



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

The Lord's Day
August 6, 2023

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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Preparation for Worship

Music for Gathering

Announcements

Scripture for Meditation

Hebrews 10:19-23

Therefore, brethren, having boldness to enter the Holiest by the blood of Jesus ... let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith, having our hearts sprinkled from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful.

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 68:4

We Respond to God's Call

†* **Hymn of Praise, No. 115**

All Creatures of Our God and King

Congregational Response: Amen!

† **Prayer of Adoration**

God Cleanses Us of Our Sins

Call to Confession

1 John 1:8

If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

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

I John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

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. 455

And Can It Be That I Should Gain

Congregational Response: Amen!

God Consecrates us By His Word

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 131

(Responsive Reading; congregation reads text in bold)

LORD, my heart is not haughty,
Nor my eyes lofty.

Neither do I concern myself with great matters,
Nor with things too profound for me.

Surely I have calmed and quieted my soul,
Like a weaned child with his mother;
Like a weaned child is my soul within me.

O Israel, hope in the LORD
From this time forth and forever.

Congregational Response

Pastor: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

† Psalm 131

TUNE: Amazing Grace

My heart not haughty is, O LORD,
Nor lofty is my eye;
I do not deal in matters great

Or things for me too high.

My soul I stilled and quieted.
I'm like a weaned child;
As one that to his mother yields
With soul subdued and mild.

Upon Jehovah let the hope
Of Is-ra-el rely,
Ev'n from the time that present is
To all eternity.

Congregational Response: Amen!

† **New Testament Reading** Philippians 2:1-8

† **Congregational Response** Romans 15:4

Pastor: For whatever things were written before were written for our learning,

People: That we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.

Sermon

"Humility, Contentment, Hope"

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. 605**
Congregational Response: Amen!

All the Way My Savior Leads Me

God Commissions Us to Go Into the World

† **Charge**

† **Benediction**

We Respond to God's Charge

† **Threefold Amen, No. 740**

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