



**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: Psalm 96:7-8

Ascribe to the LORD, O families of the peoples, ascribe to the LORD glory and strength! Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts!

### 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!**

Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;

Psalm 96:9

**Tremble before Him, all the earth!**

### † CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 96:1-3

Oh, sing to the LORD a new song; sing to the LORD, all the earth! Sing to the LORD, bless His name; tell of His salvation from day to day. Declare His glory among the nations, His marvelous works among all the peoples!

### †\* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 2: "O Worship the King"

### † PRAYER OF ADORATION

† Congregation stands, if able

\* Seating for latecomers at this time

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## GOD CLEANSSES US OF OUR SINS

### CALL TO CONFESSION:

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 8:1

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus.

† **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. 261: "What Wondrous Love Is This"**

## GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Psalm 31:1-8

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE READING:** James 3:13-18

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL READING:** Mark 9:30-41

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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

† **HYMN:** "There Is a Redeemer" (printed on page 8)

**READING OF GOD'S WORD:** 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD**

The Message of 1 Thessalonians, Sermon V  
The Importance of Preaching in the Life of the Church

† **CONFESSION OF FAITH:** The 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

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

17

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, NO. 469: "How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place" v. 1-2**

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

**Communion Song, NO. 469 "How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place" v. 3-4**

**PRAYER OF BLESSING**

**GOD COMMISSIONS US TO GO INTO THE WORLD**

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 469: "How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place" v. 5-6**

† **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**

# There Is A Redeemer

Words and Music by  
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## VERSE

♩ = 92    D    Dsus   D   Dsus   D    A   D   G   A   D    A   D    Dsus   D

1. There is a Re - deem - er    Je - sus, God's own Son;    Pre - cious Lamb of  
 2. Je sus, my Re - deem - er,    name a - bove all names;    Pre - cious Lamb of  
 3. When I stand in glo - ry,    I will see His face;    There I'll serve my

## CHORUS

6    Dsus   D   Dsus   D    G   G/B   Asus   A7   D    D    D/F#    G    D

God, Mes - si - ah,    Ho - - - ly One.    Thank You, O my Fa - ther, for  
 God, Mes - si - ah,    O for sin - ners slain.  
 King for - ev - er    in that ho - ly place.

11    G    A   D    A7    D   Dsus   D   Dsus   D   Dsus   D    G   G/B   Asus   A7   D

giv - ing us Your Son,    and leav - ing Your Spir - it    till the work on earth is done.