
ORDER OF WORSHIP

MUSICAL PRELUDE

GOD CALLS US INTO HIS HOLY PRESENCE *(Please stand)*

Minister: Praise the LORD! For it is good to sing praises to our God; for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.

Congregation: The LORD builds up Jerusalem; He gathers the outcasts of Israel.

Minister: He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds. He determines the number of stars; He gives to all of them their names.

Congregation: Great is our LORD, and abundant in power; His understanding is beyond measure.

Minister: The LORD lifts up the humble; He casts the wicked to the ground.

Congregation: Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!

~ Psalm 147:1-7

HYMN "All Praise to Thee, Eternal Lord" #219

Prayer of Adoration: Jim Robinson, Ruling Elder

Minister: The peace of the Lord be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

Congregation: Who made heaven and earth!

GOD CLEANSSES US IN CHRIST *(Please be seated)*

Leader: Let us hear the exhortation of the Word of God regarding the righteous character of our new lives in Christ:

"Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord. See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled; that no one is sexually immoral or unholy like Esau, who sold his birthright for a single meal. For you know that afterward, when he desired to inherit the blessing, he was rejected, for he found no chance to repent, though he sought it with tears." (Hebrews 12:14-17)

Leader: Let us confess our sins together:

Heavenly Father, I know it was Your Son's purpose while on earth to do Your will. You know how unsteady my own resolve is in pursuing the same. You bear witness daily to the unruly nature of my flesh and the lack of self-control regarding my thoughts, words, and actions. Yet the cross of Your son and my Savior speaks of a decisive victory over all that causes my head to bow in shame. Your Spirit enables me to consider the love of Jesus for me in reconciling me to You through his own sacrifice, and You indeed are the "lifter of my head." Forgive me my Father for all the ways I fall short of Your glory, sinning against Your holy law. Finish the work You have started in conforming me to Christ. May I abide more consciously in His company, seeking to do Your will. Help me to live more intentionally in the company of His saints, seeking to love them as You have commanded me. In Christ's name, I pray. Amen.

Leader: Please take a moment to privately commune with our Lord.

Minister: People of God, lift up your heads and stand with me to hear the good news of our salvation: *(Please stand)*

(Hebrews 10:12-14) "But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, he sat down at the right hand of God, waiting from that time until his enemies should be made a footstool for his feet. For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are being sanctified."

Minister: Our sins are forgiven through the atoning work of Christ Jesus our Lord, the Lamb of God!

Congregation: Praise be to God!

HYMN "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" vs. 1,4,5 #221

Confession of Faith: The Nicene Creed (846)

GOD INSTRUCTS US:

Old Testament Reading: Exodus 18:13-27 (page 76)

Acts Reading: Acts 20:28-32 (page 1182)

Epistle Reading: Philippians 2:1-24 (page 1248)

Minister: The grass withers, the flower fades,

Congregation: But the word of our God stands forever!

BLESSING OF THE CHILDREN

Leader: People of God, what is our prayer for these children?

People: May the Lord be with you.

Children: And also with you!

People: May the Word of the Lord grow in your hearts.

Children: Thanks be to God.

People: Go in peace.

Sermon: "For it is God Who Works in You"
~ Pastor Dwight Dolby

GOD RECEIVES OUR PRAISE AND SEALS US IN CHRIST

HYMN "Though Troubles Assail Us" #95

Prayers of God's People/Tithes and Offerings / Doxology

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF NEW CHURCH OFFICERS

Ruling Elder: Mr. Joe Gorman

Deacons: Mr. David Dolby and Mr. Dennis Vassalluzzo

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

Congregation: We lift them up to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Congregation: It is right for us to give thanks.

Minister: It is truly fitting, and right, and our joyful duty, to at all times and in all places give thanks to the Lord our God. And so now, in the company of angels, archangels, and all the Heavenly hosts, we magnify and glorify His name together singing...

SANCTUS (see back)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

HYMN "He Is Born" (see insert)

GOD SENDS US FORTH TO SERVE

BENEDICTION

RECESSIONAL "For Thine is the Kingdom"

VISITORS: We are a local congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA), a conservative and evangelical denomination. You can find out more about the PCA from a brochure in the rack in our hallway.

OUR WORSHIP STYLE: You'll note ours is a traditional worship service, based upon forms of worship (liturgies) arising out of the Protestant Reformation. You will need to keep your bulletin in hand. We regard corporate worship as a dialogue between God and His covenant people.

WEEKLY MEETINGS:

SUNDAY SCHOOL: **Sundays 9-10:00 AM.** Join us. (Fellowship Hall) We're currently viewing and discussing a Ligonier Ministries video entitled, "The Fear of the Lord".

PRAYER SERVICE: Will resume on **Wednesday, January 10.**

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Join us Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024, for a day of prayer. Bring your requests and join us as we begin 2024 in prayer.

COMING SOON: The ARPC WBS will begin the new year with a study of prayer and look toward the cross. January will be a look at what this means. Join us for Joy Beyond Agony, a study of the cross. Author, "... Jane Roach, reminds us of the centrality of the cross...a biblically faithful exposition of what God accomplished in Christ on the cross. The book is also devotionally rich, for Roach draws us into worship, meditation, and application. Behold the man who was crucified and risen - and be changed forever" (taken from Foreword by Thomas R. Schreiner). Join us!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: EVERY OTHER SATURDAY

(January 6th and January 20th) @ 8:00 AM (Fellowship Hall) Join us for a healthy dose of Christian fellowship with other men. We are studying "The Teachings of Jesus" from Matthew.

Today:

This morning during the worship service, we will be ordaining and installing our newly elected officers, setting them apart for Christ's service in His Church.

THIS WEEK:

PROPERTY MINISTRY TEAM: There will be a property Ministry Team meeting on Wednesday, January 3, 2023, at 1:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.

NEXT WEEK:

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Plan to enjoy a healthy start to the new year at ARPC's January Fellowship Meal on Sunday, 1/7/24, following worship. The theme is "HEALTHY BEGINNINGS!" Please sign up in the hallway.

SANCTUS

"HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"

"Holy, holy, holy, Lord;

God of power, God of might.

Heaven and earth are filled with your glory:

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord:

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest!"

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**"Pay careful attention to yourselves
and to all the flock,
in which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers,
to care for the church of God,
which He obtained with His own blood."
~Acts 20: 28**

**"Let us Worship God"
First Sunday After Christmas
December 31st, 2023
10:30 AM**