



# COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, PCA

The Lord's Day  
November 26, 2023

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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## Preparation for Worship

**Music for Gathering**

**Announcements**

**Scripture for Meditation**

Acts 14:17

“He did not leave Himself without witness, in that He did good, gave us rain from heaven and fruitful seasons filling our hearts with food and gladness.”

**Silent Prayer of Preparation**

## God Calls Us Into His Presence

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### † 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 147:7-11

## We Respond to God’s Call

### †\* Hymn of Praise, No. 715

*Come Ye Thankful People Come*

**Congregational Response: Amen!**

### † Prayer of Adoration

## God Cleanses Us of Our Sins

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### Call to Confession

I 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: 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

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. 714** *We Plow the Fields*

**Congregational Response: Amen!**

## **God Consecrates us By His Word**

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**Prayer for Illumination**

**Old Testament Reading**

Psalm 22:1-31

**Congregational Response**

Elder: The Word of the Lord

**People: Thanks be to God**

† **Psalm 129** *Tune: AZMON – O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*

*vv. 1, 2*

Greatly have they afflicted me –  
Let Is-ra-el now say –  
From youth they seek to trample me,  
But have not had their way.

*vv. 3, 4*

My back they plow with furrows long,  
But righteous is the Lord;  
He breaks their cords who do me wrong,  
And helps me by His Word.

*vv. 5, 6*

Let all who hate Your Church, O Lord,  
Turn backward into shame;  
Wilt, wither them by Your strong Word;  
Cut off their wicked name.

*vv. 7, 8*

Let not the fruit of wickedness  
Prosperity obtain;  
Let none the wicked ever bless  
In Your all-holy Name.

**Congregational Response: Amen!**

† **New Testament Reading** **Mark 15:33-41**

† **Congregational Response** **James 1:22**

Pastor: Be doers of the word,

**People: And not hearers only, deceiving yourselves.**

**Sermon**

**“A Powerful Death”**

## **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

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### The Communion

**Eucharistic Meditation and Fencing of the Table**

**Distribution of the Bread and Communion in the Body of Christ**

**Hymn:** *Behold the Lamb*, verses 1 and 2 (printed in bulletin)

**Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ**

**Hymn:** *Behold the Lamb*, verses 3 and 4 (printed in bulletin)

**Prayer**

### We Respond to God's Gift

† **Psalm 22:23-28**

Tune: DARWALL (*Rejoice the Lord is King*)

v. 23

All you who fear the Lord, now praise His holy Name!  
You children of His glorious Word, declare His fame!  
We stand in awe of our eternal God, and on His mercy call.

vv. 24, 25

For He has not despised the anguish of our King,  
Nor from Him hid His eyes, Who knew such suffering.  
Let praise arise from all who love and serve the Ruler of the skies!

v. 26, 27

The suff'ring ones shall eat and praise with us the Lord.  
Forever we His praise repeat and trust His Word.  
Praise God above, all you who keep His vows and who His mercies love!

v. 28

All nations shall repent and hasten to the Lord;  
All those to whom His truth is sent shall praise His Word.  
The Lord is King! His sovereign rule on high now we His people sing!

**Congregational Response: Amen!**

### God Commissions Us to Go Into the World

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† **Charge**

† **Benediction**

### We Respond to God's Charge

† **Threefold Amen, No. 740**

# Behold The Lamb

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## VERSE

G2/B                      A/C#                      D                      Em7 D/F#    A    D/F#                      G2

1. Be hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us:  
2. The bod - y of our Sav - iour, Je - sus Christ, torn for you:  
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you:  
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond

D/A                      A7sus    A7    G2/B                      A/C#                      D                      Em7 D/F#    A    D/F#

And we re - mem - ber the prom - ise made that all who come in faith find for -  
Eat and re - mem - ber the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the  
Drink and re - mem - ber He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re -  
and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His

G2                      A7sus    A7    D                      D/F#                      G2                      D2/F#    Gmaj7    A2    D/F#                      G2

give - ness at the cross.    So, we share    in this Bread of Life, and we drink    of His  
price to make us one.    So, we share    in this Bread of Life, and we drink    of His  
ceive the life of God.    So, we share    in this Bread of Life, and we drink    of His  
bod - y here on earth.    As we share    in His suf - fer - ing, we - proclaim:    Christ will

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D2/F# G2 A D/F# G2 D2/F# Gmaj7 A7sus G2/B Gmaj7 A7

sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the  
sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the  
sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the  
come a - gain! And we'll join in the feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the

**TURNAROUND / OUTRO**

D2 D2/G D2 D2/G D2

King.  
King.  
King.  
King.