



CENTER GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, July 23, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

***God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Psalm 89:1-4

Pastor: I will sing of the steadfast love of the LORD, forever; with my mouth I will make known your faithfulness to all generations.

Congregation: For I said, "Steadfast love will be built up forever; in the heavens you will establish your faithfulness."

Pastor: You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one; I have sworn to David my servant:

All: 'I will establish your offspring forever, and build your throne for all generations.'"

*** We Sing in Response:** #38 Red Hymnal "*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*"

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

We Confess Our Sins Together : Almighty and most merciful Father, we are thankful that your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what you love, and do what you command, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Psalm 25:6-7

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

*** We Confess Our Faith Together:** Westminster Confession of Faith 1.6-7

Pastor: *What is contained within the counsel of God for the People of God?*

Congregation: The whole counsel of God, concerning all things necessary for His own glory, man's salvation, faith, and life, is either expressly set down in Scripture, or by good and necessary consequence may be deduced from Scripture: unto which nothing at any time is to be added, whether by new revelations of the Spirit, or traditions of men. Nevertheless we acknowledge the inward illumination of the Spirit of God to be necessary for the saving understanding of such things as are revealed in the Word; and that there are some circumstances concerning the worship of God, and the government of the church, common to human actions and societies, which are to be ordered by the light of nature and Christian prudence, according to the general rules of the Word, which are always to be observed.

Pastor: *How should we understand God's counsel unto saving faith?*

Congregation: All things in Scripture are not alike plain in themselves, nor alike clear unto all; yet those things which are necessary to be known, believed, and observed, for salvation, are so clearly propounded and opened in some place of Scripture or other, that not only the learned, but the unlearned, in a due use of the ordinary means, may attain unto a sufficient understanding of them.

We Read From God's Word: Psalm 68:1-18

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: Hebrews 1:8

But of the Son he says, "Your throne, O God, is forever and ever, the scepter of uprightness is the scepter of your kingdom."

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:** #726 Red Hymnal "*Spirit of the Living God*"

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 48:1-22

Pastor Preaches God's Word: "*The Covenantal Commitment of God*" Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #580 Red Hymnal "*Lead On, O King Eternal*"

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