



CENTER GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, April 25, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

* **God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Isaiah 53:4-5

Pastor: Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.

Congregation: Yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

Pastor: But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities.

Congregation: Upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

* **We Sing in Response:** #455 Red Hymnal "*And Can It Be That I Should Gain*"

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

We Confess Our Sins Together:

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Isaiah 53:6

* **We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #388 Black Hymnal "*He Will Hold Me Fast*"

* **We Confess Our Faith Together: Ligonier Statement on Christology**

We confess the mystery and wonder of God made flesh and rejoice in our great salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. With the Father and the Holy Spirit, the Son created all things, sustains all things, and makes all things new. Truly God, He became truly man, two natures in one person. He was born of the Virgin Mary and lived among us. Crucified, dead, and buried, He rose on the third day, ascended into heaven, and will come again in glory and judgment. For us, He kept the Law, atoned for sin, and satisfied God's wrath. He took our filthy rags and gave us His righteous robe. He is our Prophet, Priest, and King, building His church, interceding for us, and reigning over all things. Jesus Christ is Lord; we praise His holy name forever. Amen.

We Read From God's Word: Daniel 7:15-28

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

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

* **We Give Thanks to the Lord**

* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #42 Black Hymnal *"Our Great God"*

(Children age 4 through kindergarten may be dismissed to Children's Worship)

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: Revelation 17:7-18

Pastor Preaches God's Word: *"The Mystery of the Woman, the Beast, and the People of God"*

- *Pastor Wes James*

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #406 Black Hymnal *"Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor"*

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

Sermon Outline

Revelation 17:7-18

“The Mystery of the Woman, the Beast, and the People of God”

04-25-21

Proposition: The vision of the harlot and the beast is designed by God to comfort us in our faith and cause us to persevere knowing that Jesus has and will conquer them in the end.

Main Point One: The Beast

Main Point Two: The Lamb

Main Point Three: The Destruction