



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, December 18, 2022
4th 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 Betty Coles, Kay Cromwell, Ann Woolley

CALL TO WORSHIP (Isaiah 40:3-5)

Logan: With Hope, we pray for the world, we pray for our communities;

People: We wait for Christ to be born in us today.

Logan: With Peace, we pray for the world, we pray for our communities;

People: We pray that the Prince of Peace will reign in our hearts.

Logan: With Joy, we expectantly prepare for the Good News of the Messiah;

People: Joyfully we celebrate that Christ is coming again.

Logan: With Love, we give selflessly knowing God has given us the most
loving gift;

People: God's love is in us, through the gift of Jesus Christ.

Logan: As we worship, as we sing, as we pray, as we listen, as we focus on
God's love and put aside the things of this world that burden us,

**All: May Hope, Peace, Joy, and Love shine forth from us to the world,
through Christ Jesus, our Lord. Amen!**

***OPENING HYMN # 123 It Came Upon the Midnight Clear (Ver 1, 2, 4, & 5)**

**1 It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,
from angels bending near the earth to touch their harps of gold:
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heaven's all-gracious
King." The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.**

**2 Still through the cloven skies they come with peaceful wings
unfurled, and still their heavenly music floats o'er all the weary world;
above its sad and lowly plains, they bend on hovering wing,
and ever o'er its Babel sounds the blessed angels sing.**

**4 And you, beneath life's crushing load, whose forms are bending
low, who toil along the climbing way with painful steps and slow,
look now! for glad and golden hours come swiftly on the wing.
O rest beside the weary road, and hear the angels sing!**

**5 For lo! the days are hastening on, by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth its ancient splendors fling,
and the whole world gives back the song which now the angels sing.**

***OPENING PRAYER**

Rev. Jai Kwak

CALL TO CONFESSION

In Jesus Christ, God seeks to smooth those places made rough by sin.
With humility and hope, let us make our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Great God, as we behold the birth of Jesus again, we are mindful
of how we have failed to receive the fullness of that gift. The story
points us to your glory, yet we struggle to join in the song of praise
and thanksgiving. We are distracted and confused, so focused on
things that matter little that we overlook the good news of great
joy that you have prepared. Tell us again that the Savior is born.
Tell us again that we are forgiven. Tell us again that our lives can be
abundant in faith, hope and love because of what you have given us
in Jesus Christ. (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 angel tells Joseph that the child forming in Mary's womb is to be named Jesus. "Call him Jesus," the angel says, "For he will save the people from their sins." From his birth through his resurrection, from age to age, Jesus is about salvation. This is good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

***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.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDRENS SERMON

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE READING

Denise Mosley

Psalm 80:1–7 (NASB95)

1 Oh, give ear, Shepherd of Israel, You who lead Joseph like a flock; You who are enthroned above the cherubim, shine forth! 2 Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Your power And come to save us! 3 O God, restore us And cause Your face to shine upon us, and we will be saved. 4 O Lord God of hosts, How long will You be angry with the prayer of Your people? 5 You have fed them with the bread of tears, And You have made them to drink tears in large measure. 6 You make us an object of contention to our neighbors, And our enemies laugh among themselves. 7 O God of hosts, restore us And cause Your face to shine upon us, and we will be saved.

Matthew 1:21–23 (NASB95)

21 "She will bear a Son; and you shall call His name Jesus, for He will save

His people from their sins.”²² Now all this took place to fulfill what was spoken by the Lord through the prophet: ²³ “Behold, the virgin shall be with child and shall bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which translated means, “God with us.”

