



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

Pentecost
May 28, 2023

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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Preparation for Worship

Music for Gathering

Announcements

Scripture for Meditation

Romans 8:16

The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God.

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 98:1-2

We Respond to God's Call

†* Hymn of Praise, No. 101

Come, Thou Almighty King

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.

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. 726

Spirit of the Living God

Congregational Response: Amen!

God Consecrates us By His Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Joel 2:28-29

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**

Acts 2:1-21

† **Congregational Response**

Psalm 119:105

Pastor: Your word is a lamp to me feet

People: And a light to my path

Sermon

"Pentecost: I Believe in the Holy Spirit"

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. 335**

Gracious Spirit, Dwell With Me

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 Desserts, May: Allegra Wright, Jen Straka, Teresa Pinson

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

Snacks, June 4: Paula Posey, Jen Straka, Joy Whetstone

Nursery, May 28: Bethany Roberts, Agnes Randolph

Nursery, June 4: Amy Reed, Abigail Wright

Announcements

- **Evening Service:** You are invited to join us at 5 p.m. for our evening worship service, including our ongoing study of the Book of Acts.
 - **Thank You!** On behalf of the youth, we would like to sincerely thank everyone who donated to and attended the spaghetti fundraiser. Due to your generous contributions, the amount raised was \$3,168.10. These funds are enough to completely cover the cost of all those attending the Ark Encounter trip this June. Praise be to God!
 - **Hermanville VBS Work Day:** There is a Hermanville, MS VBS work day scheduled for Wednesday, May 31 at 9 a.m., at the church. All are welcome to sort, cut and glue! Donations of card making supplies (paper, stamps, specialty paper punches or scissors, ink pads) would be appreciated. Contact Daneen DeMaagd for more information.
 - **Active Shooter Training:** We will have expert instruction on how to react in active shooter situations on Sunday, June 11, at 11 a.m., following the morning service. This training will apply not only to the church but to other contexts as well. All are encouraged to attend.
 - **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 18.
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Looking Ahead

May 31, Hermanville VBS Work Day (9 a.m.)

June 2, Ladies' Study (9:30 am)

June 9-10, Ark Encounter Youth Trip (Depart 8 a.m., Friday. Return approximately 10 or 11 p.m., Saturday)

June 11, Active Shooter Training (11 a.m.)

Prayer Requests

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

Missionary Families

Dawson & Shanna Bean (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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