



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Second Sunday of Advent

December 5, 2021

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)

Cosner Family

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Lay Reader: A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

People: Make God's paths straight.

Lay Reader: Every valley will be filled, and every mountain will be leveled.

People: The crooked will be made straight.

Lay Reader: The rough and rocky ways will be smoothed.

People: All will see the salvation of God.

Lay Reader: See the light from on high. The dawn is breaking.

People: The Lord is coming! The Lord is coming!

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

Lay Reader: God calls us to "prepare the way of the Lord" and in order to do so we are to "make his paths straight." While we do strive to do just these things, we often find curves and bumps in the road along the way. Let us confess our sin together so that God can help us continue to prepare the way going forward.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and righteous God, far too often we are a far cry from the holiness you invite us into. And often we fail to live up to your righteous standards for how we are called to live. Refine us with your righteous refiner's fire to remove all our sinful impulses and impurities. Cleanse us with the fullers' soap to make us pure and holy once again. Help us to live in a way that would be pleasing to you, our Lord. (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: We are not perfect, but we do not need to be. God in Christ is! And God in Christ has taken care of us and this world once again: "Every valley shall be filled ... and the rough ways made smooth." In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and freed! May your ears hear this good news, and your eyes see the salvation of God!

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

**“Why We Sing”
(Greg Gilpin)**

**A sound of hope, a sound of peace,
a sound that celebrates and speaks what we believe.**

**A sound of love, a sound so strong,
it’s amazing what is given when we share a song.**

**This is why we sing, why we lift our voice,
why we stand as one in harmony!**

**This is why we sing, why we lift our voice,
take my hand and sing with me!**

**Sooth a soul, mend a heart,
bring together lives that have been torn apart.**

**Share the joy, find a friend,
it’s a never – ending gift that circles back again.**

**This is why we sing, why we lift our voice,
why we stand as one in harmony!**

This is why we sing, why we lift our voice, take my hand and sing with me!

Music builds a ridge, it can tear down a wall!

Music is a language, that can speak to one and all!

**This is why we sing, why we lift our voice,
why we stand as one in harmony!**

**This is why we sing, why we lift our voice,
take my hand and sing with me!**

This is why we sing, we sing, WE SING!

CHILDRENS SERMON

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 7:11-17

Laura Cosner

The Holy Bible: English Standard Version. (2016).

Wheaton, IL: Crossway Bibles.11 Soon afterward he went to a town called Nain, and his disciples and a great crowd went with him. 12 As he drew near to the gate of the town, behold, a man who had died was being carried out, the only son of his mother, and she was a widow, and a considerable crowd from the town was with her. 13 And when the Lord saw her, he had compassion on her and said to her, “Do not weep.” 14 Then he came up and touched the bier, and the bearers stood still. And he said, “Young man, I say to you, arise.” 15 And the dead man sat up and began to speak, and Jesus gave him to his mother. 16 Fear seized them all, and they glorified God, saying, “A great prophet has arisen among us!” and “God has visited his people!” 17 And this report about him spread through the whole of Judea and all the surrounding country.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“Jesus is Coming”

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(from The Heidelberg Catechism)

Pastor: Why do you say that you are righteous by faith alone?

People: Not because I please God by virtue of the worthiness of my faith, but because the satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ alone are my righteousness before God, and because I can accept it and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone.

Amen!

HYMN # 88

O come, O come, Emmanuel

**1 O come, O come, Emmanuel,
and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here
until the Son of God appear.**

Refrain:

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
shall come to thee, O Israel.**

**2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high,
who orderest all things mightily:
to us the path of knowledge show;
and teach us in her ways to go.**

[Refrain]

**3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might,
who to thy tribes on Sinai's height
in ancient times didst give the law
in cloud and majesty and awe.**

[Refrain]

**4 O come, thou Root of Jesse, free
thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save
and give them victory o'er the grave.**

[Refrain]

**5 O come, thou Key of David, come,
and open wide our heavenly home;
make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery.**

[Refrain]

**6 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer
our spirits by thine advent here;
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,
and death's dark shadows put to flight.**

[Refrain]

**7 O come, Desire of nations, bind
all peoples in one heart and mind;
bid envy, strife, and discord cease;
fill the whole world with heaven's peace.**

[Refrain]

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 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 THE LORD'S PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

CLOSING HYMN # 738 O Master, let me walk with thee

1 O Master, let me walk with thee
in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear
the strain of toil, the fret of care.

2 Help me the slow of heart to move
by some clear, winning word of love;
teach me the wayward feet to stay,
and guide them in the homeward way.

3 Teach me thy patience, still with thee
in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong,
in trust that triumphs over wrong.

4 In hope that sends a shining ray
far down the future's broadening way;
in peace that only thou canst give,
with thee, O Master, let me live.

***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

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:**

Mountainburg Church, Mountainburg

Active and Retired Ministers

**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

Order forms for Christmas Poinsettias are available from the church office and are due Today.

TODAY at 5:00 p.m. will be the annual Moravian love feast.

December 19th will be the annual Christmas Cantata!

December 21st at 7 p.m. we will be having a Blue Christmas Service.

Christmas Eve we will be having our Candlelight Service.

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.

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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