



CENTER GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, May 22, 2022

Welcome and Announcements

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

Pastor: Blessed is the man who walks not in the counsel of the wicked, nor stands in the way of sinners, nor sits in the seat of scoffers.

Congregation: But his delight is in the law of the Lord, and on his law he meditates day and night.

Pastor: He is like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers.

Congregation: The wicked are not so, but are like chaff that the wind drives away.

Pastor: Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous.

Congregation: For the Lord knows the way of the righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish.

* **We Sing in Response:** #457 Red Hymnal "*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*"

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

We Confess Our Sins Together :

Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Psalm 25:6-7

* **We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #406 Black Hymnal "*Christ, the Sure and Steady Anchor*"

* **We Confess Our Faith Together: Westminster Confession of Faith 11.1-2**

Pastor: *How does the believer understand and perceive their justification?*

Congregation: Those whom God effectually calls, He also freely justifies: not by infusing righteousness into them, but by pardoning their sins, and by accounting and accepting their persons as righteous; not for anything wrought in them, or done by them, but for Christ's sake alone; not by imputing faith itself, the act of believing, or any other evangelical obedience to them, as their righteousness; but by imputing the obedience and satisfaction of Christ unto them, they receiving and resting on Him and His righteousness by faith; which faith they have not of themselves, it is the gift of God.

Pastor: *How does faith then in the believer work?*

Congregation: Faith, thus receiving and resting on Christ and His righteousness, is the alone instrument of justification; yet is it not alone in the person justified, but is ever accompanied with all other saving graces, and is no dead faith, but works by love.

Graduate Recognition: Pieter Kok (SWIC), James Metcalf (Collinsville HS), Ryan Wilkinson (Edwardsville HS); Eloise Kok & Adelyn Koerkenmeier (Elementary); Clayton Crowe, Dylan Koerkenmeier, Joshua Metcalf, Matthew Swick (Kindergarten)

Covenant Baptisms: Garrison & Oaklyn (children of Dayton and Hope Merrell); Charlie & Owen (children of Chase and Lynzey Walker)

We Read From God's Word: Psalm 16

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:** #642 Red Hymnal "Be Thou My Vision"
(Children age 4 through kindergarten may be dismissed to Children's Worship)

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: Matthew 7:12-14

Pastor Preaches God's Word: "The Law, Prophets, and Narrow Gate"
- Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

We Sing In Response to the Word: #389 Black Hymnal "All I Have is Christ"

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

Sermon Outline
Matthew 7:12-14
“The Law, Prophets, and the Narrow Gate”
05-22-22

Proposition: The summary of the law and prophets points us to Jesus and reveals the narrow way of life found in Him alone.

Main Point One: The Summary of the Law

Sub Point One: Considering the needs of our neighbor

Sub Point Two: Deeds of Mercy = the Law and the Prophets

Main Point Two: The Narrow Gate

Sub Point One: The Entry

Sub Point Two: The Other Gate

Sub Point Three: The Challenge