



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 65:1-4

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed. O you who hear prayer, to you shall all flesh come. When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions. Blessed is the one you choose and bring near, to dwell in your courts! We shall be satisfied with the goodness of your house, the holiness of your temple!

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!

This is the day the Lord has made;

Psalm 118:24

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

† CALL TO WORSHIP: Revelation 4:8

And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

“Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty,
who was and is and is to come!”

†* HYMN OF PRAISE, NO. 100: “Holy, Holy, Holy!”

† PRAYER OF ADORATION

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)

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear, and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment. Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image; through Jesus Christ, the light of the world.

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

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON:**

† **THE PEACE**

† **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

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING: Isaiah 61:1-3

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 1:3-14

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God!

† **PSALM 90, NO. 30:** "Our God, Our Help in Ages Past"

† **GOSPEL READING:** John 6:35-40

This is the Gospel of Jesus Christ

Praise be to you, O Christ!

PREACHING OF GOD'S WORD

Every Spiritual Blessing

† **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

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san - na, ho-san-na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he_ who_ comes_

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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 (lyrics, page 8)

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 PRAISE, NO. 469: "How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place"**

† **BENEDICTION: 2 Corinthians 13:14**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

† **THREE-FOLD AMEN**

† **POSTLUDE**

ROCK OF AGES

VERSE 1

ROCK OF AGES CLEFT FOR ME
 LET ME HIDE MYSELF IN THEE
 LET THE WATER AND THE BLOOD
 FROM THY WOUNDED SIDE WHICH FLOWED
 BE OF SIN THE DOUBLE CURE
 SAVE FROM WRATH AND MAKE ME PURE

VERSE 2

NOT THE LABORS OF MY HANDS
 CAN FULFILL THY LAW'S DEMANDS
 COULD MY ZEAL NO RESPITE KNOW
 COULD MY TEARS FOREVER FLOW
 ALL FOR SIN COULD NOT ATONE
 THOU MUST SAVE AND THOU ALONE

VERSE 3

NOTHING IN MY HAND I BRING
 SIMPLY TO THE CROSS I CLING
 NAKED COME TO THEE FOR DRESS
 HELPLESS LOOK TO THEE FOR GRACE
 FOUL I TO THE FOUNTAIN FLY
 WASH ME SAVIOR OR I DIE

VERSE 4

WHILE I DRAW THIS FLEETING BREATH
 WHEN MINE EYES SHALL CLOSE IN DEATH
 WHEN I SOAR TO WORLDS UNKNOWN
 SEE THEE ON THY JUDGMENT THRONE
 ROCK OF AGES CLEFT FOR ME
 LET ME HIDE MYSELF IN THEE

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NOTES

I. The Blessing

II. The Father

III. The Son

IV. The Spirit