

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, February 4, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

***God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Malachi 3:1

Pastor: Behold, I send my messenger.

Congregation: And he will prepare the way before me.

Pastor: And the LORD whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple.

All: And the messenger of the covenant in whom you delight, behold, he is coming, says the LORD of hosts.

*** We Sing in Response:** #164 Red Hymnal *"O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"*

*** 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. - *From Reformed Resources on Monergism.com*

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Acts 5:30-32

*** We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #186 Black Hymnal *"A Debtor to Mercy"*

*** We Confess Our Faith Together:** Westminster Confession of Faith XV.1-3

Pastor: *What is repentance unto life and salvation in Christ?*

Congregation: Repentance unto life is an evangelical grace, the doctrine whereof is to be preached by every minister of the gospel, as well as that of faith in Christ.

Pastor: *How does a sinner saved by God's grace turn from his sin to the Lord in repentance and faith?*

Congregation: By it a sinner, out of the sight and sense, not only of the danger, but also of the filthiness and odiousness of his sins, as contrary to the holy nature and righteous law of God, and upon the apprehension of His mercy in Christ to such as are penitent, so grieves for, and hates his sins, as to turn from them all unto God, purposing and endeavoring to walk with Him in all the ways of His commandments.

Pastor: *How should the believer understand the necessity of repentance?*

Congregation: Although repentance is not to be rested in, as any satisfaction for sin, or any cause of the pardon thereof; which is the act of God's free grace in Christ, yet it is of such necessity to all sinners, that none may expect pardon without it.

Introduction of New Member: Caleb Cope

We Read From God's Word: Isaiah 40:1-11

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: John 1:3 "All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made."

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:** #642 Red Hymnal "*Be Thou My Vision*"

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: Luke 3:1-22

Pastor Preaches God's Word: "*John Proclaims What Constitutes a True Child of Abraham*" - Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #361 Black Hymnal "*By Faith*"

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

Sermon Outline
Luke 3:1-22
“John Proclaims What Constitutes a True Child of Abraham”
02-04-24

Proposition: The true children of Abraham are those who know the pleasure of God in the Proclamation of Christ freeing us to bear fruit in keeping with repentance.

Main Point One: The _____ of _____

Sub Point One: Setting the stage... Context for Jesus' Advent

Sub Point Two: John's _____

Sub Point Three: Isaiah's Prophecy

Main Point Two: The _____ of _____

Sub Point One: John's _____ of the Crowds...

Sub Point Two: John's Question...

Sub Point Three: John's _____ “Bear Fruits in keeping with Repentance”

Sub Point Four: John's _____ of Stones...

Sub Point Five: John's Application... Abide in God and Bear Good Fruit!

Main Point Three: The _____ of _____

Sub Point One: The Crowds _____ “Is he the Christ?”

Sub Point Two: John's _____ By Water

Sub Point Three: Jesus' _____ By the Holy Spirit!

Sub Point Three: John's Imprisonment..

Sub Point Four: Jesus' _____