



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Sunday, March 26th, 2023
Fifth 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

Logan : O Lord, my God, you have drawn me up,

People : you have healed me

Logan : You have turned my mourning into dancing,

People : you have taken off my sackcloth, you have clothed me with joy.

Logan : May my soul praise you and not be silent

Together : I will give thanks to you forever!

***OPENING HYMN # 2**

Come, Thou Almighty King

**1 Come, thou almighty King, help us thy name to sing; help us to praise.
Father all-glorious, o'er all victorious, come and reign over us, Ancient of Days.**

**2 Come, thou incarnate Word, merciful mighty Lord; our prayer attend.
Come and thy people bless, and give thy Word success, Spirit of Holiness,
on us descend.**

**3 Come, holy Comforter, thy sacred witness bear in this glad hour! Thou,
who almighty art, now rule in every heart, and ne'er from us depart, Spirit
of power.**

**4 To thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be hence evermore! Thy
sov'reign majesty may we in glory see, and to eternity love and adore.**

OPENING PRAYER

Rev. Jai Kwak

CALL TO CONFESSION

God invites us to a real relationship, a place where we are honest with ourselves, others and God. Let's start here, confessing the uncomfortable truth of our sin, together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

If we say we have no sin, we are not being honest, and the truth is not in us. Therefore, we confess our true selves: that we have often ignored our own privilege even as we benefit from it. That we have not listened to the pain of others but have instead dismissed it to keep ourselves comfortable. That we have not done the hard work of belonging to each other. We also confess that we are better than this: our sin is not all we are. With your help, God, we can change. We can listen. We can heal and bring healing to others. We confess this possibility, in the name of the One true God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, who makes all things possible. Amen. (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: We belong to God. We belong to each other. God does not look at us and see only sin; God sees belovedness. Believe that in Jesus Christ we are forgiven, in ways we may never fully understand

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

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Central Choir

**Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father There is no shadow of turning
with Thee Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been, Thou forever will be**

**Refrain) Great is Thy faithfulness Great is Thy faithfulness
Morning by morning new mercies I see All I have needed Thy hand hath
provided Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me**

**Summer and winter and springtime and harvest Sun, moon and stars in their
courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth Thine own dear presence to cheer
and to guide Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside!**

CHILDRENS SERMON

Rose VonTungeln

SCRIPTURE READING

Jessica Munn

First Reading: Genesis 15:1–6 (ESV)

15 After these things the word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision: “Fear not, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” 2 But Abram said, “O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” 3 And Abram said, “Behold, you have given me no offspring, and a member of my household will be my heir.” 4 And behold, the word of the LORD came to him: “This man shall not be your heir; your very own son shall be your heir.” 5 And he brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven, and number the stars, if you are able to number them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your offspring be.” 6 And he believed the LORD, and he counted it to him as righteousness.

Second Reading: Romans 4:20–22 (ESV)

20 No unbelief made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, **21** fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. **22** That is why his faith was “counted to him as righteousness.”

Third Reading: Hebrews 11:1–3 (NASB95)

1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. **2** For by it the men of old gained approval. **3** By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things which are visible.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON

What is Faith?

Rev. Jai D. Kwak

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

HYMN #14

For the Beauty of the Earth (verses 1, 2, 4 & 5)

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth over and around us lies.

Refrain: Lord of all, to thee we raise this, our hymn of grateful praise.

2 For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light, [Refrain]

4 For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild, [Refrain]

**5 For thyself, best gift divine, to the world so freely given,
For that great, great gift of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven. [Refrain]**

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (The Nicene Creed)**

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERING

***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 # 702. Christ Be Beside Me**

**1 Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me never to part.**

**2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all around me shield
in the strife; Christ in my sleeping, Christ in my sitting, Christ in my rising
light of my life.**

**3 Christ beside me, Christ before me, Christ behind me, King of my heart;
Christ within me, Christ below me, Christ above me never to part.**

***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, Harrison

First, North Little Rock AC

**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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George Mosley - Building & Ground

Zac Cosner - Budget & Finance

Suzy VonTungeln - Fellowship & Education

Denise Mosley - Missions & Outreach

Laura Cosner - Worship & Music

Announcements

We are in the season of Lent. Lent is a time to plant the seeds of faith for what is yet to come. Let us focus on Jesus and our Christian discipleship with prayer, meditation, and fasting.

Next Sunday (Apr, 2nd) is Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is to remember Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem which lead us into Passion Week. Let us prepare our hearts and souls to welcome the slain Lamb of God Jesus.

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.

**"But as for me, I watch in hope for the LORD,
I wait for God my Savior;
my God will hear me.
(Micha 7:7)**

