



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

Ascension Sunday

May 21, 2023

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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Preparation for Worship

Music for Gathering

Announcements

Scripture for Meditation

Hebrews 4:14-16

Seeing then that we have a great High Priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession. For we do not have a High Priest who cannot sympathize with our weaknesses, but was in all points tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

Silent Prayer of Preparation

God Calls Us Into His Presence

† **Salutation**

Pastor: We are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord.

People: Who made heaven and earth.

Psalm 124:8

† **Call to Worship**

Psalm 47:5-7

We Respond to God's Call

†* **Hymn of Praise, No. 289**

A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing

Congregational Response: Amen!

† **Prayer of Adoration**

God Cleanses Us of Our Sins

Call to Confession

Psalm 90:8

You have set our iniquities before You, our secret sins in the light of Your countenance.

† Congregation stands as able
* Arriving worshippers may be seated

We Confess Our Sins

(congregation kneels as able)

All: Holy and merciful God, in Your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against You. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways, in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease You. Forgive our sins and help us to live in Your light and walk in Your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. [*Silent prayer of confession*] Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the power of darkness and translated us into the kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

We Respond to God's Declaration of Forgiveness

† The Gloria Patri

(with hands lifted)

*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.*

†* Hymn of Praise, No. 247

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

Congregational Response: Amen!

God Consecrates us By His Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 110:1-7

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

† Psalm 137

*Tune: "If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee"**

vv. 1-3

In Babylon we thought of Zion;
Sitting beside the streams, we wept.
We hung our harps upon the willows.
By cru-el men as captives kept;
They called for mirth and singing thus:
"Sing one of Zion's songs for us."

vv. 4-6a

Sing the LORD's song? How can we sing it
Here in this hostile foreign land?

If I forget you, O Jerus'lem,
May power flee from my right hand,
And may my tongue be rendered mute
If I do not remember you.

vv. 6b-7

Woe unto me if I esteem not
Jerusalem above all else.
O LORD, recall the sons of Edom,
Words spoken when Jerus'lem fell:
"To its foundation tear it down!
Bring it, demolished, to the ground!"

vv. 8-9

Daughter of Babylon, accurséd!
Bless'd is that one who then will find
How to repay you for your actions.
Happy the one who is assigned
To take up infants of your own
Who then against the rock are thrown.

Congregational Response: Amen!

† **New Testament Reading**

Mark 12:35-37

† **Congregational Response**

Psalm 119:105

Pastor: Your word is a lamp to me feet

People: And a light to my path

Sermon

"David's Son, David's Lord"

We Respond to God's Instruction

† **Affirmation of Faith**

The Nicene Creed

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

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His 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 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 is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory,
to judge both the living and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in 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

**catholic=universal*

† Prayer of Supplication and Intercession

† The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, Who art in heaven,
Hallowed be Thy name.
Thy kingdom come.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen**

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

† Doxology, No. 731

(with hands lifted)

*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*

God Communes with Us at His Table

The Communion

Eucharistic Meditation and Fencing of the Table

Distribution of the Bread and Communion in the Body of Christ

Hymn No. 420 (hymnal insert)

At the Lamb's High Feast We Sing

Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ

(Outermost ring of cups contain grape juice; all others contain wine)

Silent Prayer

Prayer

We Respond to God's Gift

† **Hymn of Commitment, No. 290**

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

Congregational Response: Amen!

God Commissions Us to Go Into the World

† **Charge**

† **Benediction**

We Respond to God's Charge

† **Threefold Amen, No. 740**

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RIFA Dessert, May: Allegra Wright, Jen Straka, Teresa Pinson

May 21: Fellowship Meal at 4 p.m.

Snacks, May 28: Ashley Drown, Cassia Randolph, Bethany Roberts

Nursery, May 21: Jennifer Davenport, Kim Hoeldtke

Nursery, May 28: Agnes Randolph, Bethany Roberts

Announcements

- **PCA 50th Anniversary:** The PCA is marking its 50th anniversary this year, with today set aside as a day for thanksgiving and prayer. A Convocation of Sessions met on May 18-19, 1973, which set the stage for the first General Assembly in December 1973.
 - **Shrimp and Crawfish Boil:** We will have a shrimp and crawfish boil today at 4 p.m. at the church. We will also grill chicken for the non-seafood people. All food and drinks will be provided, so there is no need for anyone to bring anything. We will have no evening service today.
 - **Prayer Meeting:** We will have a prayer meeting in the church library this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.
 - **Youth Fellowship:** Youth will be meeting this Wednesday at 6 p.m. at the home of Steve and Bev Vos—25 Autumnwood Cove, Jackson.
 - **Change for Life:** We are participating in Birth Choice's Annual "Change for Life" campaign. You may pick up a baby bottle in the hallway to fill with change and return to the church by Sunday, June 18th.
 - **Care Center Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony:** The Care Center of Jackson will have a ribbon-cutting ceremony for their Genesis Homes project this Wednesday, May 24, 9 a.m., at 351 North Liberty St. These homes will provide transitional housing for homeless and abused women and their children. All are invited to attend.
 - **Facebook Posts:** Would you like to see more about the life and events of our church? Check our Facebook page—Covenant Presbyterian Church PCA-- <https://www.facebook.com/cpcjackson/>.
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Looking Ahead

May 24, Youth Fellowship (6 pm at the Voses)

May 24, Prayer Meeting (6:30 pm)

May 26, Ladies' Study (9:30 am)

Prayer Requests

Jennifer Bowen (recovery from surgery); Zachary Vos (healing of broken arm); Cameron Huelin (Recovery from surgery, strength & healing with chemotherapy and radiation); Ken Campbell (vertigo, settling into new home in Pennsylvania); Levi Vos (treatment for seizures)

Missionary Families

Dawson & Shanna Bean—(Wedding anniversary on May 26, feel free to congratulate at dawson.bean@mobilization.org) (MTW, London), Patrick & Regina Lennox (MTW, Native American pastor training), Tim & Laura Love (MTW, Ethiopia), Jeff & Katie Saunders (MTW, Japan), Jeremy & Gina Sink (Serge, Japan), Luke and Sohka Smith (MTW, Cambodia), Robert & Jeanne Smith (MTW, Latvia), Dan & Susan Steere (ELI, Africa), Michael & Lindie Wadhams (MTW, Washington/Lummi Nation)

Welcome to Covenant!

If you are visiting our church today, we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America. (www.pcanet.org)

While we encourage children in worship, there is a staffed nursery during the morning worship service.

Sunday Schedule

8:45 A.M.	Pre-Service Prayer
9:30 A.M.	Morning Worship Service
10:45 A.M.	Fellowship Time
5 P.M.	Evening Service

The Lord's Table

The Lord's Supper is observed every Sunday in response to the Word of God. We invite to the Lord's Table all those who are baptized disciples of Jesus Christ, under the authority of Christ and his body, the Church. By eating the bread and wine with us as a visitor, you are acknowledging to the elders of this local church that you are in covenant with God as an active member of a congregation in which the Gospel is faithfully confessed, taught, and believed.

You also acknowledge that you are a sinner, without hope except in the sovereign mercy of God, and that you are trusting in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. If you have any doubt about your participation, please speak to one of the elders or the pastor before or after the service.

Note: The outer ring alone contains grape juice, all others contain wine.

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