



**COVENANT**  
**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PCA**

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September 8, 2024

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE MEDITATION: Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; His mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.

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!**

We will lift up the cup of salvation!

Psalm 116:13

**And call on the name of the LORD!**

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 22:22-24

I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the LORD, praise Him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify Him, and stand in awe of Him, all you offspring of Israel! For He has not despised or abhorred the affliction of the afflicted, and He has not hidden His face from him, but has heard, when he cried to Him.

†\* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 53: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

† 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 Covenant of Your God, which He has commanded you to keep saying, "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me.

**You shall not make for yourself an idol.**

You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain.

**Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.**

Honor your father and your mother.

**You shall not murder.**

You shall not commit adultery.

**You shall not steal.**

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

**You shall not covet.**

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)

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and apart from your grace, there is no health in us. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults. Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for His sake, that we may now live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name.**

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

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:** Psalm 103:8, 10-13

The LORD is merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. ... He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His steadfast love toward those who fear Him; as far as the east is from the west, so far does He remove our transgressions from us. As a father shows compassion to his children, so the LORD shows compassion to those who fear 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. 172:** "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

**THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Hannah Elizabeth Roberts

**PARENTAL VOWS:**

1. Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?
2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?
3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before her a godly example, that you will pray with and for her, that you will teach her the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring her up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

## GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**OLD TESTAMENT READING:** Deuteronomy 30:1-14

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE READING:** Romans 10:1-13

This is the Word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God!**

† **PSALM 124, NO. 614:** "Now Israel May Say, and That in Truth"

† **GOSPEL READING:** Luke 15:11-32

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

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

### PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

The Parable of The Great Father

† **CONFESSION OF FAITH:** Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,**

**Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,**

**who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,**

**and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,**

**was crucified, died, and was buried;**

**he descended into hell.**

**The third day he rose again from the dead.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.**

**From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,**

**the holy catholic\* church,**

**the communion of saints,**

**the forgiveness of sins,**

**the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. 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

9

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.

**EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATION**

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**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 10)**

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

**Communion Song: "Behold the Lamb" v. 3-4 (printed on page 10)**

**PRAYER OF BLESSING**

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

† **HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 32: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"**

† **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**

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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

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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.