



**CENTER GROVE**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

*The Lord's Day, December 3, 2023*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**First Advent Reading:** Luke 1:26-38 (Lori Louderback)

**\*God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Psalm 29:1-2

**Pastor:** Ascribe to the LORD, O heavenly beings.

**Congregation:** Ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.

**Pastor:** Ascribe to the LORD the glory due his name.

**All:** Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness.

**\* We Sing in Response:** #196 Red Hymnal *"Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus"*

**\* 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. Amen.

**We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession**

**God Assures Us We Are Forgiven:** Genesis 22:6-8, John 1:29-30

**\* We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #184 Black Hymnal *"Come, Behold the Wondrous Mystery"*

**\* We Confess Our Faith Together:** Westminster Larger Catechism #37

**Pastor:** *How did Christ, being the Son of God, become man?*

**All:** Christ the Son of God became man, by taking to himself a true body, and a reasonable soul, being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the Virgin Mary, of her substance, and born of her, yet without sin.

**We Read From God's Word:** John 10

## **We Pray For The Congregation and Community**

**We Memorize God's Word:** Hebrews 1:14— Are they not all ministering spirits sent out to serve for the sake of those who are to inherit salvation?

## **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:** #201 Red Hymnal *"O Little Town of Bethlehem"*

*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:** Micah 5:1-6

**Pastor Preaches God's Word:** *"The Eternal Shepherd's Reign"* - Pastor Ryan Diehl

## **We Celebrate the Lord's Supper**

\* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #223 Black Hymnal *"The First Noel"*

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

## **Sermon Outline**

*“The Eternal Shepherd’s Reign”*

Micah 5:1-6

**Big Idea:** God gave us a divine shepherd whose reign is both tender and harsh.

*Who is this shepherd that God gave us?*

**Main Point #1: His Predecessor’s Humiliation (v1)**

**Main Point #2: His Own Humiliation (v2-6)**

His Identity (v2-3)

Human Origin (v2a-b, 3)

Divine Origin (v2c)

His Work (v4-6)

Shepherd of Care (v4-5a)

Shepherd of Judgment (v5b-6)