



**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas**  
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**Sunday, December 19, 2021**  
**4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**



**Welcome to the Central Presbyterian Church Cantata**



## **A MUSICAL FOR CHRISTMAS** **(O Come, Let Us Adore Him)**

### **Choir**

**Soprano:**  
**Laura Cosner, Denise**  
**Mosley, Jessica Munn,**  
**Young Ju Oh, Pamela**  
**Riegler, & Rose**  
**VonTunglen**

**Alto: Betty Coles & Suzy**  
**VonTunglen**

**Tenor:**  
**Jai Kwak**

**Soloist:**  
**Laura Cosner, Denise**  
**Moseley, Jessica Munn**  
**& Young Ju Oh**

**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**

**Kay Cromwell & Langston Cosner**

**(Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love)**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)**

**(Luke 1, Micah 5)**

Leader: "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior."

**People: With Mary, our spirits rejoice and we sing God's praise.**

Leader: God has done great things for us!

**People: God's love is heralded in the promise of Christ.**

Leader: Holy is God's name!

**People: God's promises are fulfilled in the coming of Christ.**

Leader: God's mercy extends from generation to generation.

**People: God's salvation is offered in the gift of Christ.**

Leader: Let us honor God with our worship this fourth Sunday of Advent.

**OPENING PRAYER**

**Rev. Jai Kwak**

**\*OPENING HYMN #82**

**Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus**

**1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus,  
born to set thy people free;  
from our fears and sins release us;  
let us find our rest in thee.  
Israel's strength and consolation,  
hope of all the earth thou art;  
dear desire of every nation,  
joy of every longing heart.**

**2 Born thy people to deliver,  
born a child and yet a king,  
born to reign in us forever,  
now thy gracious kingdom bring.  
By thine own eternal Spirit  
rule in all our hearts alone;  
by thine all-sufficient merit  
raise us to thy glorious throne.**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

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

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Soon we will celebrate the Prince of Peace, but we are not a people at peace. We glorify violence and dismiss the pacifist as weak. We dominate and demean in our conversations and relationships. We wage war with our enemies and invest in self-defense without careful regard of the consequences or exhausting non-violent strategies. Lord, forgive us. Help us work towards your peaceable kingdom, where swords will be beaten into plowshares and spears into pruning hooks. Amen.**

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

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

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Micah 5:4-5)**

Lay Reader: "And he will stand and feed his flock in the strength of the Lord ... And they shall live secure, for now, he shall be great to the ends of the earth, and he shall be the one of peace." In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**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**

**MINUTE FOR MISSION**

**CHILDRENS SERMON**

**Rose VonTungeln**

**CHRISTMAS CANTATA**



## O Come, Let Us Adore Him

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#### 1. Let Us Adore Him Medley

Joy to the world! The Lord is come.  
Let earth receive her king;  
Let every heart prepare Him room,  
And Heav'n and nature sing. (3X)

Joy, unspeakable joy!  
An over flowing well,  
Not tongue can tell  
Joy, unspeakable joy!  
Rises in my soul, never lets me go!

O come all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant,  
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem! Come and behold him,  
Born the King of angels! O come let us adore Him  
O come let us adore Him, O come let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!

Joy to the world! The savior reigns; Let men their songs employ;  
While fields and flood, rocks, hills, and plains  
Repeat the sounding joy, Repeat the sounding joy,  
Repeat, Repeat the sounding joy.

Joy, unspeakable joy!  
An over flowing well,  
Not tongue can tell  
Joy, unspeakable joy!  
Rises in my soul, never lets me go!  
Joy! Unspeakable joy! Unspeakable joy! Unspeakable joy!

