



CENTER GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, May 7, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

***God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Lamentations 3:22-25

Pastor: The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;

Congregation: they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

Pastor: "The LORD is my portion," says my soul, "therefore I will hope in him."

All: The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him.

*** We Sing in Response:** #523 Red Hymnal "*My Hope Is in the Lord*"

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

We Confess Our Sins Together : Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen. – *From Reformed Resources on Monergism*

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Zephaniah 3:14-15

*** We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #35 Black Hymnal "*O Great God*"

*** We Confess Our Faith Together: Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 1**

Pastor: *Believer, what is your only comfort in life and death?*

Congregation: That I am not my own, but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death, to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from all the power of the devil. He also preserves me in such a way that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; indeed, all things must work together for my salvation. Therefore, by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life and makes me heartily willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Presentation of Communing Member: Ellie Swick

We Read From God's Word: 1 Samuel 24

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: Hebrews 1:6

And again, when he brings the firstborn into the world, he says, "Let all God's angels worship him."

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:** #642 Red Hymnal "*Be Thou My Vision*"

(Children age 4 through kindergarten dismissed to Children's Worship. Parents, please pick up your child in the lobby on your way to the Lord's Supper).

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: 2 Samuel 1:1-16

Pastor Preaches God's Word: "*A Righteous Response to the Death of the Lord's Anointed*"

- Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #60 Black Hymnal "*Be Still, My Soul*"

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

Sermon Outline
2nd Samuel 1:1-16
“A Righteous Response to the Death of the Lord’s Anointed”
05-07-23

Proposition: At Saul’s death, David displays a merciful heart and a holy reverence for the Lord’s anointed.

Main Point One: The Amalekite’s Testimony

Sub Point One: Israel’s Defeat in Battle

Sub Point Two: The Deaths of Saul and Jonathan

Sub Point Three: Saul’s Crown and Armlet

Main Point Two: David’s Response

Sub Point One: Royal Lament... “Not a feast but a fast.”

Sub Point Two: Righteous Attitude... “Weeping and mourning for Saul, Jonathan, and Israel”

Sub Point Three: David’s Just Judgment

Main Point Three: The Lord’s Anointed

Sub Point One: Swift Justice... The Amalekite’s Execution

Sub Point Two: The Justice of God

Sub Point Three: Israel’s Royal Protector