



**CENTER GROVE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*The Lord's Day, October 8, 2023*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**\*God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Colossians 1:15-18

***Pastor:*** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

***Congregation:*** For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

***Pastor:*** And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

***All:*** And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.

**\* We Sing in Response:** #135 Black Hymnal "*O Worship the King*"

**\* 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.

## **We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession**

**God Assures Us We Are Forgiven:** 1 Peter 1:3-5

**\* We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #44 Black Hymnal "*Come, Praise and Glorify*"

**\* 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*

**We Read From God's Word:** Psalm 111

**We Pray For The Congregation and Community**

**We Memorize God's Word:** Hebrews 1:11-12

"...they will perish, but you remain; they will all wear out like a garment, like a robe you will roll them up, like a garment they will be changed. But you are the same, and your years will have no end."

**We Present Our Tithes & Offerings In Worship**

**We Worship Through the Music of Offertory:** *"Jesus Paid it All"* -Vocal Ensemble

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

\* **We Give Thanks to the Lord**

\* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #403 Black Hymnal *"Blessed Assurance"*

*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:** Ezekiel 11:14-25

**Pastor Preaches God's Word:** *"The Glory of the Lord in the Gathering of His People"*  
- Pastor Wes James

**We Celebrate the Lord's Supper**

\* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #389 Black Hymnal *"All I Have Is Christ"*

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

***Sermon Outline***  
***Ezekiel 11:14-25***  
***“The Glory of the Lord in the Gathering of His People”***  
***10-08-23***

**Proposition: The Lord is determined to gather in His people under the banner of His grace that we would walk in His statutes in the revelation of His glory.**

**Main Point One: The Grace of the Lord**

Sub Point One: Ezekiel’s Question

Sub Point Two: The Lord’s Answer

**Main Point Two: The Gathering of the Lord**

Sub Point One: The Lord’s Promise = Restoration

Sub Point Two: The Lord’s Determination

Sub Point Three: Something New is Coming

Sub Point Four: Something Old Remains... Covenantal Continuity

**Main Point Three: The Glory of the Lord**

Sub Point One: The Glory Departs

Sub Point Two: The Appropriate Response