



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

Jackson, Tennessee

Pentecost Season

August 25, 2024

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Psalm 96:10

Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; He will judge the peoples with equity."

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!

Our help is in the name of the LORD.

Psalm 124:8

Who made heaven and earth.

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 96:7-9

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts! Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before Him, all the earth!

†* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 100: "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

† Congregation stands, if able

* Seating for latecomers at this time

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GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION:

Hear now the Covenant of Your God, which He has commanded you to keep saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol.

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.

Honor your father and your mother.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet.

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: 2 Corinthians 5:17, 20-21

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ... Therefore, we are ambassadors for Christ, God making His appeal through us. We implore you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Him we might become the righteousness of God.

† 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.**

†* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 535: "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!"

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 29

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING: James 3:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL READING: Mark 9:1-13

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"

READING OF GOD'S WORD: Matthew 5:13-16

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Salt and Light

† **CONFESSION OF FAITH: 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 the 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

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san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he__ who_ comes__

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

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MEMORIAL

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Distribution of the Bread and Communion in the Body of Christ

Communion Song, NO. 500: "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" v. 1-2

Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ

Communion Song, NO. 500 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" v. 3-4

PRAYER OF BLESSING

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 353: "I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord"**

† **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**