



**CENTER GROVE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*The Lord's Day, March 26, 2023*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

\* **God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Psalm 96:11-13

**Pastor:** Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice.

**Congregation:** Let the sea roar, and all that fills it.

**Pastor:** Let the field exult, and everything in it!

**Congregation:** Then shall all the trees of the forest sing for joy

**Pastor:** before the Lord, for he comes,

**All:** for he comes to judge the earth. He will judge the world in righteousness, and the peoples in his faithfulness.

**We Sing in Response:** #103 Red Hymnal "*Holy God, We Praise Your Name*"

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

**We Confess Our Sins Together** : O Father, we are gathered before you, the Maker of Heaven and Earth, whose chosen dwelling place is with the broken and contrite, to confess that we have sinned in thought and word and deed; we have not loved you with all our heart and soul, we have not loved you with all our mind and strength; we have not even loved our neighbor as ourselves. In your mercy, deepen our sorrow for the wrong we have done and for the good we have left undone, so that we may hate our sin with a holy hatred. But, please Father, do not leave us in sorrow. With you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. In your mercy, restore the joy of our salvation; so that we may love you with a holy love. Amen. – from Reformed Resources on Monergism.com

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

**God Assures Us We Are Forgiven:** Psalm 130:1-4

\* **We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #388 Black Hymnal "*He Will Hold Me Fast*"

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

Lord, High and Holy, Meek and Lowly, You have brought us to the valley of vision, where we live in the depths but see You in the heights; hemmed in by mountains of sin, we behold Your glory. Let us learn by paradox that the way down is the way up, that to be low is to be high, that the broken heart is the healed heart, that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit, that the repenting soul is the victorious soul, that to have nothing is to possess all, that to bear the cross is to wear the crown, that to give is to receive, that the valley is the place of vision. Let us find Your light in our darkness, Your life in our death, Your joy in our sorrow, Your grace in our sin, Your riches in our poverty, Your glory in our valley. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen. – Adapted from the Valley of Vision

**We Read From God's Word:** Isaiah 12

**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:** #319 Black Hymnal *"Breathe on Me, Breath of God"*

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

**Pastor Reads the Sermon Text:** 1 Samuel 12

**Pastor Preaches God's Word:** ""Samuel's Striking Address and Summons to Israel"

- Pastor Wes James

**We Celebrate the Lord's Supper**

\* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #44 Red Hymnal *"How Great Thou Art"*

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

**Sermon Outline**  
**1 Samuel 12**  
***“Samuel’s Striking Address and Summons to Israel”***  
**03-26-23**

**Proposition:** In a most striking address, Samuel brings the Lord’s indictment against Israel all the while confirming that He alone is their Covenant-keeping God and King.

**Main Point One: The Lord’s Witness**

Sub Point One: Samuel, the “Man of God”

Sub Point Two: Israel’s Affirmation

Sub Point Three: “The Righteous Deeds” of the Lord

**Main Point Two: The Lord’s Commandment**

Sub Point One: “The Fear of the Lord”

Sub Point Two: A Covenantal “Threat” or “Warning”

Sub Point Three: Samuel’s Summons... “Stand Still, See this ‘Great Thing’”

**Main Point Three: The Lord’s Servants**

Sub Point One: The People’s Confession and Plea

Sub Point Two: Samuel’s Admonition

Sub Point Three: The Lord’s Promise