



CENTER GROVE
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, December 24, 2023

Welcome and Announcements

Fourth Advent Reading: Luke 2:21-35 (Tom and Mary Cavalier)

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

Pastor: Long ago, at many times and in many ways, God spoke to our fathers by the prophets.

Congregation: But in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son, whom he appointed the heir of all things, through whom also he created the world.

Pastor: He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature, and he upholds the universe by the word of his power. After making purification for sins, he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high.

All: Having become as much superior to angels as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.

*** We Sing in Response:** #195 Red Hymnal *"Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come"*

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

We Confess Our Sins Together: Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Galatians 3:13-14

*** We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** Handout *"Sing We the Song of Emmanuel"*

*** 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*

Introduction of New Member: Melinda Jones

We Read From God's Word: Isaiah 62

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: *"Behold Messiah"* sung by Angie, Caroline, & Mary Wesley James

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

* **We Give Thanks to the Lord**

* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #194 Red Hymnal *"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"*

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: Zephaniah 3:14-20

Pastor Preaches God's Word: *"The Lord's Exaltation over His Redeemed"*
- Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #224 Red Hymnal *"Go, Tell It on the Mountain"*

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

Sermon Outline
Zephaniah 3:14-20
“The Lord’s Exaltation over His Redeemed”
12-24-23

Proposition: The Lord’s redeemed sing with great joy to the God who sings and exults over His Redeemed.

Main Point One: Israel’s Song

Sub Point One: An Imperative Command!

Sub Point Two: The Good News... absolved from Judgment.

Main Point Two: Israel’s King

Sub Point One: The King’s Person

Sub Point Two: The King’s Presence

Sub Point Three: The King’s Power

Main Point Three: Israel’s Salvation

Sub Point One: The King’s Joy

Sub Point Two: The King’s Love

Sub Point Three: The King’s Exultation