



# COVENANT

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA**

Jackson, Tennessee

The Lord's Day

March 3, 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

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!**

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 146:1-2, 10

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul! I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. . . . The Lord will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all generations. Praise the Lord!

†\* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 57 [Psalm 146]: “Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah, O My Soul”

**Amen!**

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

## GOD CLEANSSES 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: Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, pardoning iniquity and passing over transgression for the remnant of his inheritance? He does not retain his anger forever, because he delights in steadfast love. He will again have compassion on us; he will tread our iniquities underfoot. You will cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.

### † 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: "The Power of the Cross" (page 8)

**Amen!**

## GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Exodus 14:10-31

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE READING:** Romans 6:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL READING:** Matthew 28:16-20

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

† **HYMN NO 247:** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"  
**Amen!**

**READING OF GOD'S WORD:** Genesis 17:1-21

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD**

What is Worship? Covenantal Baptism

† **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

### † 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

9  
san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he\_\_ who\_ comes\_\_

17  
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. 469** “How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place” v. 1 and 2

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

**Communion Song: Hymn No. 469** “How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place” v. 3 and 4

### PRAYER OF BLESSING

## GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN OF RESPONSE, NO. 469:** “How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place” v. 5 and 6.  
**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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# The Power Of The Cross

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Words and Music by  
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## VERSE

♩ = 68

D/F#

E/G#

A

E7/B

A/C#

1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day.  
2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on Your face,  
3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath  
4. Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,

D

A/C#

Bm7

Dmaj7

Esus

E

D/F#

E/G#

A

3

Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,  
bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,  
quakes as its Mak - er bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,  
for through Your suf - f'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death,

E7/B

A/C#

D

A/C#

Dmaj7

Esus

E/D

A/C#

6

torn and beat - en then nailed to a cross of wood. 1, This the  
ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood - stained brow. 4. This the  
dead are raised to life. "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.  
life is mine to live won through Your self - less love!



# CHORUS

9

D E/G# A A/C# D E/G# A A/C# D B/D#

pow'r of the cross. Christ be - came sin for us. Took the blame, bore the  
 pow'r of the cross Son of God slain for us. What a love, what a

# INSTRUMENTAL

1, 2, 3

14 E E/D A/C# D Esus E D/F# E/G# A Dmaj7 Bm7Esus E

wrath. We stand for - giv - en at the cross.  
 cost. We stand for - giv - en at the

4

# ENDING

18 Esus E D/F# E/G# A A E/G# A/C# Dmaj7 Bm7 D/E

at the cross.  
 at the

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