



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, November 14, 2021
Thirty-third 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: Come worship the Lord who is in our midst today.

People: There is no Holy One like our God.

Lay Reader: Like Hannah of old, we raise our voices to praise the Lord of strength.

People: There is no rock like our God.

Lay Reader: We prepare to listen and learn with open hearts and open minds.

People: There is no Source of knowledge like our God. We trust that righteousness will come

Lay Reader: on the heels of God's judgment.

People: There is no Justice like our God.

Lay Reader: May the Son of our God lead us into faith. There is no Guide like our God. Come worship the Lord who is in our midst today.

***OPENING HYMN # 816 If Thou Trust in God to Guide Thee**

**1 If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate'er betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.**

**2 Only be still, and wait God's leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content
to take whate'er thy Keeper's pleasure and all-discerning love hath sent.
No doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always dear.**

**3 Sing, pray, and swerve not from God's ways, but do thine own part faithfully.
Trust the rich promises of grace; so shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.**

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jai Kwak

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lay Reader: All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God; yet we are justified by the gift of God's grace through the redemption that is ours in Christ Jesus. Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

CONFESSIONS OF SINS

Rock of Salvation,
you give children to the barren
and strength to the feeble;
you exalt the poor
and lift up the needy.

We praise your holy name from morning to night,
yet we build walls that separate us: from you,
from one another, from the world,
even from ourselves.

We place stumbling blocks
in the way of goodness and truth.

We are led astray by promises of earthly treasure.

We confess our fallibility
and seek solace in the mother of our joy.

Teach us to pray and praise without pause,
confessing hope ceaselessly.

Guide us in our efforts
to encourage one another,
to work together for good in the world,
and to prepare for the day of the Lord.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, so often we look at ourselves, our gifts, and our talents, and wonder what you would do with these offerings. We don't think that we have much to give. So, far too many times, we belittle the gifts and turn our backs on the needs and opportunities present to serve, believing that our gifts cannot possibly make a difference. We think that we must possess the greatest of talents and wealth in order to truly please and serve you. How foolish we are! Forgive us when we stop listening to your healing and comforting words and focus on our anxieties. Heal us, Lord. Help us know that you have given to us such blessings and that these blessings are truly wonderful and meant to be used to joy and service to others. Help us to bring our lives, just as they are, to you and to receive your gentle touch and healing grace. (Pray in Silence) Amen.

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: Our hearts are sprinkled clean, and our bodies washed with the water of God's love. Through the gift of Jesus Christ, God assures us that we are pardoned, forgiven, absolved, and released from our sin.

People: Amen.

**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

Great is Thy Faithfulness

**1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
there is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not; thy compassions they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**2 Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

**3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow:
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!**

Refrain:

**Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning, new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!**

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: Job 20-22

20 Then Job arose and tore his robe and shaved his head, and he fell to the ground and worshiped.

21 He said,

“Naked I came from my mother’s womb,

And naked I shall return there.

The LORD gave and the LORD has taken away.

Blessed be the name of the LORD.” (Wow!)

22 Through all this Job did not sin nor did he blame God

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Colossians 9:6–8

6 Now this I say, he who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and he who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.

7 Each one must do just as he has purposed in his heart, not grudgingly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have an abundance for every good deed;

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“God Loves a Cheerful Giver”

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 # 612

We Praise You, O God

**1 We praise you, O God, our Redeemer, Creator;
in grateful devotion our tribute we bring.
We lay it before you; we kneel and adore you;
we bless your holy name; glad praises we sing.**

**2 We worship you, God of our fathers and mothers;
through trial and tempest our guide you have been.
When perils o'ertake us, you will not forsake us,
and with your help, O Lord, our struggles we win.**

**3 With voices united our praises we offer
and gladly our songs of thanksgiving we raise.
With you, Lord, beside us, your strong arm will guide us.
To you, our great Redeemer, forever be praise!**

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 # 714

God of the Fertile Fields

1 God of the fertile fields,
shaper of earth that yields
our daily bread:
forth from your bounteous hand
come gifts your love has planned,
that all in every land
be clothed and fed.

2 We would be stewards true,
holding in trust from you
all that you give;
help us in love to share,
teach us like you to care
for people everywhere,
that all may live.

3 As grows the hidden seed
to fruit that serves our need,
so your reign grows.
Let all our toil be used,
no gift of yours abused,
no humble task refused
your love bestows.

4 God of the countryside,
dear to the Christ who died
to make us one:
we pledge our lives anew
in faithful love to you.
Guide all we say and do.
Your will be done.

***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:

Church Nursery Workers

First, Rogers

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

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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

TODAY is the annual Harvest Luncheon 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 Christmas holiday. We need all donations by Sunday November 30th. Our goal is 100 cans.

We have been asked to sponsor children for Christmas through our association with Neighbor to Neighbor. If you are interested in helping, it costs \$60 to sponsor a child. Contact Laura Cosner for more information.

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