



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

The Lord's Day

June 4, 2023

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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Preparation for Worship

Music for Gathering

Announcements

Scripture for Meditation

Psalm 113:4-6

The LORD is high above all nations,
His glory above the heavens.
Who is like the LORD our God,
Who dwells on high,
Who humbles Himself to behold
The things that are in the heavens and in the earth?

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 113:1-3

We Respond to God's Call

†* **Hymn of Praise, No. 54 (Psalm 113)**

Hallelujah! Raise, O Raise

Congregational Response: Amen!

† **Prayer of Adoration**

God Cleanses Us of Our Sins

Call to Confession

Psalm 45:3

Who may ascend into the hill of the LORD? Or who may stand in His
holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart.

† 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

Isaiah 1:18

“Come now, let us reason together,” says the LORD. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall be as wool.”

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. 242

Not All the Blood of Beasts

Congregational Response: Amen!

God Consecrates us By His Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 41:1-13

(Responsive Reading: Congregation reads print in bold)

Blessed is he who considers the poor;

The LORD will deliver him in time of trouble.

The LORD will preserve him and keep him alive,

And he will be blessed on the earth;

You will not deliver him to the will of his enemies.

The LORD will strengthen him on his bed of illness;

You will sustain him on his sickbed.

I said, “LORD, be merciful to me;

Heal my soul, for I have sinned against You.”

My enemies speak evil of me:

“When will he die, and his name perish?”

And if he comes to see me, he speaks lies;

His heart gathers iniquity to itself;

When he goes out, he tells it.

All who hate me whisper together against me;

Against me they devise my hurt.

“An evil disease,” they say, “clings to him.

And now that he lies down, he will rise up no more.”

Even my own familiar friend in whom I trusted,

Who ate my bread,

Has lifted up his heel against me.

But You, O LORD, be merciful to me, and raise me up,

That I may repay them.

By this I know that You are well pleased with me,

Because my enemy does not triumph over me.

As for me, You uphold me in my integrity,

And set me before Your face forever.

Blessed be the LORD God of Israel

From everlasting to everlasting!

Amen and Amen.

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

† **Psalm 41**

Tune: AURELIA “The Church’s One Foundation”

vv. 1-3

He who the poor considers is bless-ed of the LORD;

Who him from trial delivers, protects him from the sword.

Thus blest in all the land, he from enemies is safe,

Sustained in sickness and strengthened by God’s healing grace.

vv. 4-7

I cried, “O LORD, have mercy; against You I have sinned.”

My enemies pursue me and long to see my end.

From wicked hearts they utter dark words of vanity;

With hateful voice they mutter and seek the worst for me.

vv. 8-10

They say that death has found me, I shall not rise again;

Their threats and boasts confound me, and even my close friend

Has raised his heel against me, though once he shared my bread.

O LORD, to me show mercy, O LORD, lift up my head.

vv. 11-13

In this I know Your favor: my foes shall not prevail.

Your faithfulness I savor, I know You will not fail

To set me in Your presence in my integrity:

O LORD, from everlasting to You let praises be!

Congregational Response: Amen!

† **New Testament Reading**

Luke 4:14-22

† **Congregational Response**

Isaiah 40:8

Pastor: The grass withers, the flower fades,

People: But the word of our God stands forever.

Sermon

“Blessed Is. . . .”

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. 668

Who Trusts in God, a Strong Abode

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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