



**CENTER GROVE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*The Lord's Day, January 8, 2023*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

\* **God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Nehemiah 1:5-6

**Pastor:** O LORD God of heaven, the great and awesome God.

**Congregation:** Who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments.

**Pastor:** Let your ear be attentive and your eyes open, to hear the prayer of your servant that I now pray before you day and night for the people of Israel your servants.

**All:** Confessing the sins of the people of Israel, which we have sinned against you. Even I and my father's house have sinned.

**We Sing in Response:** #17 Red Hymnal *"Praise the Lord: Ye Heavens Adore Him"*

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

**We Confess Our Sins Together** : Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

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

**God Assures Us We Are Forgiven:** Nehemiah 1:9-10

\* **We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** Handout *"Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me"*

\* **We Confess Our Faith Together:** Westminster Larger Catechism Q/A #129-130

**Pastor:** What is required of those in authority towards those under them?

**All:** As is appropriate to the position of power they have received from God and to the particular relationship involved, those in authority should love, pray for, and bless those under them. They should teach, advise, and warn them, approving, praising, and rewarding those that do well while disapproving, blaming, and punishing those who do wrong. They should also protect those under them and provide the things they need for soul and body. Those in authority should also be examples of serious, wise, and holy behavior so as to bring glory to God and honor to themselves and thereby maintain the authority God has bestowed on them.

**Pastor:** What are the particular sins of those in authority?

**All:** In addition to failing to do what is required of them and using their position for self-aggrandizement and for their own glory, ease, profit, or pleasure, the sins of those in authority include: commanding things that are unlawful or that cannot be accomplished by those under them; persuading, encouraging, and rewarding those under them for doing evil; dissuading, discouraging, and not rewarding them for doing good; excessive punishment; carelessly exposing or allowing them to do wrong and to be put in the way of temptation or danger; provoking them to anger; and anything that dishonors themselves or undermines their authority by being unjust, imprudent, too severe, or lax.

**We Read From God's Word:** 1 Peter 5:1-11

**We Pray For The Congregation and Community**

**We Memorize God's Word:** Hebrews 1:1

Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets.

**We Present Our Tithes & Offerings In Worship**

**We Worship Through the Music of Offertory:** *"Marvelous Grace of our Loving Lord"*

\* **We Sing the Doxology:** #731 Red Hymnal *"Doxology"*

\* **We Give Thanks to the Lord**

\* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #538 Red Hymnal *"More About Jesus"*  
(Children age 4 through kindergarten may be dismissed to Children's Worship)

**Pastor Reads the Sermon Text:** 1 Timothy 4:11-16

**Pastor Preaches God's Word:** *"Diligence Needed for Pastoral Ministry"* - Pastor Diehl

**We Celebrate the Lord's Supper**

\* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #94 Red Hymnal *"How Firm a Foundation"*

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

**Sermon Outline**  
***“The Diligence Needed for Pastoral Ministry”***  
**1 Timothy 4:11-16**  
**January 8, 2023**

**Big Idea:** A pastor must be diligent to improve both his preaching and maturity, because it is vital for the salvation of God's people.

*What must a pastor be diligent to improve in?*

**Main Point #1:** His Gift

**Main Point #2:** His Maturity

*Why must a pastor be diligent to improve in these things?*

**Main Point #3:** His Role is Vital