



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, October 31, 2021
Thirty-first Sunday of Ordinary Time

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

Organ / Piano Young Ju Oh

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Lay Reader: We gather from the west to the east, from the south to the north,
to celebrate the God of peace who accompanies us in our acts of peace.
This God of peace accompanies us in each and every circumstance around us.
We praise God's name!

People: Amen

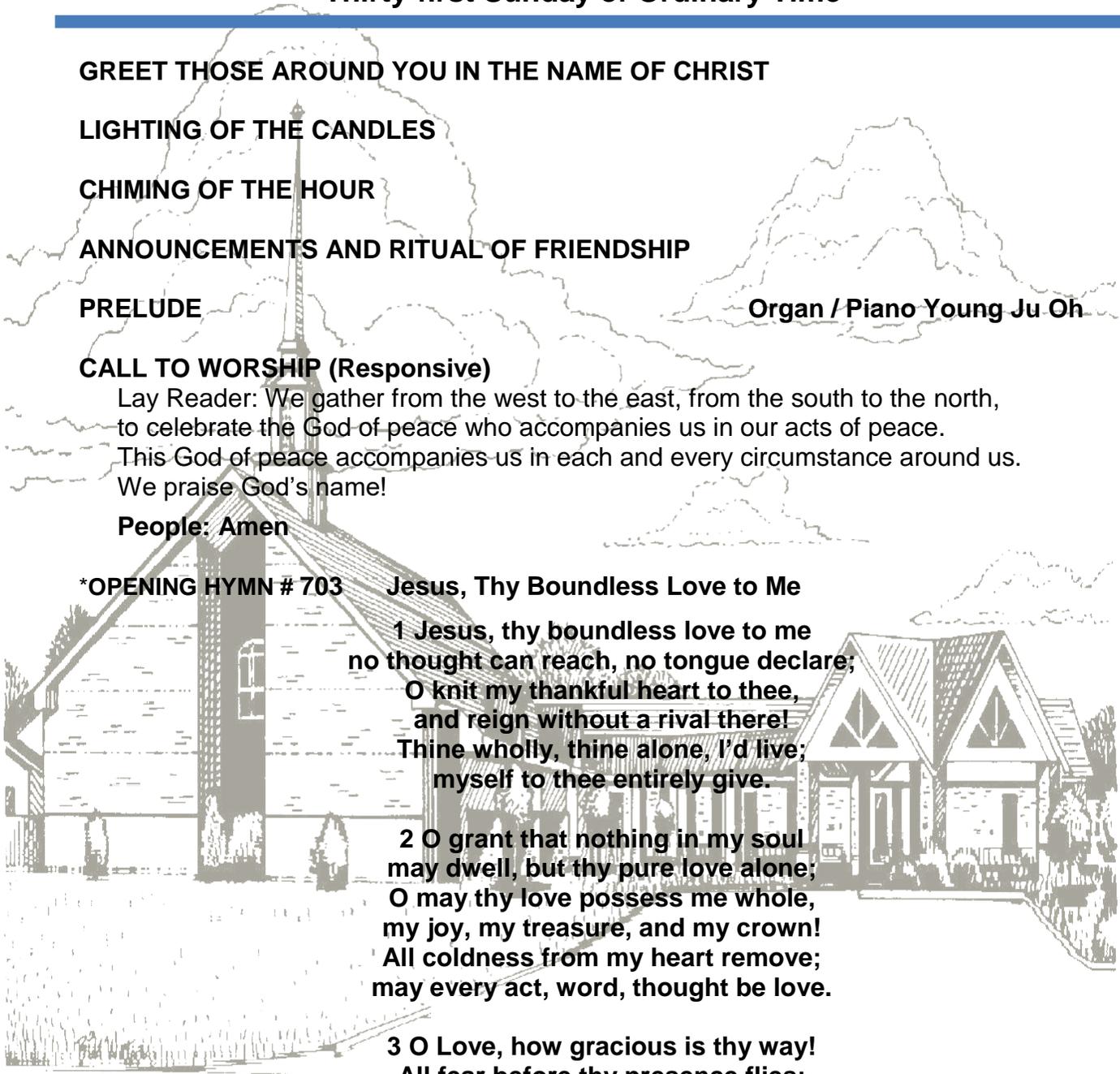
***OPENING HYMN # 703**

Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me

**1 Jesus, thy boundless love to me
no thought can reach, no tongue declare;
O knit my thankful heart to thee,
and reign without a rival there!
Thine wholly, thine alone, I'd live;
myself to thee entirely give.**

**2 O grant that nothing in my soul
may dwell, but thy pure love alone;
O may thy love possess me whole,
my joy, my treasure, and my crown!
All coldness from my heart remove;
may every act, word, thought be love.**

**3 O Love, how gracious is thy way!
All fear before thy presence flies;
care, anguish, sorrow melt away
where'er thy healing beams arise.
O Jesus, nothing may I see,
nothing desire, or seek, but thee.**



OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jai Kwak

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lay Reader: Faced with God's goodness we recognize our failings. In the knowledge of God's mercy, we dare tell the truth about ourselves and our world. In the confidence of God's children let us confess our sins.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious Lord, creator of this universe, in your generosity you have given us a world of abundance and diversity, yet we live guided by greed and selfishness. We confess that we have defaced your creation and poisoned our environment through our consumerist behavior and for personal gain. In Christ, you made us brothers and sisters and intended for us to be united, and yet we have built walls to separate us from those who are different from us. You gave us wisdom and creativity and we have used those to trick each other and to develop weapons of destruction and death. You gave us laws to order our lives and we have abused them to take revenge and punish our enemies. We love war rather than strive for peace. We ignore the poor and the weak and honored the rich and powerful. In all this we have not lived according to your will. Forgive us, Lord, for daring to boast in our human achievements and for failing to recognize that you alone are worthy of praise. In your mercy, forgive us our sins.

