

The Lord's Service

The Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 22, 2026



COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

Post Tenebras Lux

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Hebrews 11:13-16

These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore, God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

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!

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 37:10-11

In just a little while, the wicked will be no more; though you look carefully at his place, he will not be there. But the meek shall inherit the land and delight themselves in abundant peace.

†* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 499: "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me"

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION: Hebrews 12:3-6

Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. In your struggle against sin, you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

CORPORATE CONFESSION: (kneel as able)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

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

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

† **THE PEACE**

† **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. 527: “The Beatitudes”** (vv. 1-4 only)

GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Psalm 37:1-20

The grass withers, the flower fades,

But the Word of our God will stand forever!

Isaiah 40:8

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: 1 Peter 1:3-9

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

† **PSALM 42, NO. 662:** "As the Hart Longs for Flowing Streams"

† **GOSPEL READING:** **Matthew 5:1-12** (sermon text)

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise be to you, O Christ!

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD:

Blessed Are the Meek

1. The Meekness

2. The Inheritance

† **CONFESSION OF FAITH:** Romans 12

By the mercies of God, present your bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to God, which is our fitting service.

Do not be conformed to this age

but be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

That by testing you may discern what is the will of God,

what is good and acceptable and mature.

Let no one think of himself more highly that he ought,

but think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith God has provided.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;

Hold fast to what is good.

Love one another with brotherly affection.

Outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not be slothful in zeal.

Be fervent in the Spirit, serving the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation.

Be constant in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints,

and seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you.

Bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice.

Weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another; Do not be haughty,

but associate with the lowly and never be conceited.

Repay no one evil for evil,

but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves,

but give place to the wrath of God.

For it stands written:

“Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.”

To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him;

If he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

For by doing so you will heap burning coals on his head.”

Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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

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 THE 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.**

EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Distribution of the Bread and Communion in the Body of Christ

Communion Meditation Silence

Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ

Communion Song, NO. 429: "Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured" (on back page)

PRAYER OF BLESSING

GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 598: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"**

† **BENEDICTION: 2 Thessalonians 2:16-17**

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God our Father, who loved us and gave us eternal comfort and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts and establish them in every good work and word.

† **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

† **POSTLUDE**

Let Thy Blood In Mercy Poured (Jesus Meine Zuversicht)

Let Thy blood in mercy poured
 Let Thy gracious body broken
 Be to me O gracious Lord
 Of Thy boundless love the token
 Thou didst give Thyself for me
 Now I give myself to Thee

Thou didst die that I might live
 Blessed Lord Thou came'st to save me
 All that love of God could give
 Jesus by His sorrows gave me
 Thou didst give Thyself for me
 Now I give myself to Thee

By the thorns that crowned Thy brow
 By the spear wound and the nailing
 By the pain and death I now claim
 O Christ Thy love unfailing
 Thou didst give Thyself for me
 Now I give myself to Thee

Wilt Thou own the gift I bring
 All my penitence I give Thee
 Thou art my exalted King
 Of Thy matchless love forgive me
 Thou didst give Thyself for me
 Now I give myself to Thee

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