#### Narration

The joy that is in our heart cannot be contained, for, once again, we celebrate the birth of our Savior and Redeemer, Christ the Lord! Since the night Jesus was born in the tiny town of Bethlehem, overwhelming joy has reverberated in the souls of countless people. It began with Mary and Joseph as they knelt beside the manger bed of their newborn Son. It echoed in the voices of angels and they sang over a gathering of unsuspecting shepherds on the hillsides of Judea. This angelic proclamation of good news and great joy is rising out still today: "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and on earth peace to those on whom His favor rest" (Luke 2:14)



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**2. He Has Come For Us (God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen)**

**God rest ye merry, gentlemen  
Let nothing you dismay  
Remember, Christ, our Saviour  
Was born on Christmas day  
To save us all from Satan's power  
When we were gone astray  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy**

**He has come for us, this Jesus,  
He's the hope for all mankind.  
He has come for us, the Messiah, born to give us life**

**From God our Heavenly Father  
A blessed Angel came;  
And unto certain Shepherds  
Brought tidings of the same:  
How that in Bethlehem was born  
The Son of God by Name.  
O tidings of comfort and joy,  
Comfort and joy  
O tidings of comfort and joy**

**He has come for us, this Jesus,  
He's the hope for all mankind.  
He has come for us, the Messiah, born to give us life**

**All the angels sing, "Hallelujah!  
Jesus Christ is born!  
All the angels sing Hallelujah  
Jesus Christ is Lord (2X)**

**He has come for us, this Jesus,  
He's the hope for all mankind.  
He has come for us, the Messiah, born to give us life  
Born to give us life!**

**Narration**

**There, in the cool of the night time air – lit by the celestial glow of an eastern star – Mary gently rocked her precious Baby Jesus in her arms. She could not take her eyes of the one the angel had promised to her so many months before. The occasional gentle lowing of cattle served as a lullaby for the holy child, as Mary swaddled Him in cloth and placed Him on a bed of hay in a meager feeding trough. The world in solemn stillness lay as Mary, Joseph, and a few wide-eyed shepherds bowed before the infant King. This rugged stable for animals become a sanctuary of worship and adoration.**



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**3. The Manger Song (Heaven's Baby)**

**Cavern dark damp and cold  
Not a pretty place for a Baby  
Friendless night far from home  
Not the kind of place to have this Baby**

**Shadows in the moonlight  
Sweep across the hillsides  
Summoned by angels  
A star and a song**

**Shepherds kings and wise men  
Journey past their doubting,  
Led by faith and a longing of the heart**

**Cavern dark warmed by love,  
You light up the world with your baby  
Heaven's child sleeping sound  
While the whole world gathers around this baby**

**Lord we too adore you; we bow with praise before you  
Make yourself at home, Lord, in the manger of our hearts.  
Bethlehem is calling from a cavern small and lowly**

**We'll reach it by your grace, with faith we make our start**

**Cavern dark, lit with hope,  
What a perfect place to meet my Savior  
Here with you, may we ever live  
Looking in the face of heaven's baby**

**Narration**

**Just like those who knelt beside the manger in Bethlehem, we gather now to remember the story and to be filled with joy, hope, and wonder. Like the shepherd's, we make the journey in our hearts to worship the Baby, but we don't have much to offer to heaven's King. And so, we bring what we do have, no matter how unfitting it may seem. Unworthy of such matchless and measureless love, we bow before our long-awaited Emmanuel, and offer our lives as a sacrifice of praise.**



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**4. Adore**

**You stepped down from heaven, humbly you came  
God of all creation here with us  
In a starlit manger, Emmanuel  
Light of the world here to save.**

**Adore, come let us adore  
O come let us adore him  
The Lord, worship Christ the Lord  
Let all that is within us adore.**

**Wise men bring their treasure  
Shepherds bow low  
Angel voices sing of peace on earth  
What have I to offer  
To heaven's King  
I will bring my love, my life, my all!**

**Adore, come let us adore  
O come let us adore him.  
The Lord, worship Christ the Lord  
Let all that is within us adore.**

