



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

Jackson, Tennessee

The Lord's Day

February 25, 2024

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Revelation 5:9-10

And they sang a new song, saying:

“You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation, and have made us kings and priests to our God; and we shall reign on the earth.”

SILENT PRAYER

GOD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

† SALUTATION

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!

Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, Revelation 4:8

who was and is and is to come!

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Revelation 1:4-6

John, to the seven churches which are in Asia:

Grace to you and peace from Him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven Spirits who are before His throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler over the kings of the earth. To Him who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood, and has made us kings and priests to His God and Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

†* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 296: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

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 172: "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"**
Amen!

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Genesis 9:12-17

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING: Acts 2:37-47

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING: Matthew 26:17-29

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise be to you, O Christ!

† **PSALM 23, NO 87: The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want**
Amen!

READING OF GOD'S WORD: 1 Corinthians 11:17-26

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

What is Worship? The Covenantal Memorial

† **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.

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

† SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

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

Sung in unison

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts Heav'n and earth are full_ of your Glo - ry. Ho

san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he_ who_ comes_

in_ the name of the Lord our God. Ho - san - na, ho-san-na in the High - est.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MEMORIAL

COMMUNION

Eucharistic Meditation and Fencing of the Table

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Distribution of the Bread and Communion in the Body of Christ

Communion Song: Hymn No. 253 "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" verses 1 and 2

Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ

Communion Song: Hymn No. 253 "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" verses 3 and 4

PRAYER OF BLESSING

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN OF RESPONSE, NO. 92: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
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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