



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Sunday, May 9, 2021
Sixth 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

Loving God, your Son Jesus calls us friends, and commands us to love one another. So often we fail. We confuse loving one another with liking one another. When we cannot like one another, we give up on loving. We smile falsely and speak ill of others. We grieve you with our weak love. O God, have mercy on us. Choose us yet again, so that secure in your love, we might truly love one another. 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: Acts 10:44-48

44 While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. ⁴⁵The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, ⁴⁶for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, ⁴⁷'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' ⁴⁸So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

SECOND READING: 1 John 5:1-6

5 Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ²By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

6 This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

THIRD READING: John 15:9-17

9 As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

¹²'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

God Will Always Triumph

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

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

FRIENDS AND RELATIVES

| <u>Name</u> | | <u>Name</u> | |
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| <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 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>Corey Neal</i> | <i>Brother of Dana Neal</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> | | |

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW
PRESBYTERIANS:**

First, Hot Springs

Ministries to Hispanic Persons in Arkansas

**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

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-Building & Grounds

Laura Cosner & Jemie Moseley

-Worship & Music