



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

**Sunday, March 7, 2021**

**Third 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: The God of heaven has made his home on earth.

**People: Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Zac: Highest in all creation, he lives among the least.

**People: He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**

Zac: Come now all who thirst

**People: And drink the water of life.**

Zac: Come now all who hunger

**People: And be filled with good things.**

Zac: Come now all who seek

**People: And be warmed by the fire of love.**

**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:**

**Exodus 20:1-17**

**20**Then God spoke all these words: <sup>21</sup>I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; <sup>3</sup>you shall have no other gods before me. <sup>4</sup>You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. <sup>5</sup>You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, <sup>6</sup>but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments. <sup>7</sup>You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. <sup>8</sup>Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. <sup>9</sup>Six days you shall labor and do all your work. <sup>10</sup>But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. <sup>11</sup>For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it. <sup>12</sup>Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. <sup>13</sup>You shall not murder. <sup>14</sup>You shall not commit adultery. <sup>15</sup>You shall not steal. <sup>16</sup>You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. <sup>17</sup>You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

### **SECOND READING:**

**1 Corinthians 1:18-25**

<sup>18</sup>For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup>For it is written, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart." <sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup>For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, <sup>23</sup>but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup>but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup>For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

### **THIRD READING:**

**John 2:13-22**

<sup>13</sup>The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. <sup>14</sup>In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money changers seated at their tables. <sup>15</sup>Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. <sup>16</sup>He told those who were selling the doves, "Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a marketplace!" <sup>17</sup>His disciples remembered that it was written, "Zeal for your house will consume me." <sup>18</sup>The Jews then said to him, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" <sup>19</sup>Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." <sup>20</sup>The Jews then said, "This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?" <sup>21</sup>But he was speaking of the temple of his body. <sup>22</sup>After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Rev. Timothy Reeves

*Whom Do We Think We're Fooling?*

## 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>Family of David Perdue</i>	<i>Beloved Member of Central</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>The Family of Alb Parkerson</i>	<i>Friend of the Denise Mosley</i>
<i>Cerrie Brown &amp; Family</i>	<i>Friend of Laura Cosner</i>	<i>Bob Novak</i>	<i>Friend of Zac Cosner</i>
<i>Linda Minyard</i>	<i>friend of the church</i>	<i>The family of Kara 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>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>Hailey Chandler</i>	<i>Friend of the Church</i>	<i>Al Drewett</i>	<i>Brother-In-Law of Pat Drewett</i>
<i>Greg Turchi</i>	<i>Family of Jessica Munn</i>	<i>Brandie Castleberry</i>	<i>Friend of the Judkins</i>
<i>Family of Daylon Burnett</i>	<i>Student at Watson Chapel Jr. High School</i>		

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

*Second, Little Rock*

*First, Yellville*

## **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 One Great Hour of Sharing Offering will be taken up on April 4<sup>th</sup>. This offering helps support Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People. Check our Website for more information.

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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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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