



CENTER GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, March 19, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

* **God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Psalm 96:7-10

Pastor: Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples.

Congregation: Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength!

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

Congregation: Bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Pastor: Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth!

All: Say among the nations, "The LORD reigns! Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved; he will judge the peoples with equity."

We Sing in Response: #2 Red Hymnal "*O Worship the King*"

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

We Confess Our Sins Together : Heavenly Father, save us entirely from sin. We know we are righteous through the righteousness of another, but we long to reflect your likeness; We are your children and should bear your image, enable us to recognize our death unto sin; when it tempts us may we be deaf unto its voice. Deliver us from the invasion as well as the dominion of sin. Grant us to walk as Christ walked, to live in the newness of his life, the life of love, the life of faith, the life of holiness. Cleanse our spiritual adultery and give us purity; close our hearts to all but you. – Adapted from the Valley of Vision

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Psalm 103:1-5

* **We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** Handout "*His Mercy Is More*"

* **We Confess Our Faith Together:** "*God is the Source of All Good*" – *From the Valley of Vision*

O Lord God, who inhabits eternity, the heavens declare Your glory, the earth Your riches, The universe is Your temple; Your presence fills immensity, yet You have made us what we are, and given us what we have; In You we live and move and have our being; Your providence has set the bounds of our habitation, and wisely administers all our affairs. We thank You for Your riches to us in Jesus, for the unclouded revelation of him in Your Word, where we behold his Person, character, grace, glory, humiliation, sufferings, death, and resurrection.

We Read From God's Word: Psalm 68:19-35

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:** #11 Black Hymnal *"All Creatures of Our God and King"*

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

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: 1 Samuel 9

Pastor Preaches God's Word: *"Samuel, 'Israel's Seer' and the Man of God's Choosing"*

- Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #32 Red Hymnal *"Great Is Thy Faithfulness"*

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

Sermon Outline
1st Samuel 9
“Samuel, ‘Israel’s Seer’ and the Man of God’s Choosing”
03-19-23

Proposition: The Lord reveals the man of His choosing to Samuel, ‘the faithful seer,’ in the ordinary providence of daily life for the execution of his word and will in establishing Israel’s monarchy.

Main Point One: The Man of Benjamin

Sub Point One: Saul’s Lineage

Sub Point Two: Saul’s Stature

Sub Point Three: A Strange Providence.... “Lost Donkeys.”

Main Point Two: The Man of God

Sub Point One: Samuel’s Reputation... “A Man of God”

Sub Point Two: Samuel’s Identity... “A Seer”

Sub Point Three: Samuel’s Activity... “a daily sacrifice and blessing”

Main Point Three: The Man of God’s Choosing

Sub Point One: The Lord’s Revelation... “specific time and location”

Sub Point Two: The “Seer’s” Message and “The Word of the Lord”