

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, September 22, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

***God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Psalm 63:1-4

Pastor: O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

Congregation: So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary, beholding your power and glory.

Pastor: Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you.

All: So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands.

*** 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 : Gracious God, we confess that we have longed too much for the comforts of this world. We have loved the gifts more than the giver. In your mercy, help us to see that all the things we pine for are shadows, but you are substance; that they are quicksands, but you are mountain; that they are shifting, but you are anchor. We plead your forgiveness on the merits of Jesus Christ. Accept his worthiness for our unworthiness, his sinlessness for our transgressions, his fullness for our emptiness, his glory for our shame, his righteousness for our dead works, his death for our life. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen. – *From Reformed Resources on Monergism*

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

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

*** We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #318 Black Hymnal *"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God"*

*** We Confess Our Faith Together:** Lord, High and Holy, Meek and Lowly, You have brought us to the valley of vision, where we live in the depths but see You in the heights; hemmed in by mountains of sin, we behold Your glory. Let us learn by paradox that the way down is the way up, that to be low is to be high, that the broken heart is the healed heart, that the contrite spirit is the rejoicing spirit, that the repenting soul is the victorious soul, that to have nothing is to possess all, that to bear the cross is to wear the crown, that to give is to receive, that the valley is the place of vision. Let us find Your light in our darkness, Your life in our death, Your joy in our sorrow, Your grace in our sin, Your riches in our poverty, Your glory in our valley. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

We Read From God's Word: Psalm 109:1-21

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

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

* **We Give Thanks to the Lord**

* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #560 Red Hymnal "Lord, Speak to Me"

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 1:12-26

Pastor Preaches God's Word: "The Sovereign Hand of God in Judas' Replacement"
– Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #419 Black Hymnal "Hear the Call of the Kingdom"

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

Sermon Outline
Acts 1:12-26
“The Sovereign Hand of God in Judas’ Replacement”
09-22-24

Proposition: Sanctification in preparation for the Lord’s work is always centered on the sovereign hand of God revealed in the scriptures and displayed in faithful obedience to Jesus Christ.

Main Point One: The Preparation

Sub Point One: The Apostles’ Devotion

Sub Point Two: Peter’s Address

Sub Point Three: Judas’ Wickedness

Main Point Two: The Replacement

Sub Point One: The Necessity

Sub Point Two: The Casting of Lots?

Sub Point Three: The Two Men “Joseph” and “Matthias”

Sub Point Four: The Knowledge of God

Sub Point Five: The Sovereign Choice of God