



CENTER GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, March 12, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

* **God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Psalm 28:1-2

Pastor: To you, O LORD, I call.

Congregation: My rock, be not deaf to me, lest, if you be silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

Pastor: Hear the voice of my pleas for mercy.

All: When I cry to you for help, when I lift up my hands toward your most holy sanctuary.

We Sing in Response: #100 Red Hymnal "*Holy, Holy, Holy!*"

* **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: Psalm 28:6-7

* **We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #80 Black Hymnal "*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*"

* **We Confess Our Faith Together:** Westminster Confession of Faith Shorter Catechism Q&A #4-7

What is God?

God is a Spirit, infinite, eternal, and unchangeable in his being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness, and truth.

Are there more Gods than one?

There is but one only, the living and true God.

How many persons are there in the Godhead?

There are three persons in the Godhead; the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit; and these three are one God, the same in substance, equal in power and glory.

What are the decrees of God?

The decrees of God are, his eternal purpose, according to the counsel of his will, whereby, for his own glory, he has ordained whatsoever comes to pass.

We Read From God's Word: Jeremiah 2:1-13

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: Hebrews 1:3-4

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high, having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

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:** #457 Red Hymnal *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

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

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: 1 Samuel 8

Pastor Preaches God's Word: *"The Stage is Set... Israel's Request for a King!"*

- Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #381 Black Hymnal *"The Solid Rock"*

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

Sermon Outline

1st Samuel 8

“Setting the Stage... Israel’s Request for a King!”

03-12-23

Proposition: Israel’s request for a king signals their rejection of God’s Kingship over them which will become the catalyst for God to accomplish His covenant and redemptive promises through the provision of a king.

Main Point One: Israel’s Request

Sub Point One: The Context = the Disaster of Samuel’s Sons

Sub Point Two: Samuel’s Dilemma... Evil Sons and a Treacherous Request.

Sub Point Three: What’s the Problem?

Main Point Two: Samuel’s Response

Sub Point One: A “Strange” Command... “Obey their Voice”

Sub Point Two: Samuel’s Explanation... “Drastic Changes”

Main Point Three: The Lord’s Directive

Sub Point One: Samuel’s Report to God

Sub Point Two: The Lord’s Charge... “Obey their voice!”