



For what we proclaim is not ourselves, but  
Jesus Christ as Lord, with ourselves as your  
servants for Jesus' sake.

*2 Corinthians 4:5*

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June 28, 2026

## ***SUNDAY TIMES***

8:45am Prayer  
9:15am Sunday School  
10:30am Worship

## ***ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES***

Room 158: Parables of Jesus  
Room 167: Ecclesiastes  
Room 168: Romans  
Parlor: Presbyterian 101

## ***WEDNESDAY NIGHTS***

*(Resumes in September)*

5:00pm Soli Deo Gloria  
5:30pm Meal  
6:00pm NextGen & Youth  
6:15pm Adult Choir  
6:30pm Adult Groups

## ***WELCOME TO WORSHIP!***

Worship is the heart and soul of the church; we are made for exalting Christ. We are intentional to invite everyone each Lord's Day to encounter the living Christ in a joyful, reverent, and accessible way, receiving all the blessings of his Gospel to the praise and glory of God.

## ***OUR IDENTITY***

Vision: A community of transforming grace

Mission: Inviting everyone to love and follow Jesus

## ***CORE VALUES***

**Worship:** Reverent and Relevant  
**Community:** Close-knit and Outward-facing  
**Discipleship:** Robust and Transformational  
**Service:** Compassionate and Bold

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

## LITURGY NOTES

Do you have questions about how we worship? This column throughout the worship guide answers the "what" and "why" of the elements of our liturgy.

During responsive readings, the part of the Leader will be in plain text, and **the part of the People will be in bold.**

This song allows us to get situated in the room and prepare our hearts for worship.

## Song of Assembly:

### Same God<sup>1</sup>

Lord, I've fallen again, I'm confessing my sin  
No other One could rescue, God, You're my only refuge

Oh, I do the things that I do not want to do  
Oh, my flesh is weak but my Spirit longs for you

*It's the same prayer, over and over again  
But You're the same God, And Your kindness knows no end  
Your love never fails, Your heart doesn't change  
Your mercy overflows, You're the same God  
And you'll never let me, never let me go*

What You promise I'll be, You'll be sure to complete  
Transforming grace unending, so I can stop pretending

My Savior, Redeemer, You know what I need  
Oh Lord, when I wander, You chase after me  
Impossibly gracious, immeasurably good  
You know me deeper than anyone could  
You'll always be patient, You'll always be kind  
You'll always be faithful, For all of my life  
Your Spirit's pursuing, Oh God, I believe  
You'll finish the work of Jesus in me

## Welcome & Announcements

Pastor Rick Stark, Associate Pastor

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## *Psalm 46*

At God's command and invitation, we  
enter his presence and respond with  
WORSHIP.

## Call to Worship

**PASTOR:** God is our refuge and strength, a very present help  
in trouble.

**PEOPLE: Therefore, we will not fear**

**PASTOR:** Though the earth give way,

**PEOPLE: We will not fear**

**PASTOR:** Though the mountains be moved into the heart of  
the sea.

**PEOPLE: We will not fear**

**PASTOR:** Though its waters roar and foam, though the  
mountains tremble at its swelling.

**PEOPLE: We will not fear for The Lord of hosts is  
with us**

## Prayer of Adoration & Praise

### Hymn of Praise

#### How Firm A Foundation

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,  
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!  
What more can He say than to you He hath said,  
To you who for refuge to Jesus hath fled?

Fear not! I am with thee; O be not dismayed,  
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.  
I'll strengthen thee, help thee; and cause thee to stand,  
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand.

When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,  
My grace, all sufficient, shall be your supply;  
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design  
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose;  
I will not, I will not desert to His foes.  
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,  
I'll never, no never, no never forsake!

Worship involves the whole person:  
body, soul, intellect, emotions. Singing  
hymns and songs grounded in biblical  
truth engages all our faculties in worship  
together.

## Reading of the Word

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

PASTOR: This is the Word of the Lord.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God!**

## Confession of Sin

**Father in heaven, we need to be forgiven. You have said “Fear not, for I am with you,” yet we are fearful of the rejection and persecution of others. You have promised that your Word is powerful unto salvation, yet we doubt the power of your Word to change ourselves or anyone else. Have mercy on us according to your steadfast love in Christ. Lord we believe, help our unbelief and forgive us for our sin**

...Silent & Personalized Confession of Sin... **Amen!**

## Assurance of Forgiveness

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things? Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us.

## *Philippians 4:4-7*

The Peace that Guards

When we confess our sins, we agree with Scripture's claim that all have sinned and fall short of God's glory. We confess general sins together, followed by a silent moment for personal confession.

## *Romans 8:31-34*

All who confess their sins and trust in God's mercy through Jesus Christ believe their sins are pardoned. We remember this truth with a weekly Scripture assuring us of God's willing forgiveness.

# **Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs**

## **Our God**

Water You turned into wine  
Opened the eyes of the blind  
There's no one like You  
None like You  
Into the darkness You shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You  
None like You

*Our God is greater, our God is stronger  
God You are higher than any other  
Our God is Healer, awesome in power  
Our God, our God...*

Into the darkness you shine  
Out of the ashes we rise  
There's no one like You  
None like You.

