



CENTER GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, December 19, 2021

Welcome and Announcements

First Advent Reading: Luke 2:1-7 (The Rench Family: Aaron, Nicole, Rowan, Lincoln & Miles)

* **God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Romans 5:1-2

Pastor: Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,

Congregation: we have peace with God through our LORD Jesus Christ.

Pastor: Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand.

All: And we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

* **We Sing in Response:** #207 Red Hymnal "*Good Christian Men, Rejoice*"

* **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: Romans 6:23

* **We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #389 Black Hymnal "*All I Have Is Christ*"

* **We Confess Our Faith Together: Westminster Confession of Faith 19.6**

Pastor: *Christian, how we should understand the function and application of God's Law?*

Congregation: Although true believers be not under the law as a covenant of works, to be thereby justified, or condemned; yet is it of great use to them, as well as to others; in that, as a rule of life, informing them of the will of God and their duty, it directs and binds them to walk accordingly; discovering also the sinful pollutions of their nature, hearts, and lives; so as, examining themselves thereby, they may come to further conviction of, humiliation for, and hatred against sin; together with a clearer sight of the need they have of Christ, and the perfection of his obedience. It is likewise of use to the regenerate, to restrain their corruptions, in that it forbids sin; and the threatening of it serves to show what even their sins deserve, and what afflictions in this life they may expect for them, although freed from the curse there threatened in the law. The promises of it, in like manner, show them God's approbation of obedience, and what blessings they may expect upon the performance thereof, although not as due to them by the law as a covenant of works: so as a man's doing good, and refraining from evil, because the law encourages to the one, and deters from the other, is no evidence of his being under the law, and not under grace.

We Read From God's Word: Romans 8:1-17

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:** #317 Black Hymnal "*Light of God*"

(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 Fulfilling the Law*" - Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #213 Red Hymnal "*What Child Is This*"

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

Sermon Outline
Matthew 5:17-20
“The Glory and Greatness of Jesus in Fulfilling the Law”
12-19-21

Proposition: Jesus’ greatness and glory is realized through His incarnational life and ministry by which he fulfilled the prophetic law of Moses.

Main Point One: The Law and Jesus’ Purpose

Main Point Two: The Law in relation to Jesus’ People