

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, November 17, 2024

Welcome and Announcements

***God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Psalm 8:1-5

Pastor: O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

Congregation: You have set your glory above the heavens.

Pastor: Out of the mouth of babies and infants, you have established strength because of your foes,

Congregation: to still the enemy and the avenger.

Pastor: When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers, the moon and the stars, which you have set in place, what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?

All: Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings and crowned him with glory and honor.

*** We Sing in Response:** #167 Red Hymnal *"When Morning Gilds the Skies"*

* We Seek God's Presence in Prayer

We Confess Our Sins Together : Holy Father, forgive us. Though you should guide us, we inform ourselves. Though you should rule us, we control ourselves. Though you should fulfill us, we console ourselves. For we think your truth too high, your will too hard, your power too remote, your love too free. But they are not! And without them, we are of all people most miserable. Heal our confused minds with your word, heal our divided wills with your law, heal our troubled consciences with your love, heal our anxious hearts with your presence, all for the sake of your Son, who loved us and gave himself for us. Amen.

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Psalm 16:1-2

*** We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #359 Black Hymnal *"My Soul Finds Rest"*

*** We Confess Our Faith Together:** I bind unto myself today the strong name of the Trinity by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three. Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me, Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me. Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger. I bind unto myself the name, the strong name of the Trinity by invocation of the same, the Three in One and One in Three, of whom all nature has creation, eternal Father, Spirit, Word. Praise to the Lord of my salvation; salvation is of Christ the Lord!

- Lorika of St. Patrick

We Read From God's Word: Psalm 2

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: John 1:16-17 "For from his fullness we have all received, grace upon grace. For the law was given through Moses; grace and truth came through Jesus Christ."

We Present Our Tithes & Offerings In Worship

We Worship Through the Music of Offertory: "Amazing Grace" flute duet by Ellen Singh and friend Annette Kanoy

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

* **We Give Thanks to the Lord**

* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #187 Black Hymnal "Before the Throne of God Above"

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 4:23-31

Pastor Preaches God's Word: "The Sovereign Hand of God in Healing His People"

– Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** Handout "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"
(please leave handouts in pews so we can reuse in the future)

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

Sermon Outline
Acts 4:23-31
“The Sovereign Hand of God in Healing His People”
11-17-24

Proposition: The Lord grants boldness of faith when His people pray and depend on His sovereign power to proclaim Jesus and bring gospel healing to wounded sinners in need of a Savior.

Main Point One: The Prayers of the People

- Sub Point One: The Apostles' Report
- Sub Point Two: Their Cry to God
- Sub Point Three: Their Use of Scripture
- Sub Point Four: Remember Jesus' Word

Main Point Two: The Plan of God

- Sub Point One: The Lord's Anointed
- Sub Point Two: The Decree of God
- Sub Point Three: The Continued Threats of the Rulers

Main Point Three: The Provision of Grace

- Sub Point One: Their Plea to God
- Sub Point Two: The Power of Jesus' Name
- Sub Point Three: The Lord's Answer and Response