



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, March 13, 2022
Second Sunday of Lent

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 (From Psalm 27:1)

Lay Reader: The Lord is my light and my salvation;

People: Whom shall I fear?

Lay Reader: The Lord is the stronghold of my life;

People: Of whom shall I be afraid?

Lay Reader: Come, seek God in this time of worship.

***OPENING HYMN # 14 For the Beauty of the Earth**
(Verses 1,2 & 5)

**1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:**

**Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**2 For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale, and tree and flower,
sun and moon, and stars of light: [Refrain]**

**3 For the joy of ear and eye,
for the heart and mind's delight,
for the mystic harmony
linking sense to sound and sight: [Refrain]**

**4 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild: [Refrain]**

**5 For thyself, best gift divine
to the world so freely given;
for that great, great love of thine,
peace on earth and joy in heaven: [Refrain]**

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jai Kwak

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lay Reader: When we cry to God in prayer and confession, God hears. Let us approach God's throne of grace with confidence and faith.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, as enemies circle and fear grows large, the distance between us feels like absence and we come to believe you are hidden and concealed. Forgive our doubt. Forgive our lack of spiritual seeking. Forgive us when we make our faith all about what you might do for us rather than how we might serve you and work at right relationship with you. (Silent prayer) Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON: "Lord, Have Mercy"

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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The Lord does not forsake us in our times of trial. Our God is a gracious God, abounding in steadfast love. Know that in Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and be at peace. 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

Young Ju Oh, Piano/Organ

Grace Greater Than Our Sin

1 Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt!
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilled.

(Refrain)

Chorus Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace,
Grace that is greater than all our sin.

2 Dark is the stain that we cannot hide.
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! There is flowing a crimson tide,
Brighter than snow you may be today.

3 Marvelous, infinite, matchless grace,
Freely bestowed on all who believe!
You that are longing to see His face,
Will you this moment His grace receives?

CHILDRENS SERMON

Rose VonTungeln

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING: 2 Corinthians 12:7-9

7 Because of the surpassing greatness of the revelations, for this reason, to keep me from exalting myself, there was given me a thorn in the flesh, a messenger of Satan to torment me—to keep me from exalting myself! 8 Concerning this I implored the Lord three times that it might leave me. 9 And He has said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for power is perfected in weakness.” Most gladly, therefore, I will rather boast about my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may dwell in me.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 5:6-8

6 For while we were still helpless, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. 7 For one will hardly die for a righteous man; though perhaps for the good man someone would dare even to die. 8 But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING: 8:31-35

31 What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not spare His own Son, but delivered Him over for us all, how will He not also with Him freely give us all things? 33 Who will bring a charge against God's elect? God is the one who justifies; 34 who is the one who condemns? Christ Jesus is He who died, yes, rather who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who also intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

When I am Weak, then I am Strong

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN # 735

I Need Thee Every Hour

**1 I need thee every hour,
most gracious Lord;
no tender voice like thine
can peace afford.**

Refrain:

**I need thee, O I need thee,
every hour I need thee!
O bless me now, my Savior--
I come to thee!**

**2 I need thee every hour;
stay thou near by;
temptations lose their power
when thou art nigh. [Refrain]**

**3 I need thee every hour;
teach me thy will,
and thy rich promises
in me fulfill. [Refrain]**

**4 I need thee every hour,
Most Holy One;
O make me thine indeed,
thou blessed Son. [Refrain]**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from A Brief Statement of Faith)**

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community.

But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation.

Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.

In everlasting love,

the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry,

God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,

like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

(Amen)

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 # 816 If Thou but 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.

***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.***

Lay Reader: Elder Denise Moseley

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>
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<i>Rebecca and Earl Phillips</i>	<i>Friends of Karen Perdue</i>	<i>Jorga Walker</i>	<i>Wife of Donald Walker</i>
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<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:

<i>Directors of Children's Programs</i>	<i>First, Mena</i>
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***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

There are updated Giving Statements in the church office. You may pick them up after worship.

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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