



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

Reformation Day

October 29, 2023

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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Preparation for Worship

Music for Gathering

Announcements

Scripture for Meditation

Habakkuk 2:20

The LORD is in His holy temple. Let all the earth keep silence before Him.

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 95:1-3

We Respond to God's Call

†* Hymn of Praise, No. 1 (Psalm 100) *All People That on Earth Do Dwell (Genevan Psalter, 1551)*

Congregational Response: Amen!

† Prayer of Adoration

God Cleanses Us of Our Sins

Call to Confession

(Bucer's Strasbourg Liturgy, 1539)

Pastor: Make confession to God the Lord, and let everyone acknowledge with me his sin and iniquity.

We Confess Our Sins (congregation kneels as able)

All: Almighty, eternal God and Father, we confess and acknowledge unto You that we were conceived in unrighteousness and are full of sin and transgression in all our life. We do not fully believe Your Word nor follow Your holy commandments. Remember Your goodness, we beseech You, and for Your Name's sake be gracious

unto us, and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great. [Silent prayer of confession] Amen.

† Assurance of Pardon (Calvin's Liturgy, 1545)

Pastor: "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners." Let each of you truly acknowledge that he is a sinner, humbling himself before God, and believe that the heavenly Father wills to be gracious unto him in Jesus Christ. To all those that repent in this way, and look to Jesus Christ for their salvation, I declare that the absolution of sins is effected, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

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 Instruction, No. 724 (verses 1-5) *The Ten Commandments (Genevan Psalter, 1547)*

Congregational Response: Amen!

God Consecrates us By His Word

Prayer for Illumination

Epistle Reading

I Thessalonians 2:9-16

Congregational Response

Elder: The Word of the Lord

People: Thanks be to God

† Hymn No. 40 (Psalm 46)

God Is Our Refuge and Our Strength

Congregational Response: Amen!

† Gospel Reading

Mark 9:2-13

† Congregational Response

Isaiah 11:9

Pastor: The earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD

People: As the waters cover the sea.

Sermon

"The Five Solas, Part 1: Sola Scriptura and Solus Christus"

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. 9** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* (Martin Luther, 1529)

Congregational Response: Amen!

God Commissions Us to Go Into the World

† **Charge**

† **Benediction**

We Respond to God's Charge

† **Threefold Amen, No. 740**