And if our God is for us, then who could ever stop us  
And if our God is with us, then what could stand against?  
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## **The Lord Is My Salvation**

The grace of God has reached for me,  
And pulled me from the raging sea  
And I am safe on this solid ground,  
The Lord is my salvation

I will not fear when darkness falls,  
His strength will help me scale these walls  
I'll see the dawn of the rising sun,  
The Lord is my salvation

*Who is like the Lord our God?  
Strong to save, Faithful in love  
My debt is paid and the vict'ry won,  
The Lord is my salvation*

In times of waiting, times of need,  
When I know loss, when I am weak  
I know His grace will renew these days,  
The Lord is my salvation

And when I reach my final day,  
He will not leave me in the grave  
But I will rise, He will call me home,  
The Lord is my salvation

Glory be to God the Father, Glory be to God the Son  
Glory be to God the Spirit, The Lord is our salvation

## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but Thou are mighty;  
Hold me with Thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore;  
Bread of heaven, feed me now and evermore.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing waters flow;  
Let the fiery cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through.  
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield;  
Strong Deliverer, be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee;  
Songs of praises I will ever give to Thee.

Elders, responsible before God to care for and lead the church, serve by giving thanks for our blessings and praying for our needs.

# **Prayers of Thanksgiving & Petition**

Elder Jeff Keith

*(Immediately following this prayer, 4-6 year olds are invited, but not required, to attend Teach Me to Worship. They will meet their teachers in the back of the sanctuary and from there, will follow them to the classroom. They will return to sit on the back row to see Communion and hear the Benediction. Parents can pick them up there at the conclusion of the service.)*

All we have belongs to God. One act of worship is to acknowledge his generosity through cheerful and sacrificial giving.

## **His Tithes & Offerings**

God promises to communicate with us through the preaching of his Word. Our trust is not in the preacher's ability, but in the Holy Spirit using the scriptures to engage our minds and hearts.

## **Sermon**

Confidence to Move

Psalm 18:28-36 (Page 455)

Jesse Pawley

# **We Respond: The Apostles' Creed**

**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, and born of the virgin Mary. He 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 will come to judge the living and the dead.**

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

## **Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

*(Elders will bring the bread and cup in trays to each row. Gluten free communion bread is available upon request; simply pass the regular bread to the next person and raise your hand to signal the pastor. He will bring you the gluten free bread. In each tray of drink, the clear communion cups contain juice and the purple contain wine. Please hold the elements until all have been served so that we may partake together.)*

The Apostle's Creed is a concise summary of Christian belief. As early as the second century it served as a baptismal confession. It developed and reached its current form by the ninth century. It is the most popular creed used in worship by Western Christians. The word "catholic" means universal.

Jesus gave the Church this symbolic meal to communicate his presence and fellowship with believers. It is the family meal of Christians.

### **To those not taking the Supper**

We're glad you're here and welcome you back any time. Take this moment to reflect on the claims made in this service and consider praying to ask God if he will persuade you of how you can know him.

## Behold Our God

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice.  
All creation rises to rejoice.

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

*Behold our God, seated on His throne.  
Come, let us adore Him.  
Behold our King, nothing can compare,  
Come, let us adore Him!*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,  
Bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave,  
Jesus, Savior, risen now to reign!

*You will reign forever.  
Let Your glory fill the earth.*

## **Hebrews 13:20-21**

Just as God welcomed us into his presence at the beginning, now he blesses his children as we depart. We receive this blessing in faith as we trust God to do all he says he will do.

## **Benediction**

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen.

# ***SERMON NOTES***

## ***SESSION***

John Elder	Jason Seale
George Godwin	Greg Smith
Jeff Keith	Stuart Smith
Mike McMahan	Jay Suggs
Connor Ross	Blake Temple
Allen Schmidt	Andy Thompson

## ***DIACONATE***

James Fudge	Steve Sasser
Braden Ladner	William Sasser
Wade Littrell	Sam Thompson
Scott Missildine	David Whitcomb
Bill Nelson	David Zajic
Kris Olin	

## ***CHURCH STAFF***

Scott Phillips	Senior Pastor
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Allison Seale	Nursery Coordinator
Elena Suggs	Kitchen Coordinator

If this is your first time joining us, we'd love to get to know you better. If you're willing, please scan the QR code and share a little about yourself. This helps us follow up, answer any questions you might have, and find ways we can serve or pray for you.



## ***CHURCH FAMILY REMINDERS***

### **Ezra Worship Labs**

Our Ezra worship interns have been preparing to lead their own short worship service. The services will happen from 9-12 on July 2, July 9, July 16, and July 23. Please join us to worship alongside the interns. We hope these small worship services will be a boost to you in the midweek.

### **Questioning Christianity**

Could Christianity offer a way of seeing the world that offers us meaning and hope? Can Christianity actually...satisfy? Join us at 723 Bank St. for four nights of conversation, discussion, and space for your questions. 6/23 | 6/30 | 7/14 | 7/21, 7:00 - 8:30 PM

### **College & Career Sunday School**

If you're a college student or young adult, make sure to come to our summer Sunday School class for the next 6 weeks beginning on June 28th in the Parlor.

### **RYM**

Each summer, PCA youth groups from across the country meet in Panama City Beach, Florida for a retreat (RYM) that includes worship, teaching, and time on the beach. We'd love for your senior high student to join us this summer from July 7-12 at RYM on the beach! Cost is \$300

### **Jordan Littrell**

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