



COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

The Lord's Day
January 21, 2024

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to Me, all you who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take My yoke upon you and learn from Me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For My yoke is easy and My burden is light.”

SILENT PRAYER

GOD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

† SALUTATION

Grace and peace to you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

And also, with you!

This is the day the Lord has made;

Psalm 118:24

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

THE CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 146:1-2, 10

Praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD, O my soul! While I live I will praise the LORD; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. . . . The LORD shall reign forever—Your God, O Zion, to all generations.

Praise the LORD!

†* PSALM 146, NO. 57: “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul”

Amen!

† THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS

THE READING OF GOD'S LAW

Hear now the commandments of Your God, which he has commanded you to keep, saying, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." This is the first and great commandment.

And the second, like unto it is this, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

Have you fully obeyed the Lord in all that he has commanded?

No, but we have sinned against Him in thought, word, and deed.

CORPORATE CONFESSION

(congregation kneels as able)

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.

[Silent prayer of personal confession] **Amen.**

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like You, pardoning iniquity and passing over the transgression of the remnant of His heritage? He does not retain His anger forever, because He delights in mercy. He will again have compassion on us, and will subdue our iniquities. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

† 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.**

†* THE HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 457: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Amen!

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 62:5-12

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

THE EPISTLE READING: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

THE GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:14-20

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise be to you, O Christ!

† **THE HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 253:** "There is a Fountain Filled with Blood"
Amen!

THE READING OF GOD'S WORD: Ruth 3

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

The Gospel According to Ruth, Part 3: A Life of Hope, Love, and Faith

† **CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
and born of virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell.**

The third day he rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,**

the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

**catholic=universal*

† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND 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.

THE OFFERTORY

† THE DOXOLOGY (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

† THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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. 193: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*, verses 1 and 2
Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ
Hymn, No. 469: *Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence*, verses 3 and 4
Prayer

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† THE HYMN OF RESPONSE, NO. 498: "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!"
Amen!

† **THE BENEDICTION: Numbers 6:24-26**

The LORD bless you and keep you;

The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

† **THE THREE-FOLD AMEN**

† **THE POSTLUDE**

† Congregation stands, if able

* Seating for latecomers at this time

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