

COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

Jackson, Tennessee The Lord's Day February 11, 2024

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

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: Hebrews 12:28-29

Therefore let us be grateful for receiving a kingdom that cannot be shaken, and thus let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe, for our God is a consuming fire.

- **+*** HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 38: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"
- **† PRAYER OF ADORATION**

GOD CLEANSES US OF OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION:

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: Romans 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

† 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. 461: "Not What My Hands Have Done" Amen!

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 6:1-6 This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God! EPISTLE READING: Revelation 1:10-19 This is the Word of the Lord Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING: John 1:1-18 This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ Praise be to you, O Christ!

- **+ PSALM 67:** [Tune: Dennis, "Blest Be the Ties That Bind"]
 - 1 Lord, bless and pity us, shine on us with thy face:
 - 2 That th' earth thy way, and nations all may know thy saving grace.
 - 3 Let people praise thee, Lord; let people all thee praise.
 - 4 O let the nations be glad, in songs their voices raise:

Thou'lt justly people judge, on earth rule nations all.

- 5 Let people praise thee, Lord; let them praise thee, both great and small.
- 6 The earth her fruit shall yield, our God shall blessing send.
- 7 God shall us bless; men shall him fear unto earth's utmost end. Amen!

READING OF GOD'S WORD: Hebrews 12:18-29

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

What is Worship? Covenant Participation

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.

t 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

t DOXOLOGY

> 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 t

GOD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

t SURSUM CORDA (with hands lifted)

*catholic=universal

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord.

It is good and right so to do.

It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and arch angels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing . . .

SANCTUS: "Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts"



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MEMORIAL

COMMUNION

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Eucharistic Meditation and Fencing of the Table

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Distribution of the Bread and Communion in the Body of Christ Communion Song (printed in the bulletin on page 8): "Behold the Lamb," verses 1 and 2 Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ Communion Song (printed in the bulletin on page 8): "Behold the Lamb," verses 3 and 4

PRAYER OF BLESSING

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

+ HYMN OF RESPONSE, NO. 353: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" 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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SERMON NOTES:

Behold The Lamb



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