
ORDER OF WORSHIP

MUSICAL PRELUDE

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

Minister: Arise, shine, for your light has come,

***Congregation:* And the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.**

Minister: For behold, darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples;

***Congregation:* But the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will be seen upon you.**

Minister: And nations shall come to your light,

***Congregation:* And kings to the brightness of your rising...**

Minister: A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come.

***Congregation:* They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall bring good news, the praises of the LORD.**

~ Isaiah 60:1-3, 6

HYMN "We Praise You, O God..." #97

Prayer of Adoration: Chas Jaskulski, 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:

"Thus says the LORD: 'Cursed is the man who trusts in man and makes flesh his strength, whose heart turns away from the LORD. He is like a shrub in the desert, and shall not see any good come. He shall dwell in the parched places of the wilderness, in an uninhabited salt land. Blessed is

the man who trusts in the LORD. He is like a tree planted by water, that sends out its roots by the stream, and does not fear when heat comes, for its leaves remain green, and is not anxious in the year of drought, for it does not cease to bear fruit.' The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it? I the LORD search the heart and test the mind, to give every man according to his ways, according to the fruit of his deeds." (Jeremiah 17:5-10)

Leader: Let us confess our sins together:

Heavenly Father, to You all hearts are open, all desires known, and from You no secrets are hidden. 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. 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:

(Colossians 1:13,14) "He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of our sins."

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

***Congregation:* Praise be to God!**

HYMN "In Christ Alone" (see insert)

Confession of Faith: The Apostles' Creed (845)

GOD INSTRUCTS US:

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14 (page 615)

Gospel Reading: Matthew 2:1-12 (page 1026)

Epistle Reading: Ephesians 3:1-13 (page 1242)

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: "Arise, Shine, for your Light has Come"
~ Pastor Dwight Dolby

GOD RECEIVES OUR PRAISE AND SEALS US IN CHRIST

HYMN "Wisemen, They Came..." (see insert)

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

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 "As with Gladness Men of Old" #226

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: Wednesdays at Noon in Fellowship Hall

WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays, 1:00 - 2:15 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Join us as we begin studying Jane Roach's, "Joy Beyond Agony," a Biblically faithful exposition of what God accomplished in Christ on the cross. All women welcome!

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: EVERY OTHER SATURDAY (Meets next on January 20th) @ 8:00 AM in Fellowship Hall. Join us for a healthy dose of Christian fellowship with other men. We are studying, "The Teachings of Jesus," from Matthew.

TODAY:

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP MEAL: Stay after worship service today for ARPC's January Fellowship Meal. The theme is "HEALTHY BEGINNINGS!" We'll enjoy great fellowship and healthy foods as we begin the new year together!

COMING SOON:

ARPC'S "SPACE MAKING SATURDAY" See insert in today's bulletin for more details. January 20th, 9:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

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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**"Where is he who has been born king of the Jews?
For we saw his star when it rose
and have come to worship him."
~Matthew 2:2**

**"Let us Worship God"
Epiphany Sunday
January 7th, 2024
10:30 AM**