



**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas**  
**Sunday, October 16, 2022**  
**19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**

**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 121*)

Laura : From where does our help come?

**People: Our help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

Laura : Who keeps us in our going out and our coming in?

**People : The Lord is our keeper.**

Laura : Who is with us always?

**People : The Lord Jesus Christ is with us and for us in all things.**

**\*OPENING HYMN # 81. Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken**

**1 Glorious things of you are spoken, Zion, city of our God;  
he whose word cannot be broken formed you for his own abode.  
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake your sure repose?  
With salvation's walls surrounded, you may smile at all your foes.**

**2 See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,  
well supply your sons and daughters and all fear of want remove.  
Who can faint while such a river ever will their thirst assuage?  
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.**

**3 Round each habitation hov'ring, see the cloud and fire appear  
for a glory and a cov'ring, showing that the Lord is near.  
Thus deriving from their banner light by night and shade by day,  
safe they feed upon the manna which he gives them on their way.**

## **\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Rev. Jai Kwak**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Merciful God, in Jesus, our risen Lord, we have seen your glory. Yet our sinfulness often blocks out the light of Christ. We are quick to accuse and slow to confess. We find faults easily in others while ignoring our own shortcomings. We have squandered your gifts. We have turned from your ways We have ignored your Word. Have mercy on us, compassionate God. Pour out your Holy Spirit on our sinful lives. Wash us with your love and cleanse us with your grace that day by day we might move closer to the people you would us be. (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**

Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."  
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and freed. Amen.

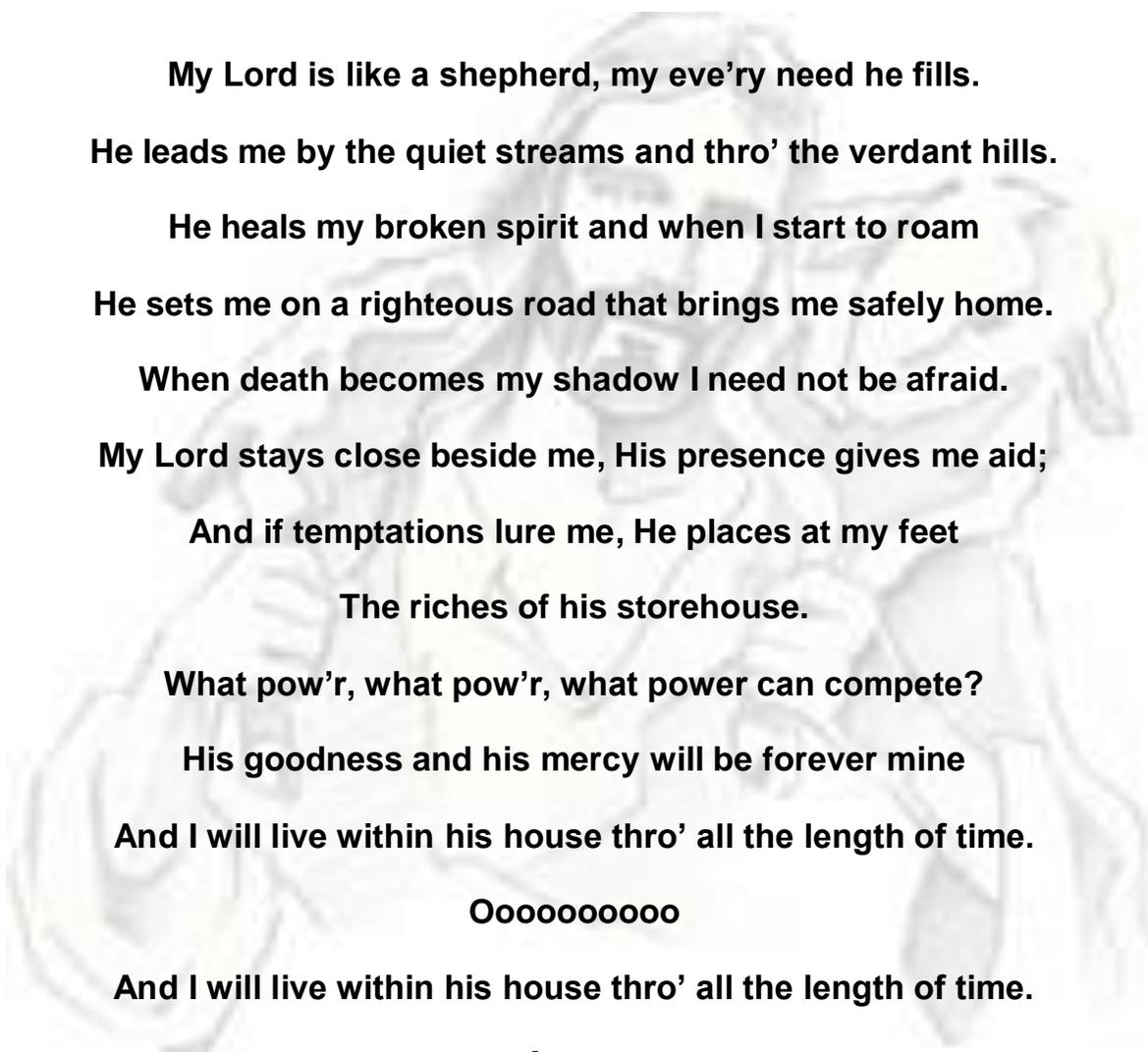
## **\*GLORIA PATRI**

**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.**

**My Lord is Like a Shepherd**



**My Lord is like a shepherd, my eve'ry need he fills.  
He leads me by the quiet streams and thro' the verdant hills.  
He heals my broken spirit and when I start to roam  
He sets me on a righteous road that brings me safely home.  
When death becomes my shadow I need not be afraid.  
My Lord stays close beside me, His presence gives me aid;  
And if temptations lure me, He places at my feet  
The riches of his storehouse.  
What pow'r, what pow'r, what power can compete?  
His goodness and his mercy will be forever mine  
And I will live within his house thro' all the length of time.  
Oooooooooo  
And I will live within his house thro' all the length of time.  
Amen.**