KYRIE ELEISON "Lord, Have Mercy"

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Lay Reader: "God accepted us simply because of our faith in Christ," through whom our sins were forgiven. May he help us to continue to "preach peace to those who are near and far."

People: Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory be to the Father"

Hymnal #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, Amen.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM

Piano/Organ YoungJu Oh

Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty

**Father in heaven, how we love you.
We lift your Name in all the earth.
May your kingdom, be established in our praises,
As your people declare your mighty works.
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty
Who was and is, and is, to come.
Blessed be the Lord God Almighty.
Who reigns forever more.**

And I will lift Your name on high

I Choose to lift your name on high

I'll lift your name like a banner in the sky

I will lift your name on high

CHILDRENS SERMON

ROSE VONTUNGELN

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Zephaniah 3:15-17 (NASB 1995)

**15 The LORD has taken away His judgments against you,
He has cleared away your enemies.**

**The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;
You will fear disaster no more.**

**16 In that day it will be said to Jerusalem:
“Do not be afraid, O Zion;
Do not let your hands fall limp.**

**17 “The LORD your God is in your midst,
A victorious warrior.
He will exult over you with joy,**

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: John 15:1-5 (NASB 1995)

1 “I am the true vine, and My Father is the vinedresser.

**2 “Every branch in Me that does not bear fruit, He takes away; and
every branch that bears fruit, He prunes it so that it may bear more fruit.**

**3 “You are already clean because of the word which I have spoken
to you.**

**4 “Abide in Me, and I in you. As the branch cannot bear fruit of itself
unless it abides in the vine, so neither can you unless you abide in Me.**

**5 “I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in
him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing.**

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING: Galatians 5:1-6

1 It was for freedom that Christ set us free; therefore keep standing firm and do not be subject again to a yoke of slavery.

2 Behold I, Paul, say to you that if you receive circumcision, Christ will be of no benefit to you.

3 And I testify again to every man who receives circumcision, that he is under obligation to keep the whole Law.

4 You have been severed from Christ, you who are seeking to be justified by law; you have fallen from grace.

5 For we through the Spirit, by faith, are waiting for the hope of righteousness.

6 For in Christ Jesus neither circumcision nor uncircumcision means anything, but faith working through love.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“The Meaning of Being Spiritual”

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

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.**

HYMN # 418

There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

**There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place,
And I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
And I know you feel the presence of the Lord.**

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we**

**There are blessings you cannot receive,
'Till you know Him in His fullness and believe;
You're the one to profit when you say,
"I am going to walk with Jesus all the way."**

**Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove,
Stay right here with us, filling us with Your love.
And for these blessings, we lift our hearts in praise.
Without a doubt we'll know that we**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow" Hymnal #606**
**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Amen.**

***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

CLOSING HYMN # 713

**Touch the Earth Lightly
1 Touch the earth lightly,
use the earth gently,
nourish the life of the world in our care:
gift of great wonder,
ours to surrender,
trust for the children tomorrow will bear.**

**2 We who endanger,
who create hunger,
agents of death for all creatures that live,
we who would foster
clouds of disaster,
God of our planet, forestall and forgive!**

**3 Let there be greening,
birth from the burning,
water that blesses and air that is sweet,
health in God's garden,
hope in God's children,
regeneration that peace will complete.**

**4 God of all living,
God of all loving,
God of the seedling, the snow, and the sun,
teach us, deflect us,
Christ reconnect us,
using us gently and making us one.**

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

****POSTLUDE**

EXTINGUISHING OF THE CANDLES

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.***

PRAYER CONCERNS

*Bernice Lackey
Emil & Carol Brown
Karen Perdue
Adam Vick
Sydney Hayes*

*Hester Insley
Jemie Moseley
Lurline Elam
Dominik Munn
Anne Elizabeth (Betty) Coles*

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>Luis Sanchez</i>	<i>father 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 & Jane Reeves' Granddaughter</i>
<i>Elaine Porter</i>	<i>Step-Mother of Dana Neal</i>	<i>Jane Glover</i>	<i>Friend of The Cosners</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>Anita Rodriguez</i>	<i>Daughter of Mary Light</i>

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

Presbyterian Church of Bull Shoals

First, Arkadelphia

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.

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Session

Class of 2020

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Jemmie Moseley

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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

Announcements

Congratulations to Heather & Adam Cogburn on the arrival of their newborn son, Miles Emory Cogburn! Miles was born Monday October 25th, 2021 at 10:26 a.m. Weighing 6lbs 8oz & 20 inches long. Congratulations go out to the proud grandparents as well, Jane & David Judkins.

Our annual Harvest Luncheon will be held on November 14th following worship.

We will be decorating the Sanctuary for Advent season on Saturday November 27th at 9 a.m.

December 5th at 5:30 p.m. will be the annual Moravian love feast.

December 19th will be the annual Christmas Cantata!

We are currently collecting cans of cranberry sauce for Neighbor to Neighbor for the Thanksgiving holiday. We need all donations by Sunday October 31st. Our goal is 100 cans.

Thursday Night Bible Study is back! We start at 6:30 and we hope to see you there!

There is now a Sunday School class at 10 every Sunday for children and one for all ages. Please join us for this time of learning!

Archives of our Online Services can be found on Facebook and YouTube! Links to each are on our website, CentralPrespb.com