



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

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October 6, 2024

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

### PRELUDE

### ANNOUNCEMENTS

### SCRIPTURE FOR MEDITATION: Psalm 145:4-5

One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

### 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!**

My mouth will speak the praise of the LORD,

Psalm 145:21

**And let all flesh bless His holy name forever and ever.**

### † CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 145:1-3

I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever.

Every day I will bless you and praise your name forever and ever. Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

### †\* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 119: "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

### † 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: Psalm 145:14-20

The LORD upholds all who are falling  
**and raises up all who are bowed down.**  
 The eyes of all look to you,  
**and you give them their food in due season.**  
 You open your hand;  
**you satisfy the desire of every living thing.**  
 The LORD is righteous in all His ways  
**and kind in all His works.**  
 The LORD is near to all who call on Him,  
**to all who call on Him in truth.**  
 He fulfills the desire of those who fear Him;  
**He also hears their cry and saves them.**  
 The LORD preserves all who love Him,  
**but all the wicked He will destroy.**

CORPORATE CONFESSION (congregation kneels as able)

**Almighty and merciful Father, we are thankful that Your mercy is higher than the heavens, wider than our wanderings, deeper than all our sin. Forgive our careless attitudes toward Your purposes, our refusal to relieve the suffering of others, our envy of those who have more than we have, our obsession with creating a life of constant pleasure, our indifference to the treasures of heaven, our neglect of Your wise and gracious law. Help us to change our way of life so that we may desire what is good, love what You love, and do what You command, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

[Silent prayer of personal confession] Amen.

† ASSURANCE OF PARDON: Psalm 145:8-9

**The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. The LORD is good to all, and His mercy is over all that He has made.**

- † **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: "In Christ Alone"** (printed on page 8)

## **GOD CONSECRATES US BY HIS WORD**

**OLD TESTAMENT READING: Psalm 36:1-12**

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

**EPISTLE READING: James 5:13-20**

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God!**

**GOSPEL READING: Mark 12:1-12**

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ  
**Praise be to you, O Christ!**

- † **HYMN NO. 253: "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"**

**READING OF GOD'S WORD: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD**

The Message of 1 Thessalonians, Sermon IX  
 A Witness to the Resurrection

- † **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

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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.

**EUCCHARISTIC MEDITATION**

**PRAYER OF CONSECRATION**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

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

**Communion Song, No. 500: "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" v. 1-2**

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

**Communion Song, No. 500: "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" v. 3-4**

**PRAYER OF BLESSING**

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

† **HYMN OF RESPONSE, 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**

# In Christ Alone

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## VERSE

♩ = 60

Ab Eb Ab Bb Eb/G Ab Eb/G Fm7 Ab/Bb



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone, who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the world by dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in



Eb Ab Eb Ab Bb Eb/G Ab Eb/G Fm7 Ab/Bb



song; This Cor - ner - stone, this sol - id Ground, firm through the fierc - est drought and  
babe! This gift of love and right - eous - ness, scorned by the ones He came to  
slain; Then, burst - ing forth in glo - rious Day, up from the grave He rose a -  
me; From life's first cry to fi - nal breath, Je - sus com - mands my des - ti -



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## In Christ Alone - 2

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E $\flat$  Eb/G A $\flat$  Eb/G B $\flat$  sus B $\flat$  Eb/G A $\flat$  Cm7

storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when striv - ings  
save. Till on that cross as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was sat - is -  
gain! And as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on  
ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ev - er pluck me from His

12

B $\flat$  sus B $\flat$  A $\flat$  E $\flat$  A $\flat$  B $\flat$  Eb/G

cease. My Com - fort - er, my All in All, here in the  
fied. For ev - 'ry sin on Him was laid; Here in the  
me; For I am His and He is mine, bought with the  
hand; Till He re - turns or calls me home, here in the

15

A $\flat$  Eb/G Fm7 A $\flat$ /B $\flat$  E $\flat$  B $\flat$ m7 Fm7 E $\flat$  E $\flat$  sus

love of Christ I stand.  
death of Christ I live.  
pre - cious blood of Christ.  
pow'r of Christ I'll stand!