



**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas**  
**Sunday, December 25, 2022**  
**Christmas Day**

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**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** *(Luke 2:10-11)*

Logan : Do not be afraid; for see I am bringing you good news of great joy for all the people.

People : : To you is born this day in the city of David a Savior, who is the Messiah, the Lord.

**\*OPENING HYMN # 115 Away in a Manger**

1. Away in a manger, no crib for his bed, The little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head; The stars in the heavens looked down where he lay, The little Lord Jesus, asleep on the hay.
2. The cattle are lowing; the poor baby wakes, But little Lord Jesus, no crying he makes. I love thee, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky And stay by my cradle till morning is nigh.
3. Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask thee to stay Close by me forever, and love me, I pray. Bless all the dear children in thy tender care, And fit us for heaven to live with thee there.

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Rev. Jai Kwak**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Today marks a new beginning with the birth of Christ. Let us confess the sins that have kept us from glorifying and enjoying our God.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, you call us to celebrate the birth of our newborn savior. Yet we find the suffering and despair of our world depressing. Our hearts grow hard with hopelessness. What reason is there to rejoice? We question your power even on this Christmas day. Emmanuel, return us to faith. Help us resist the overwhelming forces that drag us down. Lift our spirits so we can see and appreciate the gift of God-with-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 is from everlasting to everlasting." 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**

### **Lord I Want Your Presence for Christmas**

**In the busy Christmas noise All the lights,the bells,the toys  
I have found you are the only source Of comfort and joy**

**Lord I want your presence for Christmas.**

**I want your presence for Christmas  
I long to feel Your Spirit speaking peace to my heart  
Of all the gifts I may receive There's only one I truly need  
And it's your presence Your Presence for Christmas**

**When the Holiday is through And the year is fresh and new  
What will linger are the moments spent My Lord just worshipping you**

**Lord I want your presence for Christmas  
I want your presence for Christmas  
I long to feel Your spirit speaking peace to my heart  
Of all the gifts I may receive There's only one I really need  
And It's your presence Your presence For Christmas**

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**CHILDRENS SERMON**

**Rose VonTungeln**

**SCRIPTURE READING**

**Denise Mosley**

**Matthew 1:18–25 (NASB95)**

**18 Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows: when His mother Mary had been betrothed to Joseph, before they came together she was found to be with child by the Holy Spirit.**

**19 And Joseph her husband, being a righteous man and not wanting to disgrace her, planned to send her away secretly.**

**20 But when he had considered this, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife; for the Child who has been conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit.**

**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.”**

**24** And Joseph awoke from his sleep and did as the angel of the Lord commanded him, and took *Mary* as his wife,

**25** but kept her a virgin until she gave birth to a Son; and he called His name Jesus.

The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

## **PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**SERMON**

**The Man at the Manger**

**Rev. Jai D. Kwak**

### **RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

#### **HYMN # 134 Joy to the World**

**1** Joy to the world, the Lord is come! Let earth receive her King;  
let ev'ry heart prepare him room and heav'n and nature sing,  
and heav'n and nature sing, and heav'n, and heav'n and nature sing.

**2** Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns! Let men their songs employ,  
while fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains, repeat the sounding  
joy, repeat the sounding joy, repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

**3** No more let sins and sorrows grow nor thorns infest the ground;  
he comes to make his blessings flow far as the curse is found,  
far as the curse is found, far as, far as the curse is found.

**4** He rules the world with truth and grace and makes the nations prove  
the glories of his righteousness and wonders of his love,  
and wonders of his love, and wonders, wonders of his love.

**\* 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 # 150 As with Gladness Men of Old**

**1 As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold,  
as with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright,  
so, most gracious Lord, may we evermore be led by thee.**

**2 As with joyful steps they sped, Savior, to thy lowly bed,  
there to bend the knee before thee, whom heav'n and earth adore,  
so may we with willing feet ever seek thy mercy seat.**

**3 As they offered gifts most rare at thy cradle, rude and bare,  
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,  
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heav'nly King.**

**4 Holy Jesus, ev'ry day keep us in the narrow way;  
and, when earthly things are past, bring our ransomed souls at last  
where they need no star to guide, where no clouds thy glory hide.**

**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:***

**Kirk of the Hills, Fairfield Bay**

**Church Pre-Schools**

***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 we'll be taking up the Christmas Joy Offering. 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.

There will be no Choir Practice this Wednesday Night. Thursday Bible Study will resume in the new year.

Our Garvan Woodland Gardens trip will be happening this Friday. For those who purchased tickets, 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.

Our New Year's Day worship service will begin at 11am next Sunday. We hope to see you there.

There will be a Congregational Meeting held on January 8<sup>th</sup>. This will be for the purposes of presenting the budget to the congregation and electing the incoming session class. We will also be dealing with matters of session class size and lengths of term.

We will be holding a family movie night for our January Blue Moon event. This will take place on January 22<sup>nd</sup>. Look for more details soon!

<b>Pastor</b> Rev. Jai D. Kwak	<b>Pianist/Organist</b> Young Ju Oh
<b>Treasurer</b> Rose VonTungeln	<b>Sound Board Operator</b> Zac Cosner

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### Session

<u>Class of 2022</u>	<u>Class of 2023</u>
Zachary Cosner (Clerk)	Laura Cosner
Pat Drewett	Jane Judkins
George Mosley	Denise Mosley
Danny Reeves	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



HAPPY NEW YEAR