



CENTER GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, August 27, 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:** #457 Red Hymnal *"Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

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

We Confess Our Sins Together : Father in heaven, we thank you for the freedom you have given us through the life, death and resurrection of your Son. But we confess today that we often live like slaves. Instead of living like you delight in us, we avoid you in shame and guilt. Instead of receiving your favor as a gift, we try to earn it with our efforts. Instead of accepting your freedom, we prefer our chains. Instead of pursuing your purposes, we cling to our agendas. Forgive us. Embrace us. Cleanse us. Heal us. We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Romans 6:23

* **We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** Handout *"His Mercy is More"*

* **We Confess Our Faith Together:** O God, we bless you for the happy moment when we first saw your law fulfilled in Christ, wrath appeased, death destroyed, sin forgiven, our souls saved. Ever since, you have been faithful to us: daily have we proved the power of Jesus' blood, daily have we known the strength of the Spirit, our teacher, director, sanctifier. We want no other rock to build upon than that we have, desire no other hope than that of gospel truth, need no other look than that which gazes on the cross. May our cry be always, Only Jesus! only Jesus! In him is freedom from condemnation, fullness in his righteousness, eternal vitality in his given life, everlasting union in fellowship with him; In him we have all that we can hold; enlarge us to take in more of Christ!

– *Adapted from the Valley of Vision*

We Read From God's Word: Isaiah 55

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: Hebrews 1:9

You have loved righteousness and hated wickedness; therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.

We Present Our Tithes & Offerings In Worship

We Worship Through the Music of Offertory: *"How Deep the Father's Love"* sung by Jake Ridgeway, Mcall Wertin, and Vince Hale.

* **We Sing the Doxology:** #731 Red Hymnal *"Doxology"*

* **We Give Thanks to the Lord**

* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #316 Black Hymnal *"Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"*

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: Jeremiah 29:1-14

Pastor Preaches God's Word: *"God's Covenant to the Survivors in Exile"* - 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
Jeremiah 29:1-14
“God’s Covenant to the Survivor’s in Exile”
08-27-23

Proposition: The sovereign promise and plan of God is always to work for the ultimate blessing and good of His people.

Main Point One: The Situation of the Exiles

Sub Point One: Exiles in Babylon

Sub Point Two: A lost city... “The City of Man”

Main Point Two: The Command to the Exiles

Sub Point One: Settle in the city

Sub Point Two: Seek the city’s Shalom

Sub Point Three: Pray for the City

Main Point Three: The Promise of God

Sub Point One: A Plan to Return

Sub Point Two: The Heart of God

Sub Point Three: The Hope of the Gospel

Sub Point Four: The Goal of our God