



CENTER GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, May 15, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

* **God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Ephesians 1:3-6

Pastor: Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.

Congregation: Even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him.

Pastor: In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will.

All: To the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.

* **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 :

Jesus, forgive our sins. Forgive the sins we remember, and the sins we have forgotten.

Forgive our many failures in the face of temptation, and those times when we have been stubborn in the face of correction. Forgive the times we are proud of our own achievements and those when we have failed to boast in your works. Forgive the harsh judgments we make toward others, and the leniency we often show ourselves. Forgive the half-truths and dishonest things we say, and the truths we have avoided. Forgive us the pain we have caused others and the indulgences we show to ourselves. Jesus, have mercy on us and make us whole. Amen.

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Ephesians 2:8-10

* **We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #162 Black Hymnal "*Wonderful, Merciful Savior*"

* **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.

Introduction of New Members: Mark and Carla Johnson, Joe and Donna Krieger, & Lori Louderback

We Read From God's Word: James 4:1-12

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: Colossians 1:28-29

Him we proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ. For this I toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

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 7:6-11

Pastor Preaches God's Word: *"Treasuring the Gospel in Pursuit of God"*
- Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #42 Black Hymnal *"Our Great God"*

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

Sermon Outline
Matthew 7:6-11
“Treasuring the Gospel in Pursuit of God”
05-15-22

Proposition: Our Heavenly Father delights to give good things to His children who seek His face and treasure the goodness of the gospel.

Main Point One: The Christian’s Pearl

Sub Point One: Spiritual Discernment

Sub Point Two: Treasuring the Gospel

Main Point Two: The Christian’s Pursuit

Sub Point One: Jesus’ Summons

Sub Point Two: Jesus’ Illustration: Earthly Father

Main Point Three: The Father’s Pleasure

Sub Point One: The Heart of God

Sub Point Two: His Good Gifts