



**CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas**  
**Sunday, February 26, 2023**  
**First Sunday of Lent**

**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 (From Psalm 46)**

**People: God is our refuge and strength**

Logan: a present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear**

Logan: though the earth should change though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.

**People: though the waters roar and foam,**

Logan: though the mountains tremble with tumult,

**People: God's love endures forever.**

**\*OPENING HYMN # 35**

**Praise Ye the Lord**

**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**

Lay Reader: The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Christ rose for us. Christ reigns in power for us, Christ even prays for us. With such assurance, we need not fear confession, but simply draw near to our maker in openness.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (from Psalm 51)**

**Have mercy on me, O God, according to your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, blot out my offenses. Wash me through and through from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sins. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you only have I sinned, and done what is evil in your sight. Purge me from my sin, and I shall be pure. Wash me, and I shall be clean indeed. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. (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 saying is true and worthy of full acceptance that Christ died to save sinners.

Brothers and sisters, believe the promise of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**\*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**

**Young Ju Oh, Piano/Organ**

**I LIFT MY HANDS TO THE COMING KING**

**I lift my hands to the coming King  
to the Great I Am, to You I sing  
for You are One who reigns within my heart  
and I will serve no foreign god  
or any other treasure  
You are my heart's desire  
Spirit without measure  
unto You I would raise my sacrifice**

**CHILDRENS SERMON**

**Rose VonTungeln**

**Scripture Reading**

**Laura Cosner**

**1 John 4:7–19 (ESV)**

**<sup>7</sup> Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. <sup>8</sup> Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. <sup>9</sup> In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. <sup>10</sup> In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. <sup>11</sup> Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another. <sup>12</sup> No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God abides in us and his love is perfected in us.**

**<sup>13</sup> By this we know that we abide in him and he in us, because he has given us of his Spirit. <sup>14</sup> And we have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. <sup>15</sup> Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and**

he in God. <sup>16</sup> So we have come to know and to believe the love that God has for us. God is love, and whoever abides in love abides in God, and God abides in him. <sup>17</sup> By this is love perfected with us, so that we may have confidence for the day of judgment, because as he is so also are we in this world. <sup>18</sup> There is no fear in love, but perfect love casts out fear. For fear has to do with punishment, and whoever fears has not been perfected in love. <sup>19</sup> We love because he first loved us.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

*Who is Your God?*

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN # 165

#### The Glory of These Forty Days

1 The glory of these forty days  
we celebrate with songs of praise;  
for Christ, by whom all things were made,  
himself has fasted and has prayed.

2 Alone and fasting Moses saw  
the loving God who gave the law;  
and to Elijah, fasting, came  
the steeds and chariots of flame.

3 So Daniel trained his mystic sight,  
delivered from the lions' might;  
and John, the Bridegroom's friend, became  
the herald of Messiah's name.

4 Then grant that we like them be true,  
consumed in fast and prayer with you;  
our spirits strengthen with your grace,  
and give us joy to see your face.

## **\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (from The Theological Declaration of Barmen)**

**We confess that Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture, is the one Word of God which we have to hear and which we have to trust and obey in life and in death. As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures. The church is the congregation in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As pardoned sinners, we testify in the midst of a sinful world, with the church's faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, and that it loves and wants to live solely from his comfort and his direction at the expectation of his appearance.**

## **CALL TO OFFERTORY**

### **OFFERTORY**

**\*DOXOLOGY "Praise God, from Whom all Blessings Flow" Hymnal #606**  
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**

## **INSTALLATION OF A SESSION MEMBER**

### **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 # 310 I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord**

1 I love thy kingdom, Lord,  
the house of thine abode,  
the church our blest Redeemer saved  
with his own precious blood.

2 I love thy church, O God.  
Her walls before thee stand,  
dear as the apple of thine eye,  
and graven on thy hand.

3 For her my tears shall fall;  
for her my prayers ascend;  
to her my cares and toils be given,  
till toils and cares shall end.

4 Beyond my highest joy  
I prize her heavenly ways:  
her sweet communion, solemn vows,  
her hymns of love and praise.

5 Sure as thy truth shall last,  
to Zion shall be given  
the brightest glories earth can yield,  
and brighter bliss of heaven.

**\*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**

*Mosley Family  
Jemmie Moseley  
Karen Perdue*

*Emil & Carol Brown  
Hester Insley*

**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>
<i>Jason McGriff</i>	<i>Friend of Jessica Munn</i>		

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:**

*Church Secretaries and Treasurers*

*Holiday Island Presbyterian*

**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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### Session

#### Class of 2023

Laura Cosner

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Denise Mosley

Suzy VonTungeln

#### Class of 2024

George Mosley  
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Zac Cosner

Pat Drewett

#### Standing Committee Moderators:

George Mosley - Building & Ground

Zac Cosner - Budget & Finance

Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education

Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach

Laura Cosner - Worship & Music

## *Announcements*

The Lenten Season is at hand. The following are our scheduled events.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper will be held the evening of Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> at 6 pm. The Cost will be \$8 Per Person, \$20 for a family. Bring the family for a heaping helping of Pancakes, Bacon, Sausage, and all the fixings!


Ash Wednesday Service will be held this coming Wednesday, Feb. 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6 pm. The choir will hold their regular Wednesday practice following the service.

**Palm Sunday, Apr. 2nd**

**Maundy Thursday, Apr. 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm**

**Good Friday, Apr. 7<sup>th</sup> @ 6pm**

**Resurrection Sunday, Apr. 9<sup>th</sup> festivities will begin at 9am.**



**Beloved, let us love one another,  
for love is from God,  
and whoever loves  
has been born of God  
and knows God.  
Anyone who does not love  
does not know God,  
because God is love.**