



**CENTER GROVE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*The Lord's Day, December 18, 2022*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Fourth Advent Reading:** Luke 2:1-14 (Hufstedler Family: Kraig, Stephanie, Rose, Lucy, Leo)

\* **God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Psalm 98:1-3

**Pastor:** Oh sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

**Congregation:** His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

**Pastor:** The LORD has made known his salvation; he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**All:** He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness to the house of Israel. All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

**We Sing in Response:** #208 Red Hymnal "*O Come, All Ye Faithful*"

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

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

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo.

Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.

## **We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession**

**God Assures Us We Are Forgiven:** Psalm 130:3-4

\* **We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #237 Black Hymnal "*Joy Has Dawned*"

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

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, and 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 42:1-13

**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:** #213 Red Hymnal *"What Child Is This"*

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

**Pastor Reads the Sermon Text:** Psalm 96

**Pastor Preaches God's Word:** *"The Advent of the Lord's Reign and Worship"*

- Pastor Wes James

**We Celebrate the Lord's Supper**

\* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #203 Red Hymnal *"Hark! the Herald Angels Sing"*

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

## **Sermon Outline**

### **Psalm 96**

#### **“The Advent of the Lord’s Reign and Worship”**

**12-18-22**

**Proposition:** The revelation of God’s presence and salvation warrants the worship of His people amongst the nations as He comes in the majestic splendor and holiness of His praise.

#### **Main Point One: The Summons to Worship**

Sub Point One: Universal Call

Sub Point Two: The Declaration of God’s Salvation and Glory

Sub Point Three: The Worthless Idols of the World

#### **Main Point Two: The Gifts of Worship**

Sub Point One: Ascribe to the Lord

Sub Point Two: The Offering of Worship

Sub Point Three: Holy Reverence

#### **Main Point Three: The Lord’s Reign**

Sub Point One: Sovereign Rule

Sub Point Two: The Lord’s Advent