



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

The Lord's Day

July 30, 2023

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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Preparation for Worship

Music for Gathering

Announcements

Scripture for Meditation

John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son,
that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

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 107:1-3

We Respond to God's Call

†* Hymn of Praise, No. 76 (Psalm 103)

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

Congregational Response: Amen!

† Prayer of Adoration

God Cleanses Us of Our Sins

Call to Confession

Romans 3:23

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

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

Romans 5:1

Therefore, having been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

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. 535**

O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!

Congregational Response: Amen!

God Consecrates us By His Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Nehemiah 1:1-11

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

† **Psalm 136 (printed in bulletin)**

Congregational Response: Amen!

† **New Testament Reading**

1 John 4:7-21

† **Congregational Response**

Psalm 119:130

Pastor: The entrance of Your word gives light;

People: It gives understanding to the simple.

Sermon

“The God Who Loved First”

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 Faith and Commitment, No. 648**

My Jesus, I Love You

Congregational Response: Amen!

God Commissions Us to Go Into the World

† **Charge**

† **Benediction**

We Respond to God's Charge

† **Threefold Amen, No. 740**

O Thank the LORD, for He Is Good



1. ¹O thank the LORD, for he is good, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
 2. ⁵Praise him whose wis-dom made the heav'ns, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
 3. ¹⁰He struck down E-gypt's first-born sons, his love en-dures for - ev - er!



- ²Give thanks un - to the God of gods, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
⁶Who o'er the seas the earth has spread, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
¹¹And brought out Is - r'el's cho - sen ones, his love en-dures for - ev - er!



- ³Give thanks un - to the Lord of lords, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
⁷Who made great lights for day and night, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
¹²With out - stretched arm and might - y hand, his love en-dures for - ev - er!



- ⁴To him a - lone who does great works, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
^{8/9}The sun and moon and stars on high, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
¹³Who split the Sea to form dry land, his love en-dures for - ev - er!



4. ¹⁴He brought all Is - r'el through the Sea, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
 5. ¹⁹King Si - hon of the A - mor - ites, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
 6. ²³He saw us in our low es - tate, his love en-dures for - ev - er!

¹⁵But drowned the Phar - aoh's com - pa - ny, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
²⁰And Og who ruled the Ba - shan - ites, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
²⁴And saved us from our foes who hate, his love en-dures for - ev - er!

¹⁶Who through the des - ert led his sons, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
²¹On Is - r'el he be - stowed their lands, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
²⁵Each crea - ture's food he does sup - ply, his love en-dures for - ev - er!

^{17/18}Who killed great kings, the might - y ones, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
²²His ser - vant's own in - her - i - tance, his love en-dures for - ev - er!
²⁶Give thanks to God en - throned on high, his love en-dures for - ev - er!

