



CENTER GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, April 11, 2021

* **God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of 2 Peter 3:10-13

Pastor: But the day of the Lord will come like a thief, and then the heavens will pass away with a roar, and the heavenly bodies will be burned up and dissolved.

Congregation: And the earth and the works that are done on it will be exposed.

Pastor: Since all these things are thus to be dissolved, what sort of people ought you to be in lives of holiness and godliness.

Congregation: Waiting for and hastening the coming of the day of God.

Pastor: Because of which the heavens will be set on fire and dissolved, and the heavenly bodies will melt as they burn!

All: But according to his promise, we are waiting for new heavens and a new earth in which righteousness dwells.

* **We Sing in Response:** #53 Red Hymnal "*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*"

* **We Seek God's Presence in Prayer**

We Confess Our Sins Together:

Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Exodus 6:2-7

* **We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #359 Black Hymnal "*My Soul Finds Rest*"

* **We Confess Our Faith Together:** Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 19, Q/A #51-52

Pastor: *What does this glory of Christ, our Head, profit us?*

All: First, that by His Holy Spirit He pours out heavenly gifts upon us, His members; then, that by His power He defends and preserves us against all enemies.

Pastor: *What comfort is it to you that Christ "shall come to judge the living and the dead"?*

All: That in all my sorrows and persecutions, I, with uplifted head, look for the very One who offered Himself for me to the judgment of God, and removed all curse from me, to come as Judge from heaven, who shall cast all His and my enemies into everlasting condemnation, but shall take me with all His chosen ones to Himself into heavenly joy and glory.

Introduction of New Members: JD & Sam Wahrman (Louise and Isabel)

Sacrament of Baptism: Louise and Isabel Wahrman

We Read From God's Word: Numbers 12:1-13:3

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: 2 Peter 1:3

May grace and peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord.

We Present Our Tithes & Offerings In Worship

We Worship Through the Music of Offertory: *"His Eye is On The Sparrow"* By Charles Gabriel and Civilla Martin; Offered by Sherri Campagna.

* **We Sing the Doxology:** #731 Red Hymnal *"Doxology"*

* **We Give Thanks to the Lord**

* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #353 Black Hymnal *"O Church, Arise"*
(Children age 4 through kindergarten may be dismissed to Children's Worship)

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: Psalm 37:1-11

Pastor Preaches God's Word: *"Awaiting Our Inheritance"* - Pastor Ryan Diehl

We Partake of the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** Back of sermon outline *"Psalm 37"* (To the tune of *He Leadeth Me*)

* **The Lord Sends Us Out (Benediction)**

Sermon Outline

Psalm 37

“Awaiting Our Inheritance”

Big Idea: We must humbly wait on the Lord because He will soon cut off all who are unfaithful, while we will receive our inheritance.

Main Point #1: The Way It Is Now

How do we “humbly wait on the Lord”?

We abstain from:

Worry (1a, 7b, 8b)

Envy (1b)

Anger (8a)

We actively seek to:

Trust (3)

Delight (4)

Commit (5-6)

Rest (7)

Main Point #2: The Way It Will Be

Why do we “humbly wait on the Lord”?

2.1. The Unfaithful (9a, 10)

2.2. The Faithful (9b, 11)