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

CHRISTMAS CANTATA

Central Choir

Soprano: Laura Cosner, Jessica Munn, YoungJu Oh, Nina Reeves,
Pam Riegler, Rose Mary VonTungeln

Alto: Denise Mosley, Linda Sue VonTungeln **Tenor:** Jai D. Kwak

A Thrill of Hope: A Christmas Musical by Joel Raney

This Christmas musical is a dynamic retelling of the Christmas story divided into four parts: Hope, Love, Peace and Joy. For each section, Joel Raney has crafted a musical medley packed with an amazing array of familiar carols sure to appeal to singers and audiences alike. The major themes of Advent and Christmas are all addressed, culminating in an uplifting celebration of the joy of the season. Thoughtful narration and scripture readings appear between each movement.

SONG LIST

A Thrill of Hope: Long Ago, Prophets Knew, Sing We Now of Christmas, The First Noel, Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

A Gift of Love: Love Came Down at Christmas, Angels, from the Realms of Glory, Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, Away in a Manger], he Gift of Love

A Prayer for Peace: Silent Night, Holy Night, Let There Be Peace on Earth, O Holy Night,

A Song of Joy: Rejoice, Mary Had a Baby, Angels, We Have Heard on High, Hark! the Herald Angels Sing, Joy to the World, Good Christian Friends, Rejoice

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN, #133 O Come, All Ye Faithful

1 O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant! O come ye, O come ye to
Bethlehem! Come and behold him, born the King of angels.

Refrain: O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

2 True God from true God, Light from Light eternal, born of a virgin, a mortal
he comes! Very God, begotten, not created! [Refrain]

3 Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation, sing, all ye citizens of heaven
above! Glory to God, all glory in the highest: [Refrain]

4 Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning; Jesus, to thee be all
glory given! Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: [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 & 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:

Memorial Church, Atkins

First, Walnut Ridge

***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

Pastor
Rev. Jai D. Kwak

Pianist/Organist
Young Ju Oh

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Session

Class of 2022

Zachary Cosner
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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

Thank you, the members of the Central choir, for your hard work to make today's Cantata possible. Through your efforts and music, our God almighty is praised and glorified.

Our monthly fellowship luncheon will be held after the service. Please come and be blessed! Everyone is welcome. Our regular session meeting (the last one for the year 2022) will be held after the fellowship luncheon. The members of the Central appreciate the perseverance and loyalty of each and all session members for the year 2022. We work together to build the Kingdom of God!

Today is the deadline to purchase tickets to our Garvan Woodland Gardens outing on December 30th. We'll be leaving the church at 3:30 pm. We're getting dinner in the café at the gardens and then head out to look at the lights. The cost for admission will be \$20 for Adults and \$5 for Children. Dinner is not included with the admission price. Please contact Rose or Suzy VonTungeln for more information.

Blue Christmas Service will be held on the evening of Dec. 20th at 6:30 PM.

The Christmas Eve Candlelight Service will be held on Dec. 24th at 5:30 PM. We'll be taking up the Christmas Joy Offering at that time. The Offering distributes gifts equally to the Assistance Program of the Board of Pensions and to Presbyterian-related schools and colleges equipping communities of color. The Assistance Program provides critical financial support to church workers and their families. Presbyterian-related schools and colleges provide education and leadership development while nurturing racial and ethnic heritage.

This year, Christmas Day is on Sunday. A regular Sunday worship service will be held at 11 AM.



*Christmas Poinsettias
Placed in the Sanctuary*



The Cosner Family

In Memory of Danleigh Joyce Cosner

In Memory of Cathy Cosner

In Memory of John & Janet Reeves

In Memory of Charles & Harrylene Moore

In Memory of McKenzie Kelley

Kay & Jay Cromwell

For the Glory of God

The Mosley Family

In Memory of Bill Mosley

In Memory of Frank & Barbara Simpson

The Munn & Riegler Family

In Memory of JoAnne & Kenneth Cresswell

In Memory of John Crass

Linda Vick & Family

In Memory of Earl W. Vick

In Memory of Nell & Leon Horne

Rose & Suzy VonTungeln

In Memory of Billy & Nancy VonTungeln

In Memory of Bradley VonTungeln

Ann Tucker Woolley

For the Grace & Glory of God