.” <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, “The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. <sup>27</sup>“Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—‘Father, save me from this hour’? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.” Then a voice came from heaven, “I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.” <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, “An angel has spoken to him.” <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, “This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.” <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Timothy Reeves

*The Meaning of Life*

**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  
The Brown Family  
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>Hailey Chandler</i>	<i>Friend of the Church</i>	<i>Charles May</i>	<i>Friend of Central</i>
<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>Lori &amp; Luis Sanchez</i>	<i>Family of Lizabeth 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>Brandie Castleberry</i>	<i>Friend of the Judkins</i>
<i>Cerrie Brown &amp; Family</i>	<i>Friend of Laura Cosner</i>	<i>Al Drewett</i>	<i>Brother-In-Law of Pat Drewett</i>
<i>Linda Minyard</i>	<i>friend of the church</i>	<i>Greg Turchi</i>	<i>Family of Jessica Munn</i>
<i>Kathy Griffin</i>	<i>Sister of Pamela Riegler</i>	<i>Brenda Greenham</i>	<i>Aunt of Zac Cosner</i>
<i>Jane Glover</i>	<i>Friend of The Cosners</i>	<i>Anita Rodriguez</i>	<i>Daughter of Mary Light</i>
<i>Judy Jacobs</i>	<i>Friend of Jane Judkins</i>	<i>Dewayne Simpson</i>	<i>Father of Denise Mosley</i>
<i>Sarah Inman &amp; Her Family</i>	<i>Friend of Laura Cosner</i>		

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

*Lyon College, Batesville*

*First United, Fayetteville*

## **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'll be holding an Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday in front of the youth building at 1pm! If we get a lot of rain next week it will be canceled. It will NOT be rescheduled or taken inside. A final decision will be made later this week and will be announced on social media.

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

### **Pulpit Supply**

Rev. Timothy Reeves

### **Secretary**

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### **Session**

#### **Class of 2021**

Laura Cosner

Denise Mosley

Suzy VonTungeln

Jemmie Moseley

#### **Class of 2022**

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