



# COVENANT

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA

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# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Ephesians 2:18-21

For through Him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus Himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

### SILENT PRAYER

## GOD CALLS US INTO HIS PRESENCE

### + SALUTATION

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you!

Ruth 2:4

**And, also, with you!**

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord of hosts

Isaiah 6:3

**May the whole earth be filled with His glory.**

Holy, Holy, Holy is the Lord God, the Almighty

Revelation 4:8

**Who was and Who is and Who is to come.**

### + CALL TO WORSHIP: Revelation 5:13-14

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

“To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be blessing  
and honor and glory and might forever and ever!”

And the four living creatures said, “Amen!” and the elders fell down and worshiped.

†\* HYMN OF PRAISE, No. 100: "Holy, Holy, Holy!"

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

## GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS

**CALL TO CONFESSION:** The Ten Commandments

Hear now the commandments of Your God, which He has commanded you to keep, saying, "You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." This is the first and great commandment.

**And the second, like unto it is this,**

**"You shall love your neighbor as yourself."**

Have you fully obeyed the Lord in all that He has commanded?

**No, but we have sinned against Him in thought, word, and deed.**

**CORPORATE CONFESSION** (congregation kneels as able)

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name.**

[Silent prayer of personal confession] **Amen.**

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** Romans 8:15-17

For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit Himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with Him in order that we may also be glorified with Him.

† **GLORIA PATRI** (with hands lifted)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.**

†\* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 101: "Come, Thou Almighty King"

## GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Psalm 29

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE READING:** Romans 8:12-17

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL READING:** John 3:1-17

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 103:** "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

**READING OF GOD'S WORD:** Isaiah 6:1-8

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD**

Behold Our God: A Vision for Transformation

† **CONFESSION OF FAITH:** Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty**

**Maker of heaven and earth,**

**of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,**

**begotten of His Father before all worlds,**

**God of God, Light of Light,**

**very God of very God,**

**begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father;**

**by whom all things were made;**

**who for us and for our salvation**

**came down from heaven,**

**and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,**

**and was made man;**

**and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;**

**He suffered and was buried;**

**and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,**

and ascended into heaven,  
 and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
 and He shall come again, with glory,  
 to judge both the living and the dead;  
 whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
 who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
 who with the Father and the Son together  
 is worshiped and glorified;  
 who spoke by the prophets;  
 and we believe in one holy catholic\* and apostolic church;  
 we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
 and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
 and the life of the world to come. Amen.

*\*catholic=universal*

† PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name.  
 Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
 Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts,  
 As we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation,  
 But deliver us from evil: For Thine is the Kingdom,  
 And the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY

† DOXOLOGY

(with hands lifted)

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

† PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## GOD COMMUNES WITH US AT HIS TABLE

### + SURSUM CORDA

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and good, and a joyful thing, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore with angels and arch angels and with all the company of heaven we praise and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing ...

### + SANCTUS

*Sung in unison*

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord God of Hosts Heav'n and earth are full\_\_of your Glo - ry. Ho

san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he\_\_ who\_ comes\_\_

in\_\_ the name of the Lord our God. Ho - san - na, ho-san-na in the High - est.

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND MEMORIAL

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

**Distribution of the Bread and Communion in the Body of Christ**

**Communion Song:** “Behold the Lamb” v. 1-2 (printed on page 8)

**Distribution of the Cup and Communion in the Blood of Christ**

**Communion Song:** “Behold the Lamb” v. 3-4 (printed on page 8)

### PRAYER OF BLESSING

## GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 642:** “Be Thou My Vision”

† **BENEDICTION:** Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you;

The LORD make his face shine upon you and be gracious to you;

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

† **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

† **POSTLUDE**

† Congregation stands, if able

\* Seating for latecomers at this time

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# Behold The Lamb

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## VERSE

G2/B A/C# D Em7 D/F# A D/F# G2

1. Be hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us:  
2. The bod - y of our Sav - iour, Je - sus Christ, torn for you:  
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you:  
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond

4 D/A A7sus A7 G2/B A/C# D Em7 D/F# A D/F#

And we re - mem - ber the prom - ise made that all who come in faith find for -  
Eat and re - mem - ber the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the  
Drink and re - mem - ber He drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re -  
and to re - mem - ber our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as His

7 G2 A7sus A7 D D/F# G2 D2/F# Gmaj7 A2 D/F# G2

give - ness at the cross. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His  
price to make us one. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His  
ceive the life of God. So, we share in this Bread of Life, and we drink of His  
bod - y here on earth. As we share in His suf - fer - ing, we - proclaim: Christ will



## Behold The Lamb - 2

12 D2/F# G2 A D/F# G2 D2/F# Gmaj7 A7sus G2/B Gmaj7 A7

sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the  
 sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the  
 sac - ri - fice, as a sign of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the  
 come a - gain! And we'll join in the feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the

## TURNAROUND / OUTRO

D2 D2/G D2 D2/G D2

King.  
 King.  
 King.  
 King.

### *St. Patrick's Breastplate*

I bind unto myself today The strong name of the Trinity.  
By invocation of the same, The Three in One, and One in Three.

I bind this day to me forever By power of faith, Christ's incarnation;  
His baptism in the Jordan river, His death on the Cross for my salvation;  
His bursting from the spiced tomb, His riding up the heavenly way,  
His coming at the day of doom I bind unto myself today.

I bind unto myself the power Of the great love of cherubim;  
The sweet 'Well done' in judgment hour, The service of the seraphim,  
Confessors' faith, Apostles' word, The Patriarchs' prayers, the Prophets' scrolls,  
All good deeds done unto the Lord And purity of virgin souls.

I bind unto myself today The virtues of the star lit heaven,  
The glorious sun's life-giving ray, The whiteness of the moon at even,  
The flashing of the lightning free, The whirling wind's tempestuous shocks,  
The stable earth, the deep salt sea Around the old eternal rocks.

I bind unto myself today The power of God to hold and lead,  
His eye to watch, His might to stay, His ear to hearken to my need.  
The wisdom of my God to teach, His hand to guide, His shield to ward;  
The word of God to give me speech, His heavenly host to be my guard.

Against the demon snares of sin, The vice that gives temptation force,  
The natural lusts that war within, The hostile men that mar my course;  
Or few or many, far or nigh, In every place and in all hours,  
Against their fierce hostility I bind to me these holy powers.

Against all Satan's spells and wiles, Against false words of heresy,  
Against the knowledge that defiles, Against the heart's idolatry,  
Against the wizard's evil craft, Against the death wound and the burning,  
The choking wave, the poisoned shaft, Protect me, Christ, till Thy returning.

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 hath creation, Eternal Father, Spirit, Word:  
Praise to the Lord of my salvation, Salvation is of Christ the Lord.