

WELCOME TO
OZARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We warmly welcome you to Ozark Presbyterian Church, where we strive to live as faithful followers of Jesus our Savior and King. At the end of each pew is the friendship register – please take a moment to write down your name (and other information if it has changed or if you are a visitor) and pass it along the row and then pass it back for all to see who is sitting near to them. Please greet your neighbors at the close of the service!

In Memoriam

James Wylie McCready

Lieutenant Colonel, USA, Retired
1939-2016

*Precious in the sight of the LORD
is the death of his saints.*

The Christian Sympathy of the Congregation

goes out Gail McCready,
Brian and April McCready, and
Anne, James, Clara, Maggie, Jonathan,
Aaron, Robert, and Grace McCready
on the death of her husband, and their father
and grandfather, Jim McCready on March 27.

The men’s Foundations discipleship class will not meet this afternoon. Lord willing, we will resume our class next Sunday at 3:30 p.m.

Your elders and deacons have been elected and ordained to serve you in the name of Christ. Please pray for them often and feel free to contact any one of them if you have a need or if you have any questions that they might be able to answer for you.

Diaconate: Bill Blackmon, Jr.; John Davis;
Brian McCready

Session: Frank C. Ellis, Jr., *Moderator*;
Durwood Judah, *Clerk*;
Billy Blackmon; Wes Brunson;
Jeff May, Pete Mosley

Robert McLaughlin, *deacon emeritus*,
Earl Griffin, *elder emeritus*

*We proclaim Christ, who is
the Way, the Truth, and the Life.*

*Through him we are
Taught by the Truth, and
Liberated by the Life, to
Walk in the Way.*

*The goal of our instruction is love for God and neighbor
that flows from a pure heart and
a clear conscience and
a sincere faith.*

The Confession of Our Faith

I believe in God the Father

Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord:

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost;

Born of the Virgin Mary;

Suffered under Pontius Pilate;

Was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell;

The third day he rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven;

And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

The holy catholic Church;

The communion of saints;

The forgiveness of sins;

The resurrection of the body;

And the life everlasting.

AMEN.

The Prayer of Dedication

The Passing of the Peace

Romans 5 1

Minister: *Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of Christ be with you all.*

People: And also with you.

The Benediction and the People’s Amen

1 Thessalonians 5:23-24, 28

Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. He who calls you is faithful; he will surely do it. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. AMEN.

The Postlude



*The sanctuary flowers this Lord’s Day are given
to the glory of God and in loving memory of*

W.D. Thomason

by his children



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The Apostles’ Creed, A.D. 390

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*But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house.
I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you.*

~ Psalm 5:7

THE ORDER FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

April 3, 2016 11:00 a.m.

Organized to the Glory of God in 1893

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The Greeting

The Call to Worship Psalm 37:5, 6; Isaiah 12:2, 3
Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday. Behold, the LORD GOD is our strength and our song, and he has become our salvation. With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

The Prelude
Silent Prayer: Eternal God, who makes all things to turn for the best to those who love you, and who preserves and keeps all those who commit themselves to your protection, grant us of your bountiful grace that we may continually call on you with our whole heart, that, being delivered from all dangers, we may in the end enjoy that salvation which was acquired for us by Jesus Christ, your only Son, our Savior. AMEN. (Prayer on Psalm 91, from the *Scottish Psalter* of 1595)

The Ascription of Praise, *standing as able* Psalm 9:1-2, 7-10
Minister: *I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.*
People: *I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.*
Minister: *The LORD sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness.*
People: *The LORD is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O LORD, have not forsaken those who seek you.*

The Psalm 91 Trinity Psalter, p. 79
TUNE: HYFERDOL

The Prayer of Adoration and Invocation

The *Gloria Patri* Latin Hymn, A.D. 529
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end.
Amen, Amen.
All may be seated

The Call to Confession Psalm 32:1-2
Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit.

The Prayer of Confession, *in unison*
Lord, you have searched me and known me. You read our thoughts from afar. Give us grace to examine ourselves, so that without hypocrisy we may confess our sins and be forgiven.
Father, we have turned our eyes from your truth. We have quenched the rebukes of your Holy Spirit in our conscience. And often, and most grievously, we have ignored the warnings and instructions of your Holy Word.
Lord our God, whose mercies are infinite, whose steadfast love endures forever; Forgive and save us, we humbly pray. There is no God like you! You forgive sin and pardon the rebellion of your people. You do not remain angry forever, but delight in showing steadfast love. You will once again have mercy on us; you

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will tread our iniquities underfoot, and cast all our sins into the depths of the sea. Blessed be the name of the Lord forever, through Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Mediator...

The Individual Confession of Sin, *in silence*

The Prayer for Peace and Grace

The Assurance of Pardon Psalm 32:10-11
Many are the sorrows of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD. Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

The Hymn, 457, *standing as able* Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

The Prayer for Holiness, *in unison* *Book of Common Prayer*, 1908
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, Son of Man, who by your Cross redeemed us and raised us up from the night and death of sin; Deliver us from unbelief, strengthen our hearts with an undying hope, teach is to seek for and love things that are above, and grant that, having been preserved in life that can never end and clothed hereafter in a spiritual body, we may be found in the likeness of your glory, to the praise of God our Father. AMEN.
All may be seated

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
You are invited to write down your ministry and/or prayer requests (joys and concerns) on the cards in the cards in the pew racks. Please place them in the offering plate or hand them to one of the elders at the end of the service.
The Prayer of Dedication
The Offertory

The Doxology, *all standing as able* Thomas Ken, 1674
Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav’nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. AMEN.
All may be seated

The Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

The Lord’s Prayer
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.

The Scripture Lesson Mark 2:18-22

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon Pastor Frank C. Ellis, Jr.

The Hymn, 80, *standing as able* Lord, with Glowing Heart I’d Praise Thee

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The Message of Mark
As we return to Mark’s Gospel, it is helpful to consider again the core message we find there:

The ultimate message of Mark consists of a direct call to individual and collective discipleship under the kingly rule of Jesus.... [We] become aware of the dact that Jesus’ deeds and teachings lead to a division between his opponents and followers. [We] take note that the call to discipleship is encompassed by the humility and greatness of the one who calls. He leads toward a community of all who will submit to the rule of God....
As God’s Messiah, Jesus is the Son of God, the Son of Man, and Lord. As such he displays great humility as well as power and authority. [As we have already seen, Jesus] possesses power over natural forces, demons, and sickness. [As we will see,] Jesus interprets the Torah [God’s instructions for living] authoritatively. He is the inaugurator of the kingdom of God. **The consequences of this reality for discipleship cannot be overstated. No less a person than God himself calls us to follow him.** The call to discipleship occurs as the triune God involves himself directly with the disciples by means of the incarnate Son of God. While Jesus appears as a mere human being, ready to suffer, he turns out to be God the Son as well [consider Philippians 2:6-11 again]. The disciples are thus not following a new teacher, but God himself. They are not involved in a human movement but in the unfolding of the kingdom and rule of God. **They are captivated by God’s ultimate reversal of the consequences of humankind’s rebellion against its Maker.**

~Hans F. Bayer,
A Theology of Mark
(emphasis added)