



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Sunday, April 25, 2021

Fourth Sunday in Easter

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: In life, in death, in life beyond death,

People: Jesus Christ is Lord.

Zac: Over powers and principalities, over all who determine, control, govern, or finance the affairs of humankind,

People: Jesus Christ is Lord.

Zac: Of the poor, of the broken, of the sinned against and the sinner,

People: Jesus Christ is Lord.

Zac: Above the church, beyond our most excellent theologies and in the quiet corners of our hearts,

People: Jesus Christ is Lord.

Zac: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Good Shepherd, you call to us. We confess that we know your voice but fail to heed it. Merciful God, we know that in order to walk paths of righteousness and enjoy your abundant life we must follow you in trust and obedience. We confess that though you beckon us, we go our own way; and though you defend us, we are filled with fear. You spread a table before us. Our cup overflows. Yet we judge those with whom we are seated and worry there will not be enough of your mercy to go around. In your mercy, forgive us, Lord. Take us by the hand, and guide us in your ways. Help us to rest in your presence and there learn to be grateful and generous. 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:

Psalm 23

¹ The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**² He makes me lie down in green pastures;
he leads me beside still waters;**

³ he restores my soul.

**He leads me in right paths
for his name's sake.**

**⁴ Even though I walk through the darkest valley,
I fear no evil;**

**for you are with me;
your rod and your staff—
they comfort me.**

**⁵ You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies;**

**you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.**

**⁶ Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,**

**and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
my whole life long.**

SECOND READING:

1 John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that he laid down his life for us—and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸ Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what pleases him.

²³ And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them. And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.

THIRD READING:

John 10:11-18

11 'I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. 12The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. 13The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. 14I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, 15just as the Father knows me and I know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. 16I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. 17For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. 18No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.'

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

To Know the Shepherd

Rev. Timothy Reeves

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.

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

<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>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 & Luis Sanchez</i>	<i>father of Elizabeth Sanchez</i>	<i>Family of Charles May</i>	<i>Friend of Central</i>
<i>Jorga Walker</i>	<i>wife of Donald Walker</i>	<i>Lydia Wright</i>	<i>Rev. Timothy Reeves & Jane Reeves' Granddaughter</i>
<i>Elaine Porter</i>	<i>Step-Mother of Dana Neal</i>	<i>William Graves</i>	<i>Son of Ruth Holland</i>
<i>Linda Minyard</i>	<i>friend of the church</i>	<i>Kara & Kyle 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>Judy Jacobs</i>	<i>Friend of Jane Judkins</i>	<i>Anita Rodriguez</i>	<i>Daughter of Mary Light</i>
<i>Jane Glover</i>	<i>Friend of The Cosners</i>	<i>Jim Monk</i>	<i>Brother of Pat Drewett</i>
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PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

Alpine Church, Amity

Church Groundskeepers

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 is happy to announce we be returning to in person worship starting next week! Things will look a little different starting out. We'll be requiring mask usage in the church and asking for everyone to socially distance in the sanctuary. We're excited to see everyone and we hope everyone can join us.

If you won't be able to join us in person, we'll be trying to stream the service live on Facebook. There are some technical issues we need to iron out before May 2nd so please be patient while we get this working!

Archives of our Online Services can be found on Facebook and YouTube! Links to each are on our website, [CentralPrespb.com](http://www.CentralPrespb.com)

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-Worship & Music