

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, October 20, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

***God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Psalm 147:1-5

Pastor: Praise the Lord!

Congregation: For it is good to sing praises to our God;

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Congregation: The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

Pastor: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

All: He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names. Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.

*** We Sing in Response:** #381 Red Hymnal *"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"*

* 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. - *Reformed Resources on Monergism.com*

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Ephesians 2:4-6

*** We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #398 Black Hymnal *"God, Be Merciful to Me"*

*** We Confess Our Faith Together:** Heidelberg Catechism Lord's Day 7. Question#21

Pastor: *What is true faith?*

Congregation: True faith is not only a sure knowledge by which I hold as true all that God has revealed to us in Scripture; it is also a wholehearted trust, which the Holy Spirit creates in me by the gospel, that God has freely granted, not only to others but to me also, forgiveness of sins, eternal righteousness, and salvation. These are gifts of sheer grace, granted solely by Christ's merit.

We Read From God's Word: 1 Corinthians 2

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: John 1:15 "John bore witness about him, and cried out, "This was he of whom I said, 'He who comes after me ranks before me, because he was before me.'"

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:** #36 Black Hymnal "By Faith"

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 2:42-47

Pastor Preaches God's Word: "The Spiritual Formation of the Earliest Church"
– Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** Handout "We Will Feast in the House of Zion"
(please leave handouts in pew so we can reuse them)

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

Sermon Outline
Acts 2:42-47
“The Spiritual Formation of the Earliest Church”
10-20-24

Proposition: Spiritual formation in the life of the church is a product of the triangular nature of a sincere devotion to sound doctrine, Christian fellowship, and true worship all to the glory of God.

Main Point One: The Church’s Devotion

Sub Point One: The Apostles’ Teaching

Sub Point Two: The Apostles’ Authority

Sub Point Three: The Fellowship of the Saints

Sub Point Four: The Product = “Awe at the Mighty Works of God”

Main Point Two: The Church’s Faith

Sub Point One: “United together”

Sub Point Two: Care for the Vulnerable

Sub Point Three: Love for God and Man

Main Point Three: The Church’s Worship

Sub Point One: Attended Temple Daily

Sub Point Two: Breaking Bread in their Homes

Sub Point Three: “Glad” and “Generous” Hearts