



CENTER GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, March 27, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

* **God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Psalm 95:1-6

Pastor: Oh come, let us sing to the LORD.

Congregation: Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Pastor: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

Congregation: The LORD is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

Pastor: In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

All: Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the LORD, our Maker!

* **We Sing in Response:** #302 Red Hymnal "*Come, Christians, Join to Sing*"

* **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: Colossians 2:13-15

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

* **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. Amen.

We Read From God's Word: Isaiah 58

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: Romans 1:16-17

For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith for faith, as it is written, "The righteous shall live by faith."

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:** #368 Black Hymnal *"Speak, O Lord"*

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

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: Matthew 6:16-18

Pastor Preaches God's Word: *"Cultivating a Hunger For God"* - Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #642 Red Hymnal *"Be Thou My Vision"*

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

Sermon Outline
Matthew 6:16-18
“Cultivating a Hunger for God”
03-27-22

Proposition: Fasting is a discipline of grace by which we draw near to God for the satisfaction of our spiritual appetites in the word of God and bread of Heaven.

Main Point One: Old Testament Fasting

Sub Point One: Creation’s abundance

Sub Point Two: Food after the fall

Sub Point Three: Fasting in Israel

Main Point Two: New Testament Fast

Sub Point One: Jesus’ Day

Sub Point Two: The Early Church’s Practice

Main Point Three: Modern Day Church and Fasting

Sub Point One: The Goal

Sub Point Two: Heaven’s Feast