



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas

Second Sunday of Advent

December 4, 2022

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)

Mosley Family

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Logan: A voice cries out in the wilderness: "Prepare the way of the Lord!"

People: Make God's paths straight.

Logan: Every valley will be filled, and every mountain will be leveled

People: The crooked will be made straight.

Logan: The rough and rocky ways will be smoothed.

People: All will see the salvation of God.

Logan: See the light from on high. The dawn is breaking.

People: The Lord is coming! The Lord is coming!

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jai Kwak

***OPENING HYMN # 82 Come, thou long-expected Jesus**

**1 Come, thou long-expected Jesus, born to set thy people free;
from our fears and sins release us; let us find our rest in thee.
Israel's strength and consolation, hope of all the earth thou art;**

dear desire of every nation, joy of every longing heart.

**2 Born thy people to deliver, born a child and yet a king,
born to reign in us forever, now thy gracious kingdom bring.
By thine own eternal Spirit rule in all our hearts alone;
by thine all-sufficient merit raise us to thy glorious throne.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Logan: God calls us to “prepare the way of the Lord” and in order to do so we are to “make his paths straight.” While we do strive to do just these things, we often find curves and bumps in the road along the way. Let us confess our sin together so that God can help us continue to prepare the way going forward.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy and righteous God, far too often we are a far cry from the holiness you invite us into. And often we fail to live up to your righteous standards for how we are called to live. Refine us with your righteous refiner’s fire to remove all our sinful impulses and impurities. Cleanse us with the fullers’ soap to make us pure and holy once again. Help us to live in a way that would be pleasing to you, our Lord. (Pray in Silence) 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

We are not perfect, but we do not need to be. God in Christ is! And God in Christ has taken care of us and this world once again: “Every valley shall be filled ... and the rough ways made smooth.” In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and freed! May your ears hear this good news, and your eyes see the salvation of God!

People: Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory be to the Father"

Hymnal #581

**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

ANTHEM

Piano/Organ Young Ju Oh

“Why We Sing” (Greg Gilpin)

**A sound of hope, a sound of peace, a sound that celebrates and
speaks what we believe. A sound of love, a sound so strong,
it’s amazing what is given when we share a song.
This is why we sing, why we lift our voice, why we stand as one in
harmony! This is why we sing, why we lift our voice,
take my hand and sing with me!
Sooth a soul, mend a heart, bring together lives that have been torn
apart. hear the joy, find a friend,
it’s a never – ending gift that circles back again.**

**Music builds a ridge, it can tear down a wall!
Music is a language, that can speak to one and all!**

CHILDRENS SERMON

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE READING:

Laura Cosner

Psalm 13:1–6 (NASB95)

**1 How long, O LORD? Will You forget me forever? How long will You hide
Your face from me? 2 How long shall I take counsel in my soul, Having
sorrow in my heart all the day? How long will my enemy be exalted over me?
3 Consider and answer me, O LORD my God; Enlighten my eyes, or I will
sleep the sleep of death, 4 And my enemy will say, “I have overcome him,”
And my adversaries will rejoice when I am shaken. 5 But I have trusted in
Your lovingkindness; My heart shall rejoice in Your salvation. 6 I will sing to
the LORD, Because He has dealt bountifully with me.**

Micah 7:7-8 (NASB95)

7 But as for me, I will watch expectantly for the Lord; I will wait for the God of my salvation. My God will hear me. 8 Do not rejoice over me, O my enemy. Though I fall I will rise; Though I dwell in darkness, the Lord is a light for me.

John 11:1-15

1 Now a certain man was sick, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. 2 It was the Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment, and wiped His feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was sick. 3 So the sisters sent word to Him, saying, "Lord, behold, he whom You love is sick." 4 But when Jesus heard this, He said, "This sickness is not to end in death, but for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified by it." 5 Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. 6 So when He heard that he was sick, He then stayed two days longer in the place where He was. 7 Then after this He *said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." 8 The disciples *said to Him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone You, and are You going there again?" 9 Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. 10 "But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

"Wait for the Lord"

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*from The Heidelberg Catechism*)

Pastor: Why do you say that you are righteous by faith alone?

People: Not because I please God by virtue of the worthiness of my

faith, but because the satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ alone are my righteousness before God, and because I can accept it and make it mine in no other way than by faith alone.

Amen!

HYMN # 88 "O come, O come, Emmanuel" (Verses 1, 2, 4, & 5)

**1 O come, O come, Emmanuel, and ransom captive Israel,
that mourns in lonely exile here until the Son of God appear.**

Refrain: Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel shall come to thee, O Israel.

**2 O come, thou Wisdom from on high, who orderest all things
mightily: to us the path of knowledge show;
and teach us in her ways to go. (Refrain)**

**4 O come, thou Root of Jesse, free thine own from Satan's tyranny;
from depths of hell thy people save
and give them victory o'er the grave. (Refrain)**

**5 O come, thou Key of David, come, and open wide our heavenly
home; make safe the way that leads on high,
and close the path to misery. (Refrain)**

CALL TO OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY "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 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 THE LORD'S PRAYER

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

CLOSING HYMN # 738 O Master, let me walk with thee

**1 O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.**

**2 Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of
love; teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the
homeward way.**

**3 Teach me thy patience, still with thee in closer, dearer company,
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs
over wrong.**

**4 In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening
way; in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me
live.**

***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

Name

Name

*Allie Cooper &
Carol Taylor*

Friends of Denise Mosley

*Rebecca &
Earl Phillips*

Friends of Karen Perdue

Max Zeng

Mike and Lan Kelly's son

Dr. Laura Festa

Wife of Dr. Dan Festa

Luis Sanchez

Father of Lizabeth Sanchez

Haley Chandler

Friend of the Church

Bernice Collins

Friend of the Church

Pat Mosley

Mother of George Mosley

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR
FELLOW
PRESBYTERIANS:**

Mountainburg Church, Mountainburg

Active and Retired Ministers

**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.

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Class of 2023

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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

Announcements

We're currently taking orders for Christmas Poinsettias through Dec. 11th. Order forms are found in the bulletin or in the narthex. The cost is \$17.00 apiece.

We successfully delivered for the Neighbor to Neighbor Christmas Cranberry Sauce Drive. We delivered 77 cans of cranberry Sauce! Thanks to everyone for their help!

The Women of the Church will have their Christmas Party this afternoon at 3pm. The party will be held at the Cosner's. All ladies of the church are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Laura Cosner or Kay Cromwell.

The Choir Christmas Party will be held on Saturday Dec. 10th at 5pm. The party will be held at the Cosner's. Choir members and spouses are invited to attend. For more information, please contact Laura Cosner.

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

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