



CENTER GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, December 10, 2023

Prelude: *"The First Noel"* - Ellen Singh and Lori Gaines

Welcome and Announcements

First Advent Reading: Luke 1:39-56 (The Diehl Family)

***God Calls Us to Worship Him:** John 1:1-4;14

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: And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.

*** We Sing in Response:** #184 Red Hymnal *"O Come, O Come Emmanuel"*

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

We Confess Our Sins Together : Holy God, we confess to you that we are broken sinners. We have failed to keep your word, and love you from all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength. We have failed to love our neighbor as ourselves. Too often we have cherished our sin and idols instead of you. We ask, Lord, that you forgive us our sins. Forgive the sins we are aware of, and those hidden faults we do not see so clearly. Grant us a greater hatred of our sin such that we actively seek to put it to death. And free us to love you and love one-another all the more fully, as we seek to live in the power of the Holy Spirit, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God, our Father! Amen.

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Romans 8:1-2

*** We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #221 Black Hymnal *"Fullness of Grace"*

*** We Confess Our Faith Together:** Westminster Confession of Faith Shorter Catechism #22,27, & 28

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

Congregation (WCF SC #22): 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, and born of her, yet without sin.

Pastor: *Wherein did Christ's humiliation consist?*

Congregation (WCF SC #27): Christ's humiliation consisted in his being born, and that in a low condition, made under the law, undergoing the miseries of this life, the wrath of God, and the cursed death of the cross; in being buried, and continuing under the power of death for a time.

Pastor: *Wherein consists Christ's exaltation?*

Congregation (WCF #28): Christ's exaltation consists in his rising again from the dead on the third day, in ascending up into heaven, in sitting at the right hand of God the Father, and in coming to judge the world at the last day.

Sacrament of Baptism: Remi Slikker (Covenant child of Benn and Amanda Slikker)

We Read From God's Word: Psalm 103

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: *"Rise Up Shepherd and Follow"* - Men's Ensemble

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

* **We Give Thanks to the Lord**

* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #317 Black Hymnal *"Light of 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: Micah 7

Pastor Preaches God's Word: *"Who is Like Our God?"* - Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #207 Red Hymnal *"Good Christian Men, Rejoice"*

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

Sermon Outline
Micah 7:18-20
“Who is Like Our God?”
12-10-23

Proposition: There is no one like our God because there is no greater security like that which is found and rooted in the steadfast love and faithfulness of God.

Main Point One: The Lord’s Pardon

Sub Point One: The Great Passover

Sub Point Two: The Lord’s Remnant

Sub Point Three: The Lord’s Inheritance

Main Point Two: The Lord’s Delight

Sub Point One: His Steadfast Love

Sub Point Two: The Character of God

Sub Point Three: The Destruction of Sin

Main Point Three: The Lord’s Promise

Sub Point One: The Faithfulness of God

Sub Point Two: The Blessings of God