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**CHILDRENS SERMON**

**Rose VonTungeln**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Jessica Munn**

## **Romans 11:1–6 (NASB95)**

**1**I say then, God has not rejected His people, has He? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a descendant of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin. **2**God has not rejected His people whom He foreknew. Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he pleads with God against Israel? **3**“Lord, THEY HAVE KILLED YOUR PROPHETS, THEY HAVE TORN DOWN YOUR ALTARS, AND I ALONE AM LEFT, AND THEY ARE SEEKING MY LIFE.” **4**But what is the divine response to him? “I HAVE KEPT for Myself SEVEN THOUSAND MEN WHO HAVE NOT BOWED THE KNEE TO BAAL.” **5**In the same way then, there has also come to be at the present time a remnant according to God’s gracious choice. **6**But if it is by grace, it is no longer on the basis of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

### **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

**Has God Rejected You?**

**Rev. Jai D. Kwak**

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

#### **HYMN # 314 Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness (Verses 1, 2, & 5)**

**1** Longing for light, we wait in darkness. Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people, light for the world to see.

Refrain)

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

**2** Longing for peace, our world is troubled. Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us. Make us your living voice.

**5** Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.

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

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit  
Who inspired the prophets and apostles  
rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,  
engages us through the Word proclaimed,  
claims us in the waters of baptism,  
feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,  
and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.**

**In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage**

**to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

**In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"**

**CALL FOR THE OFFERING**

**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, # 330. We Are One in the Spirit

(They'll know We Are Christians by Our Love)

1 We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord; And we pray that all unity will one day be restored."

(Refrain) And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love, yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

2. We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand; We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand; And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land. (Refrain)

3. We Will work with each other, we will work side by side; We will work with each other, we will work side by side; And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride. (Refrain)

4. All praise to the Father, from whom all things come; And all praise to Christ Jesus, His only Son. And all praise to the Spirit who makes us one. (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**

*Dominik Munn  
Jemmie Moseley  
Emil & Carol Brown*

*Sydney Hayes  
Hester Insley  
Karen Perdue*

**FRIENDS AND RELATIVES**

<u>Name</u>		<u>Name</u>	
<i>Allie Cooper &amp; Carol Taylor</i>	<i>Friends of Denise Mosley</i>	<i>Rebecca &amp; Earl Phillips</i>	<i>Friends of Karen Perdue</i>
<i>Max Zeng</i>	<i>Mike and Lan Kelly's son</i>	<i>Dr. Laura Festa</i>	<i>Wife of Dr. Dan Festa</i>
<i>Luis Sanchez</i>	<i>Father of Lizabeth Sanchez</i>	<i>Haley Chandler</i>	<i>Friend of the Church</i>
<i>Bernice Collins</i>	<i>Friend of the Church</i>	<i>Pat Mosley</i>	<i>Mother of George Mosley</i>

***PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:***

**First, Eureka Springs**

**Central, Russellville**

***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

For Information on the PC(USA) Disaster Assistance's response to Hurricane Ian please head to our website, CentralPresPB.com, or <https://pda.pcusa.org/situation/hurricane-ian/>

The youth of the church are attending Youthquake this weekend. Please keep them in prayer as they return this afternoon.

**NO POTLUCK LUNCHEON TODAY.** We will be holding our annual Harvest Luncheon on Sunday, October 23rd. This will take the place of our monthly fellowship luncheon for October. Please plan on attending for a time of fellowship.

We will host our annual "Trunk or Treat" on Saturday, Oct 29 at 5:30 PM. The community is invited to attend the event and children are encouraged to wear costumes! Free food, candy, and a bounce house will be provided! We hope to see you there! We are accepting donations of candy if you are unable to participate. Please contact Laura Cosner for details.

Neighbor to Neighbor once again needs our help to assist the community. They are asking us for 120 cans of Cranberry sauce (60 cans by the 1st of November and 60 cans by the 1st of December). And they also ask us to sponsor two children at \$60 each for Christmas gifts.

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 website, CentralPresPB.com

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**Session**

**Class of 2022**

Zachary Cosner  
(Clerk)

Pat Drewett

George Mosley

Danny Reeves

**Class of 2023**

Laura Cosner

Jane Judkins

Denise Mosley

Suzy VonTungeln

**Standing Committee Moderators:**

Zac Cosner - Budget & Finance

Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education

Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach

Danny Reeves - Building & Grounds

Laura Cosner - Worship & Music

Christ beside me. Christ before me.  
Christ behind me. Christ within me.  
Christ beneath me. Christ above me.

Sarah Patrick