



**CENTER GROVE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*The Lord's Day, December 11, 2022*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Third Advent Reading:** Matthew 2:1-12

\* **God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Psalm 29:1-2

**Pastor:** Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings.

**Congregation:** Ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Pastor:** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name.

**All:** Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

**We Sing in Response:** #196 Red Hymnal *"Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"*

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

### **We Confess Our Sins Together :**

Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father; and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. 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:** #221 Black Hymnal *"Fullness of Grace"*

### \* **We Confess Our Faith Together:**

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

**We Read From God's Word:** Exodus 34:1-10

**We Pray For The Congregation and Community**

**We Memorize God's Word:** John 3:16-17

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

**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:** #201 Red Hymnal *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

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

**Pastor Reads the Sermon Text:** Psalm 85

**Pastor Preaches God's Word:** *"The Steadfast Favor and Salvation of God"*

- Pastor Wes James

**We Celebrate the Lord's Supper**

\* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #207 Red Hymnal *"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"*

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

**Sermon Outline**  
**Psalm 85**  
***“The Steadfast Favor and Salvation of God”***  
**12-11-22**

**Proposition:** There is no sweeter joy for sinners to know but the restoration of our souls to God through the meeting of God’s mercy and peace in the righteousness of His salvation.

**Main Point One: The Favor of God**

Sub Point One: Judah’s Restoration

Sub Point Two: The Cover of God

Sub Point Three: The Absolution of God’s Wrath

**Main Point Two: The Decrees of God**

Sub Point One: The Declaration of Peace

Sub Point Two: The Turn from Folly

Sub Point Three: The Fear of the Lord

**Main Point Three: The Glory of God**

Sub Point One: Mercy Meets Truth

Sub Point Two: The Gaze of Righteousness