



**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas**

**Sunday, December 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

**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**

**LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE (HOPE, Peace, & Joy)**

**Mosley Family**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

**From Philipians 4:4 and Isaiah 12:2**

Lay Reader: Rejoice in the Lord always; again, I will say, Rejoice.

**People: Surely God is my salvation; I will trust and will not be afraid.**

Lay Reader: The Lord God is my Strength and my might.

**People: He has become my salvation.**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Rev. Jai Kwak**

**\*OPENING HYMN #110**

**Love Has Come: A Light in the Darkness!**

Love has come, a light in the darkness!  
Love shines forth in the Bethlehem skies.  
See, all heaven has come to proclaim it.  
Hear how their song of joy arises:  
Love! Love! Born unto you, a Savior!  
Love! Love! Glory to God on high!

Love is born! Come share in the wonder.  
Love is God now asleep in the hay.  
See the glow in the eyes of His mother.  
What is the name her heart is saying?  
Love! Love! Love is the name she whispers.  
Love! Love! Jesus, Immanuel.

Love has come and never will leave us!  
Love is life everlasting and free.  
Love is Jesus within and among us.  
Love is the peace our hearts are seeking.  
Love! Love! Love is the gift of Christmas.  
Love! Love! Praise to You, God on high!

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

Lay Reader: God promises forgiveness through Jesus Christ. On this third Sunday of Advent, let us approach God in humility and faith.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Eternal God, John the Baptist prepares the way by calling upon us to repent. We have failed to share as we should. We have failed to honor the poor and the oppressed. We have failed to bear fruit worthy of your salvation. Have mercy upon us, God. Heal and forgive us so we can welcome Christ with pure and genuine hearts. Amen.

**KYRIE ELEISON: "Lord, Have Mercy"**

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

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Isaiah 12:3-4)**

Lay Reader: With joy, let us draw water from the springs of salvation. Give thanks to the Lord! Call on God's name.

**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**

**Young Ju Oh**

### **Oh Holy Night (Adolphe Charles Adams)**

**O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining  
It is the night of the dear Savior's birth  
Long lay the world in sin and error pining  
Till He appeared and the Spirit felt its worth  
A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices  
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn  
Fall on your knees! Oh, hear the angel voices!  
O night divine, the night when Christ was born  
O night, O Holy Night, O night divine!  
O night, O Holy Night, O night divine!**

**Led by the light of faith serenely beaming  
With glowing hearts by His cradle we stand  
O'er the world a star is sweetly gleaming  
Now come the wisemen from out of the Orient land  
The King of kings lay thus lowly manger  
In all our trials born to be our friends  
He knows our need, our weakness is no stranger  
Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!  
Behold your King! Before him lowly bend!**

**Truly He taught us to love one another  
His law is love and His gospel is peace  
Chains he shall break, for the slave is our brother  
And in his name all oppression shall cease  
Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we  
With all our hearts we praise His holy name  
Christ is the Lord! Then ever, ever praise we  
His power and glory ever more proclaim!  
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**CHILDRENS SERMON**

**Rose VonTungeln**

## SCRIPTURE READINGS

Logan Mosley

### FIRST READING:

#### PSALM 22:6-10

6 But I am a worm and not a man, A reproach of men and despised by the people. 7 All who see me sneer at me; They separate with the lip, they wag the head, saying, 8 “Commit yourself to the LORD; let Him deliver him; Let Him rescue him, because He delights in him.” 9 Yet You are He who brought me forth from the womb; You made me trust when upon my mother’s breasts. 10 Upon You I was cast from birth; You have been my God from my mother’s womb.

### SECOND READING:

#### Mark 10:43-45 43

43“But it is not this way among you, but whoever wishes to become great among you shall be your servant; 44 and whoever wishes to be first among you shall be slave of all. 45 “For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many.”

### THIRD READING:

#### Philippians 2:5-8

5 Have this attitude in yourselves which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, although He existed in the form of God, did not regard equality with God a thing to be grasped, 7 but emptied Himself, taking the form of a bond-servant, and being made in the likeness of men. 8 Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

*True Meaning of the Christmas Story*

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

### **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(From the "Book of Common Worship")

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

**HYMN # 134**

### **Joy to the world, the Lord is come!**

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!  
Let earth receive her king;  
let every heart prepare him room,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven and nature sing,  
and heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!  
Let all their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat the sounding joy,  
repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sins and sorrows grow,  
nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow  
far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found,  
far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace,  
and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love,  
and wonders, wonders of his love.**

**CALL TO OFFERTORY**

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**\*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**

**FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD**

**CLOSING HYMN # 147**

**The First Noel, The Angel Did Say**

(Verses 1, 2, & 6 only)

The first Nowell the angel did say  
was to certain poor shepherds in fields as they lay,  
in fields where they lay keeping their sheep,  
on a cold winter's night that was so deep.

