



A Congregation of the Orthodox Presbyterian Church

Morning Worship and Communion Service

11:15 A.M.

May 11, 2025

We worship the one true and living 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 and meets with us here!

Because of that, our worship takes the form of a dialogue as God speaks to us from his word and as we respond to him. In our worship, we only do what God commands 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 Ephesians 1:2

God's Call to Worship Psalm 111:1-4

Praise the Lord! I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation. Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them. Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever. He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the Lord is gracious and merciful.

Psalm 100B *All People That on Earth Do Dwell*

Opening Prayer

Having come into God's presence, we read from the commandments in his word as the standard of righteousness required of us. Because we have not met this standard, the reading serves as a call to confess our sins.

Reading of the Law and Call to Confession Micah 6:8 (Bible p.780)

We respond to hearing God's commandments 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 (in union)

Almighty God — who was, and is, and is to come — you are a God of justice, faithfulness, and mercy. You made us in your image; you made us to bear your image before each other. Therefore you command us to do justice, show faithfulness, and be merciful. Yet we confess that too often we pay too little attention to your commands. Instead of pursuing justice as you define it, we do what is right in our own eyes. Instead of making and keeping commitments in love, we minimize our responsibilities to others in order to maximize our commitment to our own comfort. Instead of sacrificing our convenience to show mercy to those broken in sin, we pass by on the other side. Please forgive us these sins. By your Spirit, please captivate us with the depth of the mercy you have shown to us in the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus — and please create in us a corresponding mercy toward others. We ask this in Christ's name, amen.

Assurance of Pardon Ephesians 2.1-5, 8-10

And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience— among whom we all once lived in the passions of our flesh, carrying out the desires of the body and the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, like the rest of mankind. But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our

trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Hymn 243 How Firm a Foundation

Because we worship God together as one body, we confess our faith in unison, using a statement of faith from one of the creeds, confessions of faith, or catechisms used in the history of the church. Today, we will also have new members publicly confess their faith by affirming the membership vows used in the Orthodox Presbyterian Church.

Confession of Faith (in unison) The 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 worshipped 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.

Reception of New Members Henry, Abigail, and Brelle Oestreich, Ritu Saxena, Joel Schneider, Allison Smith, Erik and Luisa Sorkness, and Jonah Swann

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 Luke 10:25-37 (Bible p.869)

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. We conclude by praying the Lord’s Prayer in unison.

Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in 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, for ever. Amen.

God’s people have always worshiped God by giving to him from all that he gives to us. In the Old Testament, God’s people were commanded to bring offerings, which provided for the sacrifices. In the New Testament, Jesus gave himself the final sacrificial offering and Christians are called to give generously, cheerfully, and sacrificially in response. Afterward, we sing our praise and thanks using the Doxology.

Offering and Doxology (Hymn #570)

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.

Prayer for Understanding

Sermon: Rev. Jeremiah Montgomery

Text: Matthew 5:1-12 (Bible p.809)

Title A Touch of Heaven

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

Hymn 446 Be Thou My Vision

We celebrate the Lord’s Supper weekly to remember the death of Jesus and to look forward to the communion with him we will enjoy in the Kingdom of Heaven. Because the broken body and shed blood of Jesus is pictured in the bread and the cup and Christ is spiritually present when we partake with faith, we truly eat his body and drink his blood. All baptized members of a Christian Church who have

professed their faith are invited to come to the Lord's Table if they seek forgiveness and freedom from their sins through Jesus, unless otherwise prohibited. Because this meal also reminds us of our unity and communion with one another, we wait to partake together. Both wine and grape juice are served, and the communion bread is gluten free.

The Lord's Supper

Hymn 516 *Hallelujah!*

God sends us with a blessing from his word.

God's Blessing

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Worship Leader Pastor Zach Siggins

Preacher Rev. Jeremiah Montgomery, General Secretary for the Committee on Home Missions and Church Extension

Musician Sara Meilahn Tyson

Sound Pete Sorkness