

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The Lord's Day, November 24, 2024*

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of 1 Chronicles 16:34-36

**Pastor:** Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,

**Congregation:** for his steadfast love endures forever!

**Pastor:** Say also: Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations,

**Congregation:** that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise.

**Pastor:** Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting!

**All:** Then all the people said, "Amen!" and praised the Lord.

**\* 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:** Merciful Lord, we confess that with us there is an abundance of sin, but in you there is the fullness of righteousness and abundance of mercy. We are spiritually poor, but you are rich and in Jesus Christ came to be merciful to the poor. Strengthen our faith and trust in you. We are empty vessels that need to be filled; fill us. We are weak in faith; strengthen us. We are cold in love; warm us and make our hearts fervent for you that our love may go out to one another and to our neighbors. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

**God Assures Us We Are Forgiven:** Lamentations 3:22-24

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

**\* We Confess Our Faith Together:** Westminster Confession of Faith 14.1-2

**Pastor:** *How do God's people experience the grace of faith leading to the salvation of their souls?*

**Congregation:** The grace of faith, whereby the elect are enabled to believe to the saving of their souls, is the work of the Spirit of Christ in their hearts; and is ordinarily wrought by the ministry of the Word: by which also, and by the administration of the sacraments, and prayer, it is increased and strengthened.

**Pastor:** *What are the principal acts of saving faith produced by the work of God's grace?*

**Congregation:** By this faith, a Christian believeth to be true whatsoever is revealed in the Word, for the authority of God Himself speaking therein; and acts differently, upon that which each passage therefore contains; yielding obedience to the commands, trembling at the threats, and embracing the promises of God for this life, and that which is to come. But the principal acts of saving faith are, accepting, receiving, and resting upon Christ alone for justification, sanctification, and eternal life, by virtue of the covenant of grace.

**We Read From God's Word:** Colossians 3:1-17

**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:** *"For the Beauty of the Earth"*  
- Children's Choir

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

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

\* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #355 Red Hymnal *"We are God's People"*

*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 4:32-37

**Pastor Preaches God's Word:** *"Experiencing the Greatness of God's Grace"*  
– 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 pews so we can reuse in the future)*

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

**Sermon Outline**  
**Acts 4:32-37**  
***“Experiencing the Greatness of God’s Grace”***  
**11-24-24**

**Proposition:** When the church walks in true Christian unity, we experience the greatness of God’s grace to bearing witness to Jesus and care well for the needs of His people.

**Main Point One: The Communion of Saints**

Sub Point One: Their Unity

Sub Point Two: Their Resources

Sub Point Three: The Power of God

**Main Point Two: The Grace of God**

Sub Point One: What kind of “Great Grace?”

Sub Point Two: No “Needy” Persons

Sub Point Three: Barnabus as a “Model”

**Main Point Three: The Apostles’ Authority**

Sub Point One: Rooted in “Grace”

Sub Point Two: Leading by “Grace”