



**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas**  
**Sunday, January 22, 2023**  
**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**GREET THOSE AROUND YOU IN THE NAME OF CHRIST**

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**CHIMING OF THE HOUR**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS AND RITUALS OF FRIENDSHIP**

**PRELUDE**

**Organ/Piano Young Ju Oh**

**CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 148:11-13)**

George: The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**People: The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?**

George: We gather in the presence of God. Let us open our hearts and minds  
In worship.

**\*OPENING HYMN #35. Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty**

**1 Praise ye the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation! All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!**

**2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth, shelters thee under his wings, yea, so gently sustaineth! Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been granted in what he ordaineth?**

**3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him! Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly for aye we adore him.**

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

**Rev. Jai Kwak**

## **CALL TO CONFESSION**

Let us pause here to confess the sins that have kept us from recognizing and enjoying God's presence.

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Gracious God, when despair and suffering overwhelm us, we cry out for you and feel abandoned. We doubt your presence and your promises. We believe you have turned away from us in anger. We ask why you have forsaken us. In these moments, strengthen us in faith and fill our hearts with courage. We believe, God. Help our unbelief. (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**

**Young Ju Oh, Piano/Organ**

### **I Will Sing Unto the Lord**

I Will Sing Unto The Lord As Long As I Live  
I Will Sing Praise To My God While I Have My Being  
My Meditation Of Him Shall Be Sweet  
I Will Be Glad, I Will Be Glad In The Lord

Bless Thou The Lord, Oh My Soul  
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### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

**CHILDRENS SERMON**

**Rose VonTungeln**

**SCRIPTURE READINGS**

**Isaiah 9:1-7 (NASB95)**

**Logan Mosley**

**1 But there will be no *more* gloom for her who was in anguish; in earlier times He treated the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali with contempt, but later on He shall make *it* glorious, by the way of the sea, on the other side of Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles.**

**2 The people who walk in darkness**

**Will see a great light;**

**Those who live in a dark land,**

**The light will shine on them.**

**3 You shall multiply the nation,**

**You shall increase their gladness;**

**They will be glad in Your presence**

**As with the gladness of harvest,**

**As men rejoice when they divide the spoil.**

**4 For You shall break the yoke of their burden and the staff on their shoulders, The rod of their oppressor, as at the battle of Midian.**

5 For every boot of the booted warrior in the *battle* tumult, And cloak rolled in blood, will be for burning, fuel for the fire.

6 For a child will be born to us, a son will be given to us; And the government will rest on His shoulders; And His name will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Eternal Father, Prince of Peace.

7 There will be no end to the increase of *His* government or of peace, On the throne of David and over his kingdom, To establish it and to uphold it with justice and righteousness From then on and forevermore. The zeal of the Lord of hosts will accomplish this.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

From Darkness to Light

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN # 465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

1 What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
all because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!

2 Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!

3 Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge-- take it to the Lord in prayer!  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

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

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended to hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended to heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,**

**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**INSTALLATION OF ELDERS (THE CLASS OF 2024)**

**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 # 216 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

1 Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, the shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land; a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way, from the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.

2 Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see the very dying form of One who suffered there for me: and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess, the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

3 I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place: I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face; content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss; my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

#### 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**

*Munn Family  
Jemmie Moseley  
Karen Perdue*

*Emil & Carol Brown  
Hester Insley*

**FRIENDS AND RELATIVES**

| <u>Name</u>                                |                                   | <u>Name</u>                            |                                |
|--|-----------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|
| <i>Allie Cooper &amp;<br/>Carol Taylor</i> | <i>Friends of Denise Mosley</i>   | <i>Rebecca &amp;<br/>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:***

*University of the Ozarks, Clarksville*

*Faith, Horseshoe Bend*

***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

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

Today, we have an installation of the session members of the class of 2024. The session has the responsibility for governing the congregation and guiding its witness to the sovereign activity of God in the world; so that the congregation is and becomes a community of faith, hope, love, and witness. Please continue to support the members of the session through your prayers & encouraging words.

Confirmation Class will start its' journey of 6 months starting Feb. 5th (Sun) at 9:30 am. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Betty Coles.

Thursday Evening Bible Study will be resumed on Feb. 16th at 6:30 pm. We will continue to study the book of Revelation. (We will be on chapter 11)

The Family movie night is tonight at 5:30 pm. We will be watching a movie together. Pizza, popcorn, and soda will be served.  
Please come and enjoy the fellowship of the saints.

You all are invited to the Valentine's Day celebration on Feb. 19th (Sun). Every bond of love is special for they are God-ordained. Come, let us celebrate love together.

Yes, Lent is coming!  
Shrove Tuesday Pancake evening, Feb. 21st, 6 pm  
Ash Wednesday Service, Feb. 22nd, 6 pm  
Maundy Thursday, Apr. 6th  
Palm Sunday, Apr. 2nd  
Good Friday, Apr. 7th  
Resurrection Sunday, Apr. 9th  
(More details to come later)

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### Session

| <u>Class of 2023</u> | <u>Class of 2024</u>     |
|----------------------|--------------------------|
| Laura Cosner         | George Mosley<br>(Clerk) |
| Jane Judkins         | Zac Cosner               |
| Denise Mosley        | Pat Drewett              |
| Suzy VonTungeln      |                          |

### Standing Committee Moderators:

George Mosley - Building & Ground  
Zac Cosner - Budget & Finance  
Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education  
Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach  
Laura Cosner - Worship & Music

*The Word of God  
Remains forever*

Isaiah 40:8