



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, March 19th, 2023
Fourth Sunday of Lent

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 (based on Psalm 23)

Logan: The Lord leads us like a shepherd.

People: God nourishes our lives and restores our souls.

Logan: The Lord is with us, even in the darkest valley.

People: God's goodness and mercy are always close.

***OPENING HYMN # 54 Make a Joyful Noise to God!**

1 Make a joyful noise to God! All creation sings your praise!

Great your wonders here displayed, unexcelled throughout our days

Glorious is your sacred name ages old, yet still the same.

2 Come and see what God has done, great the blessings to the just:

Walked the chosen through the sea, brought their enemies to dust.

Let us lift a thankful voice for God's mercies

3 Bless the Lord, our refuge sure; let our songs of praise be heard!

By whose justice, we are tried; by whose grace, our guilt deferred.

When our life's sure end shall come, bring us to your heavenly home.

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jai Kwak

CALL TO CONFESSION

Jesus calls us to enter the joy of discipleship, the joy of following in his way. But sin clings closely, and we struggle to respond fully to Christ's invitation. Let us seek God's forgiveness so that we may know more deeply the joy God intends.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of perfect love, you continually bring forth life, transforming sadness to joy, and despair to hope We are weak, but you are strong. Our ways are flawed, but your ways are true. We are seldom right, but you are never wrong. Forgive us, redeem us, transform us. Take away the sin that burdens us, and restore us to the people you would have us be, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. (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

Pastor: Relentlessly, God seeks us out. With abundant grace and boundless mercy,
God seeks us out.

People: This is good news! 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

Power of Your Love

Central Choir

Lord, I come to You. Let my heart be changed, renewed. Flowing from the grace that I've found in You. Lord, I've come to know the weaknesses I see in me will be stripped away by the power of Your love

Refrain) Hold me close Let Your love surround me Bring me near Draw me to Your side And as I wait I'll rise up like the eagle And I will soar with You Your Spirit leads me on in the power of Your love

Lord, unveil my eyes. Let me see You face to face, the knowledge of Your love as You live in me. Lord, renew my mind as Your will unfolds in my life In living every day By the power of Your love

CHILDRENS SERMON

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE READING

Jessica Munn

Psalm 1:1–6 (ESV)

¹ Blessed is the man
who walks not in the counsel of the wicked,
nor stands in the way of sinners,
nor sits in the seat of scoffers;

² but his delight is in the law of the Lord,
and on his law he meditates day and night.

³ He is like a tree
planted by streams of water
that yields its fruit in its season,
and its leaf does not wither.

In all that he does, he prospers.

⁴ The wicked are not so,
but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

⁵ Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment,
nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous;

⁶ for the Lord knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked will perish.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

By the Power of Love

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN # 695 Change My Heart, O God

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my hear, O God; may I be like you.

You are the potter; I am the clay.

Mold me and make me; this is what I pray.

Change my heart, O God; make it ever true.

Change my heart O God; may I be like you.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (1 John 4:14-19)**

We have seen and testify that the Father has sent his Son to be the Savior of the world. Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God. 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. 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. 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. We love because He first loved us. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

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***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 heavenly 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 # 849 Everyone Who Longs for the Boundless Love of God

Everyone who longs for the boundless love of God, everyone who hopes for the coming of God's peace, the Lord God who created all things beautiful and good loves you more than you can ever fully know.

Everyone who worships God and sings glad songs of peace, everyone who follows God's good and holy way, the Lord God who created all things beautiful and good loves you now as one of God's own

God is always watching over you, God is watching you with loving eyes. God is hearing you in all your prayers; God is listening with tender, loving ears. God shines light in every dark and fearful place we go and will answer every little cry that you make, so wherever you may go follow in God's holy way and trust God to take you home.

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***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
Munn Family*

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

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR FELLOW PRESBYTERIANS:

First United, Fayetteville

Lyon College, Batesville

**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

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George Mosley - Building & Ground

Zac Cosner - Budget & Finance

Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education

Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach

Laura Cosner - Worship & Music

Announcements

The fellowship luncheon is following the worship. Sharing food with loved ones is part of God's commandment to the children of God. If we neglect table fellowship, we will miss one of the wonderful ways God builds authentic community in the church. All are invited. Please come and be blessed.

A regular session meeting will be held immediately after the fellowship luncheon.

We are in the season of Lent. Lent is a time to prepare ourselves for the celebration of Easter and to renew our life in the mystery of the saving death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. Let us focus on Jesus and our Christian discipleship with prayer, meditation, and fasting.

Palm Sunday, Apr. 2nd

Maundy Thursday, Apr. 6th @ 6 pm

Good Friday, Apr. 7th @ 6 pm

Resurrection Sunday, Apr. 9th festivities will begin at 9 am.

PW Food Drive

Help the young ones in our community have food on their breakfast table!

We are in need of breakfast items such as: Cereals, Crackers, Granola Bars, Snacks, or anything you can think of as a good breakfast item.

**“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.
(1 John 4:7-8)**