



JANUARY 28, 2024

The Order of Worship

6 P.M.

We worship God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who is worthy of praise for who he is and what he has done as our Creator and Savior. When we worship together, God is present with us, his people, and meets with us here! Because of that, our worship takes the form of a dialogue between God and us, as he speaks to us from his word and as we respond to him. We only do what God specifically commands in the Scriptures in our worship because God said about how he is to be worshiped, "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it."

Prelude

Announcements: Pastor Zach Siggins

Silent Preparation

As the service begins, we remember that we worship God at his gracious initiative and invitation to us in Jesus Christ. Every worship service begins with God's greeting of grace and call to worship from his word, which we respond to with praise and prayer.

God's Greeting

God's Call to Worship Psalm 65:1

Praise is due to you, O God, in Zion, and to you shall vows be performed.

Hymn #65A *Praise Waits for You in Zion*

Prayer for God's Blessing

Hymn #244 *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

In all the parts of our worship where God speaks to us, he does so through his Word, the Scriptures. God commands, "the public reading of Scripture," so that we may know God, what he has done for us, and what he requires of us.

Scripture Reading Titus 2:11-14 (Bible, p.998)

We respond to hearing God's word by acknowledging our sins, both the ways we fail to do what God requires and the ways we do what he forbids, with a prayer of confession, typically said in union. After confessing our sins, God assures us of his forgiveness and acceptance of us with a promise from his Word for those who turn from their sins in repentance and rely upon Jesus for forgiveness and acceptance with God. We respond to his grace and acts of redemption with thanks and praise in song.

Prayer of Confession Psalm 25:6-7, 11, 16-18

Remember your mercy, O Lord, and your steadfast love, for they have been steadfast love remember me, for the sake of your goodness, O Lord! For your name's sake, O Lord, pardon my guilt, for it is great. Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted. The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses. Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.

Assurance of Pardon Psalm 65:3

When iniquities prevail against me, you atone for our transgressions.

Hymn #506 *Weary of Earth, and Laden with My Sin*

Next, we come before God in prayer, to praise him, give thanks for his many blessings, ask him to provide for our needs, and to intercede for the needs of others in the church and the world.

Prayer for God's People

At the heart of our worship service is hearing God through preaching from his Word. In the sermon, God's Word is read, explained, and applied to our lives so that we repent, turning back to God from our sins, and renew our faith in Jesus and what he has done to deliver us from our sins. Before the sermon, we ask for the help of the Holy Spirit so that we may hear God's word with understanding.

Sermon: Mr. Mitchell Gaskins

Text: James 4:1-10 (Bible p.1012)

Title: But He Gives More Grace

We respond to what God has done for us in Jesus by joyfully expressing our thanks and praise in song.

Hymn # 252 *This is My Father's World*

God sends us with a blessing from his word.

God's Blessing