

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The Lord's Day, September 15, 2024*

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**\*God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Colossians 1:15-20

**Pastor:** He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.

**Congregation:** For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.

**Pastor:** And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.

**All:** And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.

**\* We Sing in Response:** #135 Black Hymnal “*O Worship the King*”

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

**We Confess Our Sins Together** : Lord Jesus, we have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in our daily lives. Our sins and shortcomings present us with a list of accusations, but we thank you that they will not stand against us, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver us from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in us, everything that prevents us taking delight in you. Amen.

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

**God Assures Us We Are Forgiven:** Romans 3:21-24

**\* We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #80 Black Hymnal “*How Deep the Father's Love for Us*”

**\* We Confess Our Faith Together:** We believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

**We Read From God's Word:** John 16:1-15

**We Pray For The Congregation and Community**

**We Memorize God's Word:** John 1:14 "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 Present Our Tithes & Offerings In Worship**

**We Worship Through the Music of Offertory:** *"He Will Hold Me Fast"*  
Sung by Bella Stark, Mcall Wertin, Mary Wesley James

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

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

\* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #726 Red Hymnal *"Spirit of the Living 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:** Acts 1:1-11

**Pastor Preaches God's Word:** *"The Promise and Power of the Holy Spirit"*  
– Pastor Wes James

**We Celebrate the Lord's Supper**

\* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #317 Black Hymnal *"Light of God"*

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

**Sermon Outline**  
**Acts 1:1-11**  
***“The Promise and Power of the Holy Spirit”***  
**09-15-24**

**Proposition:** The Holy Spirit functions to empower Jesus’ followers to advance the Kingdom of God by bearing witness to Jesus’ Glory.

**Main Point One: Jesus’ Ministry**

Sub Point One: Luke’s First Volume

Sub Point Two: The Commands of Jesus

Sub Point Three: The Proofs about Jesus

Sub Point Four: The Kingdom of God

**Main Point Two: Jesus’ Promise**

Sub Point One: The Promise of the Father

Sub Point Two: The Spirit’s Baptism

Sub Point Three: The Disciples’ Mindset... “When will you restore the Kingdom?”

Sub Point Four: Jesus’ Answer

**Main Point Three: The Spirit’s Power**

Sub Point One: The Coming of the Holy Spirit

Sub Point Two: The Empowered Witness of the Disciples

Sub Point Three: Jesus’ Goal > To the “Ends of the Earth”