



**CENTER GROVE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*The Lord's Day, December 5, 2021*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**First Advent Reading:** Micah 5:1-5a (The Merrell Family: Dayton, Hope, Garrison, Oaklyn)

\* **God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Isaiah 40:1-5a

**Pastor:** Comfort, comfort my people, says your God.

**Congregation:** Speak tenderly to Jerusalem, and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned, that she has received from the LORD's hand double for all her sins.

**Pastor:** A voice cries: "In the wilderness prepare the way of the LORD; make straight in the desert a highway for our God."

**All:** "Every valley shall be lifted up, and every mountain and hill be made low; the uneven ground shall become level, and the rough places a plain. And the glory of the LORD shall be revealed."

\* **We Sing in Response:** #194 Red Hymnal "*O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*"

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

## **We Confess Our Sins Together:**

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

## **We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession**

**God Assures Us We Are Forgiven:** Isaiah 43:1-3b

\* **We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** Handout "*Only a Holy God*"

\* **We Confess Our Faith Together: 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 Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come.

**We Read From God's Word:** Psalm 78:1-39

**We Pray For The Congregation and Community**

**We Memorize God's Word: Hebrews 1:1-2:** Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets, but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

**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:** #184 Black Hymnal *"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"*

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

**Pastor Reads the Sermon Text:** Matthew 5:17-20

**Pastor Preaches God's Word:** *"The Glory and Greatness of Jesus in His Kingdom"*

- Pastor Wes James

**We Celebrate the Lord's Supper**

\* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #226 Black Hymnal *"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"*

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

## **Sermon Outline**

**Matthew 5:17-20**

**“The Glory and Greatness of Jesus in His Kingdom”**

**12-05-21**

**Proposition:** The glory and greatness of Jesus is manifest through His incarnational life and ministry by which he fulfilled the prophetic law of Moses, such that by faith in Him, is realized in us.

**Main Point One: The Law and Jesus' Purpose**

**Main Point Two: The Law in Relation to Jesus' People**