



CENTER GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, June 25, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

***God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of John 1:1-5

Pastor: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

Congregation: He was in the beginning with God. All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made.

Pastor: In him was life, and the life was the light of men.

All: The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

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

*** 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: John 3:16-17

*** We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #126 Black Hymnal "*Behold Our God*"

*** We Confess Our Faith Together:** We confess the mystery and wonder of God made flesh and rejoice in our great salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord. With the Father and the Holy Spirit, the Son created all things, sustains all things, and makes all things new. Truly God, He became truly man, two natures in one person. He was born of the Virgin Mary and lived among us. Crucified, dead, and buried, He rose on the third day, ascended into heaven, and will come again in glory and judgment. For us, He kept the Law, atoned for sin, and satisfied God's wrath. He took our filthy rags and gave us His righteous robe. He is our Prophet, Priest, and King, building His church, interceding for us, and reigning over all things. Jesus Christ is Lord; we praise His holy name forever. Amen. –Ligonier Statement on Christology

We Read From God's Word: John 1:6-28

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: Hebrews 1:7

Of the angels he says, "He makes his angels winds, and his ministers a flame of fire."

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:** #699 Red Hymnal "*Like a River Glorious*"

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: Isaiah 40:1-11

Pastor Preaches God's Word: "*Preparing the Way for the Lord*"

- 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
Isaiah 40:1-11
“Preparing the Way for the Lord”
06-25-23

Proposition: *The Christian life is a series of events by which we are being readied to behold the true grandeur and glory of God*

Main Point One: The Proclamation of God’s Grace

Sub Point One: God’s Promise of Comfort

Sub Point Two: Faith’s Struggle

Sub Point Three: God’s Covering of His People

Main Point Two: The Revelation of God’s Glory

Sub Point One: God’s Herald of Good News

Sub Point Two: Redemption’s Goal... A New Way of Life!

Sub Point Three: The Presence of God

Main Point Three: The Veracity of God’s Greatness

Sub Point One: A Second “Voice”

Sub Point Two: The Everlasting Word

Sub Point Three: A Third Voice and Call to “Behold God”

Sub Point Four: The Rule and Reign of God

Sub Point Five: The Tender Shepherd



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