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The Lord's Day, April 6, 2025

ORDER OF WORSHIP

A Service of Word, Prayer and Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

April 6, 2025 | 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m.

***And Can It Be That I Should Gain, verse 1, 3-5**

Hymn No. 455

Music: SAGINA, Thomas Campbell, 1825, arr. Wendell Kimbrough
Lyrics: Charles Wesley, 1783

Welcome & Announcements

Clint Wilcke

***Call to Worship¹**

Psalm 135:1-6, 134:1-3

Elder: Praise the LORD! Praise the name of the LORD, give praise, O servants of the LORD, who stand in the house of the LORD, in the courts of the house of our God!

People: Praise the LORD, for the LORD is good; sing to his name, for it is pleasant! For the LORD has chosen Jacob for himself, Israel as his own possession.

Elder: For I know that the LORD is great, and that our Lord is above all gods. Whatever the LORD pleases, he does, in heaven and on earth, in the seas and all deeps... Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD, who stand by night in the house of the LORD!

All: Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the LORD! May the LORD bless you from Zion, he who made heaven and earth!

***From All That Dwell below the Skies**

Hymn No. 7

Music: DUKE STREET, John Hatton, 1793; Lyrics: Based on Psalm 117, Isaac Watts, 1719

***Prayer of Adoration & Invocation**

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

All: 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,
born of the virgin Mary,
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 shall come to judge the living and the
dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic² church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

***Doxology**

Hymn No. 731

Music: OLD HUNDRETH, Louis Bourgeois, 1551; Lyrics: Thomas Ken, 1709

¹Please stand, if able.

¹We believe that God always initiates with sinners, so we begin worship with His invitation and command to us to gather in His name.

²The word "catholic" refers to the universal church of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Call to Confession

1 Peter 1:22-23, 2:1-3

²² Having purified your souls by your obedience to the truth for a sincere brotherly love, love one another earnestly from a pure heart, ²³ since you have been born again, not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God...

¹[Therefore], put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander. ²Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— ³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

Silent Confession

Confession of Sin

All: O Lord, even while I bless You, I remember my past misuse of sacred things, my irreverent worship, my base ingratitude, my cold, dull praise. Sprinkle all my past Sabbaths with the cleansing blood of Jesus and may this day witness deep improvement in me. Give me in rich abundance the blessings the Lord's Day was designed to impart. May my heart be fast-bound against worldly thoughts and cares. Flood my mind with peace beyond understanding. May my meditations be sweet, my drink the streams that flow from Your throne, and my food the precious Word. And my heart more knit to Jesus. Amen.

*Assurance of Forgiveness

1 Peter 2:6, 9-10

⁶For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

⁹...you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. ¹⁰Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

*Satisfied

Music: Karl Digerness; Lyrics: Clara T. Williams, 1875



1. All my life long I had pan - ted
2. Feed - ing on the filth a - round me
3. Poor I was and sought for rich - es,
4. Well of wa - ter ev - er spring - ing,



for a drink from some cool spring
'till my strength was al - most gone.
some - thing that would sat - is - fy.
Bread of Life so rich and free.



that I hoped would quench the burn - ing
Longed my soul for some - thing bet - ter
But the dust I gath - ered round me
Un - told wealth that nev - er fail - eth,



of the thirst I felt with - in.
on - ly still to hun - ger on.
on - ly mocked my soul's sad cry.
my Re - deem - er is to me.

Chorus: Hal - le - lu - jah! He has found me,
the One my soul so long has craved!
Je - sus sat - is - fies all my long - ings
through His blood I now am saved.

Offertory Prayer

Deacon Earl Stubblefield

Offertory

"The Church's One Foundation"

Music: AURELIA, Samuel S. Wesley, 1864

Visitors, please fill out a visitor card located in the chair backs in front of you and drop it in the offering plate.

***Children's Church Dismissal: During the 8:30 a.m. & 10:45 a.m. service four- & five-year-olds may be dropped off & picked up at the sanctuary door to the left of the piano to attend Children's Church.*

Pastoral Prayer

Clint Wilcke

Members of the Week:

Lynn Apple

Peyton & Emily Atchley; Abby, Andrew, William and Harrison

Ministry of the Week:

Kairos Prison Ministry: Parchman, MS

Sunday School Teachers of the Week:

5th & 6th Grade: Abby & Reed Davis, Susanna & Mark Levy

Christ Pres Leadership & Staff:

Bill & Wren Dabney

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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.

Scripture Reading

Psalm 87:1-7

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Elder: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God!

**Please stand, if able.*

***Children's Church is provided to help families make the transition from nursery to the worship service. Volunteers will take them upstairs for a time of singing, praying, playing and listening to a Bible story. Please note that Children's Church is optional for families and we also fully support keeping your child in the service as well!*

Children's Church pickup by the sanctuary door to the left of the piano after sermon.

Reception of Covenant Children as Communing Members

Scott Byrd

10:45 a.m. service

Cave Morgan & Mems Morgan

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper (also called Communion or the Eucharist) is the family meal of baptized Christians. All who trust in Christ alone as Savior and Lord, are members in good standing with a branch of His church that teaches that He is the only way to God the Father, are at peace with their neighbor, and seek strength to live more faithfully with Jesus are welcome to come forward. If you are not a Christian or if you are not prepared to share in this meal today, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer using the prayers printed below.

