



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, December 11, 2022
Third Sunday of Advent

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, JOY) Cosner Family

CALL TO WORSHIP (*Isaiah 35:10*)

Logan : The ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing

People : Everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

Logan : Let us worship our God with joy!

***OPENING HYMN # 93 Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates**

1 Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; behold, the King of glory waits; the King of kings is drawing near; the Savior of the world is here!

2 Fling wide the portals of your heart; make it a temple, set apart from earthly use for heaven's employ, adorned with prayer and love and joy.

3 Redeemer, come! I open wide my heart to thee; here, Lord, abide. Let me thy inner presence feel; thy grace and love in me reveal

***OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Jai Kwak

CALL TO CONFESSION

As we continue to prepare our hearts for the birth of Christ, let us confess the sins that keep us from glorifying and enjoying our God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, our doubt and despair lead us to low and longsuffering places. Our eyes downcast, we find nothing for which to give thanks, we find no reason to rejoice. Yet, you call us to resist the overwhelming forces that drag us down. You call us to rejoice in a babe about to be born. You call us to lift our eyes in hopeful anticipation of your kingdom to come. Forgive us. Help us. Save us. (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

Rev. Jai Kwak

"The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases, his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22-23).
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. 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

Piano/Organ: Young Ju Oh

O Holy Night

**O Holy Night! The stars are brightly shining It is the night of
the dear Savior's birth!**

**Long lay the world in sin and error pining
Till he appear'd and the soul felt its worth.**

**A thrill of hope the weary soul rejoices
For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!**

**Fall on your knees Oh hear the angel voices Oh night divine
Oh night when Christ was born Oh night divine
Oh night divine**

**Truly He taught us to love one another His law is love and His gospel is peace
Chains shall He break for the slave is our brother
And in His name all oppression shall cease Sweet hymns
of joy in grateful chorus raise we,
Let all within us praise His holy name**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDRENS SERMON

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE READING

Denise Mosley

Luke 2:1–12 (NASB95)

1 Now in those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus, that a census be taken of all the inhabited earth. 2 This was the first census taken while Quirinius was governor of Syria. 3 And everyone was on his way to register for the census, each to his own city. 4 Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David which is called Bethlehem, because he was of the house and family of David, 5 in order to register along with Mary, who was engaged to him, and was with child. 6 While they were there, the days were completed for her to give birth. 7 And she gave birth to her firstborn son; and she wrapped Him in cloths, and laid Him in a manger, because there was no room for them in the inn. 8 In the same region there were some shepherds staying out in the fields and keeping watch over their

flock by night. 9 And an angel of the Lord suddenly stood before them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them; and they were terribly frightened. 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which will be for all the people; 11 for today in the city of David there has been born for you a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. 12“This will be a sign for you: you will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

Good News of Great Joy

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN # 121 O Little Town of Bethlehem (Verses 1, 2, & 4)

1 O little town of Bethlehem, how still we see thee lie! Above thy deep and dreamless sleep the silent stars go by; yet in thy dark streets shineth the everlasting light. The hopes and fears of all the years are met in thee tonight.

2 For Christ is born of Mary, and, gathered all above while mortals sleep, the angels keep their watch of wondering love. O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth, and praises sing to God the King and peace to all the earth.

4 O holy Child of Bethlehem, descend to us, we pray, cast out our sin and enter in, be born in us today. We hear the Christmas angels the great glad tidings tell; O come to us, abide with us, our Lord Immanuel!

*** Affirmation of Faith (Apostles' Creed)**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen**

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, #263 All Hail the Powr of Jesus' Name!

1 All hail the pow'r of Jesus' Name! Let angels prostrate fall;

Bring forth the royal diadem, And crown Him Lord of all!

2 Ye chosen seed of Israel's race, Ye ransomed from the fall,

Hail Him Who saves you by His grace, And crown Him Lord of all!

3 Let every kindred, every tribe, On this terrestrial ball,

To Him all majesty ascribe, And crown Him Lord of all!

4 Oh, that with yonder sacred throng We at His feet may fall!

We'll join the everlasting song, And crown Him Lord of all!

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 & Carol Taylor</i>	<i>Friends of Denise Mosley</i>	<i>Rebecca & 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:

Laotian Ministry, Fort Smith

**The Office of the General Assembly
of the PC(USA)**

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

Today is the last day for ordering Christmas Poinsettias. Order forms are found in the narthex. The cost is \$17.00 apiece.

The Annual Christmas Cantata will be held on next Sunday morning (Dec. 18th, 11 am). Please spread the word of this wonderful service. It will be followed by our monthly fellowship luncheon and our scheduled session meeting.

We'll be heading to Garvan Woodland Gardens to look at the Christmas Lights on the evening of Dec. 30th. The Cost is \$20 for adults and \$5 for children. Deadline to sign up is December 18th. For more information, contact Suzy VonTungeln.

We will be holding our annual Blue Christmas Service on the evening of Dec. 20th at 6:30pm. A Blue Christmas worship service provides the opportunity for us to gather to carve out a time of quiet reflection, to honor the emotions of the season that are not so joyful, and to be reminded that we are not alone in this season. We welcome you all to come and worship God with us in this special worship service.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held Dec. 24th at 5:30pm.

We will be holding a Christmas Day service at 11am on Dec. 25th.

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