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

They looked up and saw a star  
shining in the east beyond them far;  
and to the earth it gave great light,  
and so it continued both day and night.

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

Then let us all with one accord  
sing praises to our heavenly Lord,  
that hath made heaven and earth of nought,  
and with his blood our life hath bought.

Refrain:

Nowell, Nowell, Nowell, Nowell,  
born is the King of Israel.

**\*CHARGE AND BLESSING**

**\*\*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**

*Dominik Munn  
Bernice Lackey  
Emil & Carol Brown*

*Sydney Hayes  
Hester Insley  
Karen Perdue*

**FRIENDS AND RELATIVES**

<u>Name</u>		<u>Name</u>	
<i>Dr. Laura Festa</i>	<i>Wife of former pastor, Dr. Dan Festa</i>	<i>Ryker Cheek</i>	<i>Nephew of Bubba VonTungeln</i>
<i>Scott McGeorge</i>	<i>Friend of Lawrence Fikes</i>	<i>Anita Rodriguez</i>	<i>Daughter of Mary Light</i>
<i>Rebecca and Earl Phillips</i>	<i>Friends of Karen Perdue</i>	<i>Jorga Walker</i>	<i>Wife of Donald Walker</i>
<i>Max Zeng</i>	<i>Mike and Lan Kelly's son</i>	<i>Norman McPherson</i>	<i>Friend of the Pam Riegler Family</i>
<i>Luis Sanchez</i>	<i>Father of Lizabeth Sanchez</i>	<i>Haley Chandler</i>	<i>Friend of the Church</i>

***PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:***

*Laotian Ministry, Fort Smith*

*The Office of the General Assembly of the  
PC(USA)*

***PLEASE PRAY FOR 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.***



**Christmas Poinsettias**

<u>Name</u>	<u>In Honor of..</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>In Honor of..</u>
<i>Jay &amp; Kay Cromwell</i>	<i>The Mosley &amp; Cosner Families</i>	<i>Danny &amp; Nina Reeves</i>	<i>For the Glory of God</i>
<u>Name</u>	<u>In Memory of..</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>In Memory of..</u>
<i>George, Denise, Weston, Logan, &amp; Allison Mosley</i>	<i>Franklin &amp; Barbara Simpson, Billy Mosley, Ricklyn Chadwick</i>	<i>Zachary, Laura, &amp; Langston Cosner</i>	<i>Danleigh Joyce Cosner, Cathy Cosner, John &amp; Janet Reeves, Bradley VonTungeln</i>
<i>Lynda Vick &amp; Family</i>	<i>Earl W. Vick, Nell &amp; Leon Horne</i>	<i>Jay &amp; Kay Cromwell</i>	<i>Lurline Elam</i>
<i>Pam Riegler &amp; The Munn Family</i>	<i>Mother &amp; Father, Kenneth &amp; JoAnne Cresswell</i>	<i>Rose &amp; Suzy VonTungeln</i>	<i>Billy, Nancy &amp; Bradley VonTungeln</i>
<i>Erin Shaw</i>	<i>Ruby Carey</i>		

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

Next Sunday, December 19<sup>th</sup>, we will hold our annual Christmas Cantata, O Come Let Us Adore Him! Make sure to bring a friend for this holiday performance!

We will be holding our monthly Fellowship Luncheon following the Cantata next Sunday. We will also be holding a short Session Meeting following the Fellowship Luncheon.

The women of the church will be holding a Christmas gathering at the home of Kay Cromwell on Sunday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> at 3pm. We will be celebrating the holiday and those who participated in our Secret Pal program will reveal themselves. All women of the church are invited to attend.

We will be collecting the Christmas Joy offering on Sunday Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. This Offering addresses the support needed by some of our leaders, including supporting leadership development for communities of color, and providing support for Presbyterian church workers in their time of need.

Tuesday, Dec. 21st at 7 p.m. we will be having a Blue Christmas Service. This is a service of remembrance for those who are dealing with loss of loved ones or those who are experiencing grief during this season.

This Christmas Eve we will be having our Candlelight Service at 5pm.

Special Thanks to Dominik Munn for helping out in our sound booth this Sunday!

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

Sunday School starts at 9:50am every Sunday Morning. Please join us for this time of learning!

You can catch live broadcasts of our services or watch them after the fact on our Facebook page! Find the link on our website, [CentralPresPB.com](http://CentralPresPB.com)

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### Session

#### Class of 2021

Laura Cosner

Denise Mosley

Suzy VonTungeln

Jemmie Mosley

#### Class of 2022

Zachary Cosner (Clerk)

George Mosley

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