

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## *The Lord's Day, April 7, 2024*

### **Welcome and Announcements**

**\*God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Colossians 3:1-4

**Pastor:** If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

**Congregation:** Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.

**Pastor:** For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

**All:** When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.

**\* We Sing in Response:** #457 Red Hymnal *"Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing"*

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

**We Confess Our Sins Together** : Most holy and merciful Father, we confess to you and to one another, that we have sinned against you by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not fully loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not always had in us the mind of Christ. You alone know how often we have grieved you by wasting your gifts, by wandering from your ways. Forgive us, we pray you, most merciful Father; and free us from our sin. Renew in us the grace and strength of your Holy Spirit, for the sake of Jesus Christ your Son our Savior. Amen.

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

**God Assures Us We Are Forgiven:** Colossians 1:19-20

**\* We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #177 Black Hymnal *"In Christ Alone"*

**\* 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*

**Sacrament of Baptism:** Colin Scott Curtis (Covenant Child of Brian and Allie Curtis)

**We Read From God's Word:** Psalm 1

**We Pray For The Congregation and Community**

**We Memorize God's Word:** John 1:6-7 "There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness, to bear witness about the light, that all might believe through him."

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

**We Worship Through the Music of Offertory:** "*Grace Greater Than Our Sin*"  
(composed by Daniel B. Towner) by Ellen Singh on flute & Lori Gaines on piano

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

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

\* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #585 Red Hymnal "*Take My Life, and Let It Be*"

*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 12:22-34

**Pastor Preaches God's Word:** "*Clothed in Christ to Treasure Him*" - Pastor Wes James

**We Celebrate the Lord's Supper**

\* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #359 Black Hymnal "*My Soul Finds Rest*"

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

**Sermon Outline**  
**Luke 12:22-34**  
***“Clothed in Christ to Treasure Him”***  
**04-07-24**

**Proposition:** Life in God’s kingdom does not consist in the abundance of our possessions but rather in treasuring the abundance of God’s grace in His provision of Christ.

**Main Point One: The Lord’s \_\_\_\_\_**

Sub Point One: The Context and Command

Sub Point Two: The Value of our Lives

Sub Point Three: God’s Care for Creation

Sub Point Four: Jesus’ Command.... “Seek His Kingdom”

**Main Point Two: The Lord’s \_\_\_\_\_**

Sub Point One: God’s Gracious Gift

Sub Point Two: The Christian Response... “Live Generously!”

Sub Point Three: The Christian Heart