



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

Jackson, Tennessee

The Lord's Day

January 28, 2024

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Psalm 103:17-19

But the mercy of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear Him, and His righteousness to children's children, to such as keep His covenant, and to those who remember His commandments to do them. The LORD has established His throne in heaven, and His kingdom rules over all.

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!

Our help is in the name of the Lord.

Psalm 124:8

Who made heaven and earth.

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 117

Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples! For His merciful kindness is great toward us, and the truth of the LORD endures forever. Praise the LORD!

†* PSALM 117, No. 115 [Tune: *Lasst uns Erfreuen*, "All Creatures of Our God and King"]

- 1 From all that dwell below the skies,
O let Jehovah's praise arise!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
And let His glorious name be sung
In every land by every tongue!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 Great are the mercies of the Lord,
And truth eternal is His word;

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye nations, sound from shore to shore
Jehovah's praise for evermore!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Amen!

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION: 1 John 1:5-10

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you,
that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness,
we lie and do not practice the truth.

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,

and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

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

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

If we say we have not sinned,
we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

CORPORATE CONFESSION

(congregation kneels as able)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

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

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Romans 5:1

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

† 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. 261: "What Wondrous Love Is This"
Amen!

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: 2 Samuel 7:4-17

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING: Romans 1:1-7

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING: Luke 1:26-33

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ
Praise be to you, O Christ!

† HYMN, NO. 168: "I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Art"
Amen!

READING OF GOD'S WORD: Ruth 4

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

The Gospel According to Ruth, Part 4: When God Writes Your Story

† **CONFESSION OF FAITH:** 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 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.

OFFERTORY

† 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

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GOD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

COMMUNION

Eucharistic Meditation and Fencing of the Table

Distribution of the Bread and Communion in the Body of Christ

Hymn, No. 691: *It Is Well With My Soul*, verses 1 and 2

Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ

Hymn, No. 691: *It Is Well With My Soul*, verses 3 and 4

Prayer

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN OF RESPONSE, NO. 642: "Be Thou My Vision"**

Amen!

† **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.

† **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

† **POSTLUDE**

† Congregation stands, if able

* Seating for latecomers at this time

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