



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, August 28, 2022
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

(Light Bearers: Langston Cosner & Skarlett Munn)

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUALS OF FRIENDSHIP

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP

Denise: From daily worries that distract and distort your life-giving path

People: gather us, O God.

Denise: From suffering that overwhelms and weighs heavy on our hearts,

People: gather us, O God

Denise: From temptations to escape through worldly addictions and comforts,

People: gather us, O God.

Denise: We choose you and Christ's way. Help us attend to your presence with us
in worship.

People: Let us worship God.

***OPENING HYMN # 33. Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show**

**1 Praise the Lord! God's glories show, Alleluia!
saints within God's courts below, Alleluia!
angels round the throne above, Alleluia!
all who see and share God's love. Alleluia!**

**2 Earth to heaven exalt the strain, Alleluia!
Send it, heaven, to earth again, Alleluia!
Age to age, God's mercies trace, Alleluia!**

**Praise God's providence and grace! Alleluia!
3 Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia!
in the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia!
All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia!
singing praise forevermore, Alleluia!**

***OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Jai Kwak

CALL TO CONFESSION

The path of faithfulness is oftentimes difficult and full of obstacles of our own making. Let us humbly approach the God who calls and creates, confessing the sins that turn us away from new life in Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, you formed us from the dust of the earth and breathed life into our bodies. Yet we take these lives for granted, choosing destructive paths and unhealthy habits. We turn to idols that addict and enslave, instead of the liberating resources Christ provides. Forgive our foolishness, God our Redeemer, and grant us the wisdom to follow you in faith. (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 (Isaiah 43:1)

Our God, who restores and resurrects, grants us new life in Jesus Christ. Know that you are forgiven and live fully in joyful freedom. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Hymnal #581

"Glory Be to the Father"

**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.**

ANTHEM

Lift Every Voice and Sing

Piano/Organ: Young Ju Oh

Lift every voice and sing Till earth and heaven ring
Ring with the harmonies of Liberty Let our rejoicing rise High as the
listening skies Let it resound loud as the rolling sea

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us
Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us
Facing the rising sun of our new day begun
Let us march on till victory is won

Stony the road we trod Bitter the chastening rod
Felt in the days when hope unborn had died Yet with a steady beat Have
not our weary feet Come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered
We have come, treading our path through the blood of the slaughtered
Out from the gloomy past Till now we stand at last
Where the white gleam of our bright star is cast

God of our weary years God of our silent tears Thou who has brought
us thus far on the way Thou who has by Thy might Led us into the light
Keep us forever in the path, we pray

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met Thee
Lest, our hearts drunk with the wine of the world, we forget Thee
Shadowed beneath Thy hand May we forever stand True to our God
True to our native land

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S SERMON

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Laura Cosner

Luke 4:31-35 (NASB95)

31 And He came down to Capernaum, a city of Galilee, and He was teaching
them on the Sabbath; 32 and they were amazed at His teaching, for His
message was with authority. 33 In the synagogue there was a man possessed
by the spirit of an unclean demon, and he cried out with a loud voice, 34 "Let
us alone! What business do we have with each other, Jesus of Nazareth?
Have You come to destroy us? I know who You are—the Holy One of God!"

35 But Jesus rebuked him, saying, “Be quiet and come out of him!” And when the demon had thrown him down in the midst of the people, he came out of him without doing him any harm.

Romans 5:1–5 (NASB95)

¹Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ²through whom also we have obtained our introduction by faith into this grace in which we stand; and we exult in hope of the glory of God. ³And not only this, but we also exult in our tribulations, knowing that tribulation brings about perseverance; ⁴and perseverance, proven character; and proven character, hope; ⁵and hope does not disappoint, because the love of God has been poured out within our hearts through the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

2 Timothy 3:1–5 (NASB95)

¹But realize this, that in the last days difficult times will come. ²For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, ⁴treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power; Avoid such men as these.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

“The Devil Goes to Church”

Rev. Jai Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN

69 I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

**1. I, the Lord of sea and sky I have heard my people cry
All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save
I, who made the stars of night I will make their darkness bright
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

[Chorus]

**Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you calling in the night
I will go, Lord, if you lead me I will hold your people in my heart**

**2. I, the Lord of snow and rain I have borne my people's pain
I have wept for love of them They turn away I will break their hearts of
stone Give them hearts for love alone I will speak my words to them
Whom shall I send?**

**3. I, the Lord of wind and flame I will tend the poor and lame
I will set a feast for them My hand will save. Finest bread I will provide
'Til their hearts be satisfied I will give my life to them
Whom shall I send?**

***Affirmation of Faith (*From A Brief Statement of Faith*)**

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Rev. Jai Kwak

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY**

Hymnal #606

"Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow"

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 # 765 May the God of Hope Go with Us

May the God of hope go with us every day, filling all our lives with love and joy and peace. May the God of justice speed us on our way, bringing light and hope to every land and race.

Praying, let us work for peace; singing, share our joy with all; working for a world that's new, faithful when we hear Christ's call.

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.***

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

added or removed from the prayer concerns list, please let the Office know.

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Session

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Zachary Cosner (Clerk)	Laura Cosner
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Standing Committee Moderators:

Zac Cosner - Budget & Finance
 Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education
 Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach

For Information on the PC(USA) Disaster Assistance's response to the crisis in Ukraine please head to our website, CentralPresPB.com, or <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/ukraine/>

We are proud to announce that Central (with support from Presbytery) will hold a series of Community events in the following months. As God is committed to His people, we are committed to our community for the good news of Jesus Christ.

Work in progress!

The session of the Central is committed to keeping our beautiful place of worship in good condition. Many repairs and updates have been done recently. Yet our doors need a fresh new coat of paint. The session would like to ask the congregation to make a special offering to fund the cost of the painting which is approximately \$2,500.

You can find out more information on what's going on around the church, download old bulletins, tithe online, catch live broadcasts of our services, or watch them after the fact on our

