



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Sunday, May 2, 2021
Fifth 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

Risen Christ, you are the vine and we are the branches. Apart from you we can do nothing. Yet we confess that we live as if that were not true. We entwine ourselves in our own business rather than branching out toward others. And because we do not ground ourselves in you, we wither. Lord Jesus, forgive us. Restore us to your abiding love, so that we may bear fruit worthy of our calling. (And now silently) 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:

John 15:1-8

15 I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. **2** He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. **3** You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. **4** Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. **5** I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. **6** Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. **7** If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. **8** My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Delving Deeper into the Glory of God

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 BLESSING**

****POSTLUDE**

Go forth into the world rejoicing. Love and serve the Lord.

Lay Reader: Zac Cosner

PRAYER CONCERNS

<i>Donna McCaleb</i>	<i>Brad VonTungeln</i>
<i>Karen Perdue</i>	<i>Hester Insley</i>
<i>David Perdue</i>	<i>Jemie Moseley</i>
<i>Nelson Buchanan</i>	<i>Lurline Elam</i>
<i>Andy Matlock</i>	<i>Denise Mosley</i>
<i>Adam Vick</i>	<i>Mary Light</i>
<i>Sydney Hayes</i>	<i>Dominik Munn</i>
<i>Skarlett Munn</i>	<i>Suzy VonTungeln</i>

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

<i>Name</i>		<i>Name</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 & Luis Sanchez</i>	<i>father of Lizabeth 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>
<i>Dewayne Simpson</i>	<i>Father of Denise Mosley</i>	<i>Cindy May</i>	<i>Friend of Pat Drewett</i>
<i>Shelly Salinas</i>	<i>Friend of the VonTungelns</i>	<i>Corey Neal</i>	<i>Brother of Dana Neal</i>

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW
PRESBYTERIANS:**

PC(USA) Seminaries

Vaughn, Bentonville

**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

There will be no Third Sunday Fellowship Luncheon in the month May.

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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Zac Cosner - Budget & Finance

Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education

Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach

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-Building & Grounds

Laura Cosner & Jemmie Moseley

-Worship & Music