



CENTER GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, February 13, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

* **God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Isaiah 43:1-3b

Pastor: But now thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel.

Congregation: Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.

Pastor: When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

All: For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Savior.

* **We Sing in Response:** #38 Red Hymnal "*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*"

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

We Confess Our Sins Together :

Holy God, we confess to you that we are broken sinners. We have failed to keep your word, and love you from all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength. We have failed to love our neighbor as ourselves. Too often we have cherished our sin and idols instead of you. We ask, Lord, that you forgive us our sins. Forgive the sins we are aware of, and those hidden faults we do not see so clearly. Grant us a greater hatred of our sin such that we actively seek to put it to death. And free us to love you and love one-another all the more fully, as we seek to live in the power of the Holy Spirit, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God, our Father! Amen.

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Isaiah 53:4-5

* **We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #318 Black Hymnal "*Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*"

* **We Confess Our Faith Together: Westminster Confession of Faith 13.1-3**

Pastor: *How do we as God's people understand and walk in the sanctification of our faith?*

Congregation: They who are effectually called and regenerated, having a new heart and a new spirit created in them, are further sanctified, really and personally, through the virtue of Christ's death and resurrection, by His Word and Spirit dwelling in them; the dominion of the whole body of sin is destroyed, and the several lusts thereof are more and more weakened and mortified, and they are more quickened and strengthened, in all saving graces, to the practice of true holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord.

Pastor: *How should we understand this work of sanctification “progressively” throughout the Christian life?*

Congregation: This sanctification is throughout the whole man, yet imperfect in this life: there remains still some remnants of corruption in every part, wherein arises a continual and irreconcilable war, the flesh lusting against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh. In which war, although the remaining corruption for a time may much prevail, yet, through the continual supply of strength from the sanctifying Spirit of Christ, the regenerate part does overcome: and so the saints grow in grace, perfecting holiness in the fear of God.

Introduction of New Members: Chase and Lynzey Walker (Charlie and Owen)

We Read From God’s Word: 1 Peter 3:8-22

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God’s Word: 2 Corinthians 5:14-15

For the love of Christ controls us, because we have concluded this: that one has died for all, therefore all have died; and he died for all, that those who live might no longer live for themselves but for him who for their sake died and was raised.

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:** #726 Red Hymnal “*Spirit of the Living God*”

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

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: Matthew 5:43-48

Pastor Preaches God’s Word: “*The Way of Christ in a World of Strife, Part II*”
- Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #353 Black Hymnal “*O Church, Arise*”

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

**Congregation stands*

Sermon Outline
Matthew 5:43-48
“The Way of Christ in a World of Strife – Part 2”
02-13-22

Proposition: In this world of strife Jesus summons us to love both friend and foe because His objective is our conformity to the true image of God.

Main Point One: Jesus’ Call

Sub Point One: Context and misunderstanding of the Law

Sub Point Two: Our identity – “Sons of our Father in Heaven”

Main Point Two: Jesus’ Motive

Sub Point One: Jesus’ illustration concerning ‘Love for a Foe’

Main Point Three: Jesus’ Objective

Sub Point One: Sanctification of faith

Sub Point Two: Perfection is the end goal