**Angels sing, praises ring to the new born king  
Peace on earth, here with us, joy awakening  
At Your feet we fall.**

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The Lord, worship Christ the Lord  
Let all that is within us adore.**

**Adore! Adore! Let us adore!**

**Narration**

**Let our sounding joy repeat that all the world may hear! Let the songs of angels and shepherds ring out over the hills and everywhere! May every heart and every home prepare Him room! O come, let us adore Him – Jesus Christ, the newborn King!**



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**5. Let Us Adore Him Finale**

*No more let sin 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.*

**Joy, unspeakable joy!  
An overflowing well,  
No tongue can tell!  
Joy, unspeakable joy rises in my soul,  
Never lets me go!**

**Yea, Lord, we greet Thee,  
Born this happy morning;  
Jesus, to Thee be all glory giv'n;  
Word of the Father,  
Now in the flesh appearing!  
O come, let us adore Him, O come, let us adore Him,  
O come, let us adore Him, Christ the Lord!**

**He rules the worlds 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.**

**Joy, unspeakable joy!  
An overflowing well,  
No tongue can tell!  
Joy, unspeakable joy rises in my soul,  
Never lets me go!**

**Joy! Unspeakable joy!  
Unspeakable joy!  
Unspeakable joy!**

## **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

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

(From the "Book of Common Worship")

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him, all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him, all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him, God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. Amen.

**HYMN # 145**

### **What Child Is This**

1 What child is this, who, laid to rest, on Mary's lap is sleeping?  
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet while shepherds watch are keeping?  
This, this is Christ the King, whom shepherds guard and angels sing;  
haste, haste to bring him laud, the babe, the son of Mary!

2 Why lies he in such mean estate where ox and ass are feeding?  
Good Christian, fear; for sinners here the silent Word is pleading.  
Nails, spear, shall pierce him through; the cross be borne for me, for you.  
Hail, hail, the Word made flesh, the babe, the son of Mary!

3 So bring him incense, gold, and myrrh; come, one and all, to own him.  
The King of kings salvation brings; let loving hearts enthrone him.  
Raise, raise the song on high. The virgin sings her lullaby.  
Joy, joy, for Christ is born, the babe, the son of Mary!

**CALL TO OFFERTORY**

**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 DEDICATION**

**PRESENTATION OF THE BIBLES** (in recognition of Baptism and Confirmation)

**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 # 119    Hark! The Herald Angel Sing**

1 Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn king.  
Peace on earth and mercy mild,  
God and sinners reconciled!”  
Joyful, all ye nations, rise;  
join the triumph of the skies;  
with the angelic host proclaim,  
“Christ is born in Bethlehem!”

Refrain:

Hark! The herald angels sing,  
“Glory to the newborn king!”

2 Christ, by highest heaven adored,  
Christ, the everlasting Lord,  
late in time behold him come,  
offspring of the virgin’s womb.  
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see;  
hail the incarnate deity,  
pleased in flesh with us to dwell,  
Jesus, our Emmanuel.

[Refrain]

3 Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!  
Hail the sun of righteousness!  
Light and life to all he brings,  
risen with healing in his wings.  
Mild he lays his glory by,  
born that we no more may die,  
born to raise us from the earth,  
born to give us second birth.

[Refrain]

**\*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**

<i>Dominik Munn</i>	<i>Sydney Hayes</i>
<i>Bernice Lackey</i>	<i>Hester Insley</i>
<i>Emil &amp; Carol Brown</i>	<i>Karen Perdue</i>

**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:***

*Memorial Church, Atkins*

*First, Walnut Ridge*

***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.***

# Announcements

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 2021**

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Zachary Cosner (Clerk)

George Mosley

Danny Reeves

**Standing Committee Moderators:**

Zac Cosner - Budget & Finance

Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education

Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach

We will be holding our monthly Fellowship Luncheon following the Cantata TODAY. 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 TODAY 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 TODAY. 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.

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!