



**CENTER GROVE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*The Lord's Day, May 14, 2023*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**\*God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Psalm 84:1-4

***Pastor:*** How lovely is your dwelling place, O LORD of hosts!

***Congregation:*** My soul longs, yes, faints for the courts of the LORD; my heart and flesh sing for joy to the living God.

***Pastor:*** Even the sparrow finds a home, and the swallow a nest for herself, where she may lay her young, at your altars, O LORD of hosts, my King and my God.

***All:*** Blessed are those who dwell in your house, ever singing your praise!

**\* We Sing in Response:** #53 Red Hymnal *"Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"*

**\* 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:** Romans 8:31-34

**\* We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #481 Red Hymnal *"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"*

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

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. *- Adapted from the Valley of Vision*

**Introduction of Communing Member:** Ellie Swick (daughter of Erron and Sara Swick)

**We Read From God's Word:** Psalm 89:1-18

**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:** #376 Black Hymnal "*What Grace Is Mine*"

*Children ages 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 2:1-3:1

**Pastor Preaches God's Word:** "*The Beginning of David's Reign in Judah*" - Pastor Wes James

**We Celebrate the Lord's Supper**

\* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #94 Red Hymnal "*How Firm a Foundation*"

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

**Sermon Outline**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Samuel 2:1-3:1**  
***“The Beginning of David’s Reign in Judah”***  
**05-14-23**

**Proposition:** In the chaos of life in this divided world, God calls us to believe on his promises and act according to His will.

**Main Point One: David’s Trust**

Sub Point One: David’s Inquiry

Sub Point Two: David’s Message

**Main Point Two: Abner’s Rebellion**

Sub Point One: Ish-boshet’s Coronation

Sub Point Two: Abner’s Pride

Sub Point Three: Hostility toward the Lord’s Anointed

**Main Point Three: Israel’s Strife**

Sub Point One: Gibeon Battle

Sub Point Two: The Devouring of the Sword

Sub Point Three: The Costs of Battle

Sub Point Four: David’s House