Children who have not yet made a public profession of faith are still welcome to come forward with their families for prayer. We invite children who are ready to make a public profession of faith in Christ to complete the Communicants Class, arrange a meeting with the elders, and thus become "communicants" at the Lord's Table.

Christ Pres seeks to be a joyful community of God's people who actively participate in worship. As we prepare to come to the Lord's Table, the following responsive elements help orient our hearts to the Lord and proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes again.

Elder: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Elder: Lift up your hearts!

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Words of Institution

Elder: Let us proclaim the mystery of the faith:

All: Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

Elder: Christ, our Passover, has been sacrificed for us.

People: Therefore, let us keep the feast.

Elder: The gifts of God for the people of God.

Please let an usher know if it is difficult for you to come forward, and we will be happy to serve you in your seat. All communion bread is gluten-free.

Prayers for Those Not Communing**Prayer for Those Searching for Truth**

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.

Prayer of Belief

Heavenly Father, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but, through Your Son Jesus, I can be more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank You that He lived the life I should have lived, and paid the debt and punishment I owed. Receive me now for His sake. I turn from my sins and receive Him as Savior. Amen.

Prayer for Those Struggling with Sin

Lord Jesus, grant that I may see in you the fulfillment of all my need, and may turn from every false satisfaction to feed on you, the true and living bread. Enable me to lay aside the sin that clings so closely, and run with perseverance the race set before me, looking to you, the pioneer and perfecter of my faith. Amen.

Prayer for Covenant Children Who Have Not Yet Professed Faith in Christ

Lord Jesus, thank you for giving me the opportunity to grow up in a Christian family where I am surrounded by the good news of the gospel. Help me to grow in my understanding of who you are and what you have done for me on the cross. Help me learn what it means for me to turn from my sins and trust in you alone for my salvation. Teach me what it means to follow you as one of your disciples. Amen.

Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)

Music & Lyrics: Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, and Stuart Townend



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us
2. The bo - dy of our Sav - ior 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



and we re - mem - ber, the pro - mise made that all who
eat and re - mem - ber; the wounds that heal, the death that
drink and re - mem - ber, He drained death's cup that all may
and to re - mem - ber, our call to fol - low in the



come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross.
brings us life paid the price to make us one.
en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God.
steps of Christ as His bo - dy here on earth.



So we share in this bread of life, and we drink
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink
As we share in His suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim



of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of peace,
of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of love,
of His sac - ri - fice as a sign of our bonds of grace,
Christ will come a - gain, and we'll join in the feast of heav'n,



a - round the ta - ble of the King.
a - round the ta - ble of the King.
a - round the ta - ble of the King.
a - round the ta - ble of the King.

My Jesus, I Love Thee

Hymn No. 648

Music: CARITAS, Adoniram J. Gordon, 1894; Lyrics: William R. Featherstone, 1864

We Will Feast in the House of Zion

Music & Lyrics: Joshua Moore and Sandra McCracken



Chorus: We will feast in the house of Zi - on.



We will sing with our hearts re - stored.

*Please stand, if able.



He has done great things, we will say to - ge - ther.



We will feast and weep no more.



1. We will not be burned by the fire,
2. In the dark of night, be - fore the dawn,
3. Ev - 'ry vow we've bro - ken and be - trayed,



He is the Lord our God.
my soul, be not a - fraid.
You are the faith - ful one.



We are not con - sumed by the flood;
For the pro - mised morn - ing, oh, how long?
And from the gar - den to the grave,



up - held, pro - tect - ed gath - ered up.
Oh, God of Ja - cob, be my strength.
bind us to - ge - ther bring sha - lom!

*Benediction³

Sermon Notes

"Rethinking Loneliness"

Psalm 87

1. Affection Expressed
2. Alienation Overcome
3. Adoption Secured
4. Fountains Accessed

Musicians & AVL Team

Randall Bryant, keyboard & vocals; Noel Childress, mandolin; Amanda Fliflet, percussion;
Chris Floyd, lights & projections; Dylan Gray, bass; Harper Holley, viola;
Tim Kempe, guitar & vocals; Allison Lavender, violin; Max McDonaldson, sound engineer;
Gabriel Miña-Reyes, cello; Katie Morrison, vocals; Andy Paney, piano

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³Just as God has the first word in worship, He also has the last word. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing. We look up and extend our hands out in a posture of receiving the blessing of God.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPRING SALAD LUNCH

To wrap up the Women's Spring Bible Study, we will have a salad lunch on Wednesday, April 9 from 11:15am-12:30pm. Bring your favorite salad to share! Don't attend morning study? Come join us for lunch anyway! Childcare will be extended until 12:30pm for those with littles wanting to stay for lunch.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Sunday | April, 13th

Palm Sunday Services: 8:30 & 10:45am
Sunday School: 9:45am
Churchwide Prayer: 5:30pm

Tuesday | April 15th

Men's Lunch: 12:00pm

Wednesday | April 16th

Youth Group: 5:30pm

Thursday | April 17th

901 Sisk Social Bible Study: 10:30am
Maundy Thursday Service: 5:30pm

Good Friday | April 18th

Good Friday Service: 7:00pm

Easter Sunday | April 20th

Easter Sunday Services: 8:30 & 10:45am
Sunday School: 9:45am

EASTER SUNDAY

NURSERY NEEDS



Similar to Christmas, no members have been scheduled for our Easter Sunday worship services. Would you consider volunteering for Easter Sunday nursery? Scan the QR code with your phone's camera to see what spots are available.

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