



CENTER GROVE  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The Lord's Day, April 16, 2023*

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Psalm 47:1-4

**Pastor:** Clap your hands, all peoples! Shout to God with loud songs of joy!

**Congregation:** For the LORD, the Most High, is to be feared, a great king over all the earth.

**Pastor:** He subdued peoples under us, and nations under our feet.

**All:** He chose our heritage for us, the pride of Jacob whom he loves.

**\* We Sing in Response:** #295 Red Hymnal "*Crown Him with Many Crowns*"

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

**We Confess Our Sins Together :** Holy Father, forgive us. Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though you should rule us, we control ourselves. Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

## We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

**God Assures Us We Are Forgiven:** Romans 1:16-17

**\* We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #318 Black Hymnal "*Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God*"

**\* 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. 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. – *Nicene Creed*

**We Read From God's Word:** Psalm 50

**We Pray For The Congregation and Community**

**We Memorize God's Word:** Hebrews 1:5

For to which of the angels did God ever say, "You are my Son, today I have begotten you"? Or again, "I will be to him a father, and he shall be to me a son"?

**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:** #562 Red Hymnal *"All to Jesus I Surrender"*

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

**Pastor Reads the Sermon Text:** 1 Samuel 15

**Pastor Preaches God's Word:** *"Saul's Costly Disobedience in the Divine Rejection of God"* - Pastor Wes James

**We Celebrate the Lord's Supper**

\* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #679 Red Hymnal *"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus"*

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

**Sermon Outline**  
**1<sup>st</sup> Samuel 15**  
**“Saul’s Costly Disobedience in the Divine Rejection of God”**  
**04-16-23**

**Proposition:** *The Lord delights to bless those who walk in faithful obedience to His word while His hand is against those in judgment who willfully and habitually disobey.*

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

Sub Point One: “Strike the Amalekites”

Sub Point Two: Saul’s Conquest

Sub Point Three: Saul’s Disobedience

**Main Point Two: The Lord’s Regret**

Sub Point One: The Lord’s Reasoning.... “Saul has turned away”

Sub Point Two: Samuel’s Anger

Sub Point Three: Saul’s Character... arrogant, proud, and self-congratulatory

Sub Point Four: Samuel’s Speech... the truth hurts!

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

Sub Point One: The Lord’s Delight

Sub Point Two: Worldly sorrow vs. Godly sorrow

Sub Point Three: Israel’s Glory