



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, January 23, 2022
Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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 CONFESSION

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive) Psalm 19

Lay Reader: The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul, making wise the simple.

People: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart, enlightening the eyes.

Lay Reader: The ordinances of the Lord are to be more desired than gold.

People: They are sweeter than honey, the drippings of the honeycomb.

Lay Reader: Let the words of our mouths and the meditations of all of our hearts be acceptable to you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer.

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jai Kwak

***OPENING HYMN # 35**

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

**1 Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near;
join me in glad adoration!**

**2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth!
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
granted in what he ordaineth?**

**3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again;
gladly for aye we adore him.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lay Reader: In this season of Epiphany, we are reminded that our God is constantly revealing God's self to us, that we may see and know our Creator. Let us honor and accept this gift by opening our whole hearts through confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Based on Luke 4:14-21)

Christ, you came to share the good news with the poor and oppressed. You came to release the captives and grant sight to the blind. We, like the crowds that surrounded you at the beginning of your ministry, are fickle. We praise you when your words comfort us and deny your good news means that we need to sacrifice something. Forgive us, God, for our wayward and fleeting love. We are blind to the true implications of your gospel. Help us to see that we may join in your proclamation of good news. Time for silent prayer and reflection. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON: "Lord, Have Mercy"

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON (Based on Romans 8:34, 2 Corinthians 5:17)

Who is in a position to condemn? Only Christ, and Christ died for us, Christ rose for us, Christ reigns in power for us, and Christ prays for us. In Christ, you are forgiven; you are beloved; you are seen. Hold on to this truth.

***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

Young Ju Oh, Piano/Organ

10,000 Reasons

**CHORUS: Bless the Lord oh my soul, oh my soul
Worship His Holy name
Sing like never before, oh my soul
I'll worship Your Holy name**

**VERSE 1: The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes**

**VERSE 2: You're rich in love and You're slow to anger
Your name is great and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find**

**VERSE 3: And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore**

CHILDRENS SERMON

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE READING: Genesis 1:1-3

Laura Cosner

- 1 In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth.**
- 2 The earth was formless and void, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was moving over the surface of the waters.**
- 3 Then God said, "Let there be light"; and there was light.**

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

***Formless, Void and Darkness
(Genesis Revisited Sermon Series I)***

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (Nicene Creed)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him, all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day, he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

HYMN # 625

O Lord My God

**1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

**Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!**

**2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur
and hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze: [Refrain]**

**3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin: [Refrain]**

**4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then I shall bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim, "My God, how great thou art!" [Refrain]**

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 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 # 724

O Jesus, I have Promised

**1 O Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me,
my Master and my friend;
I shall not fear the battle
if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway
if thou wilt be my guide.**

**2 O let me feel thee near me!
The world is ever near:
I see the sights that dazzle;
the tempting sounds I hear.
My foes are ever near me,
around me and within;
but, Jesus, draw thou nearer
and shield my soul from sin.**

**3 O let me hear thee speaking
in accents clear and still,
above the storms of passion,
the murmurs of self-will;
O speak to reassure me,
to hasten or control;
O speak, and make me listen,
thou guardian of my soul.**

4 O Jesus, thou hast promised
to all who follow thee
that where thou art in glory
there shall thy servant be.
And, Jesus, I have promised
to serve thee to the end;
O give me grace to follow,
my Master and my friend.

***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 & Carol Brown</i>	<i>Karen Perdue</i>
	<i>Jemmie Moseley</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:

First, Benton

Active Ruling Elders

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.

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, January 30th we will be having a Blue Moon Bingo Dinner! We encourage everyone to bring Soup, Chili, and Sandwich Fixings and a \$5 gift for our Bingo Game! A Signup Sheet is in McElyea Hall.

Sunday February 13th we will be collecting for Souper Bowl of Caring. All donations go to Neighbor to Neighbor of Pine Bluff.

Sunday February 13th we will also be having the Valentine's Banquet following worship followed by our monthly Session Meeting. This will replace February's 3rd Sunday Fellowship Luncheon.

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

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