

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!

Mother's Day

Happy Mother's Day to all the mothers in our congregation. We thank God for you, and pray his blessing on you all.

Prayer Requests

One of the great privileges of our life together in Christ is the privilege of praying for one another. But we cannot do this if we don't know what to pray for. If you have any prayer requests that you would like to share with the congregation, you may speak with, email or telephone Pastor Frank, or put one of the prayer request cards in the collection plate.

Remember to Pray for:

Tom and Teresa Wilson, Deanna Smith, and George Stulac, our missionaries

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

Passing of the Peace

2 Corinthians 13:11

Minister: *Aim for restoration, comfort one another, agree with one another, live in peace; and the God of love and peace will be with you.* The peace of Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

The Benediction and the People's Amen

Ephesians 3:20-21

Now to him who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think, according to the power at work within us, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all generations, forever and ever. Amen. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with you all. AMEN.

The Postlude

The Apostles' Creed, A.D. 390



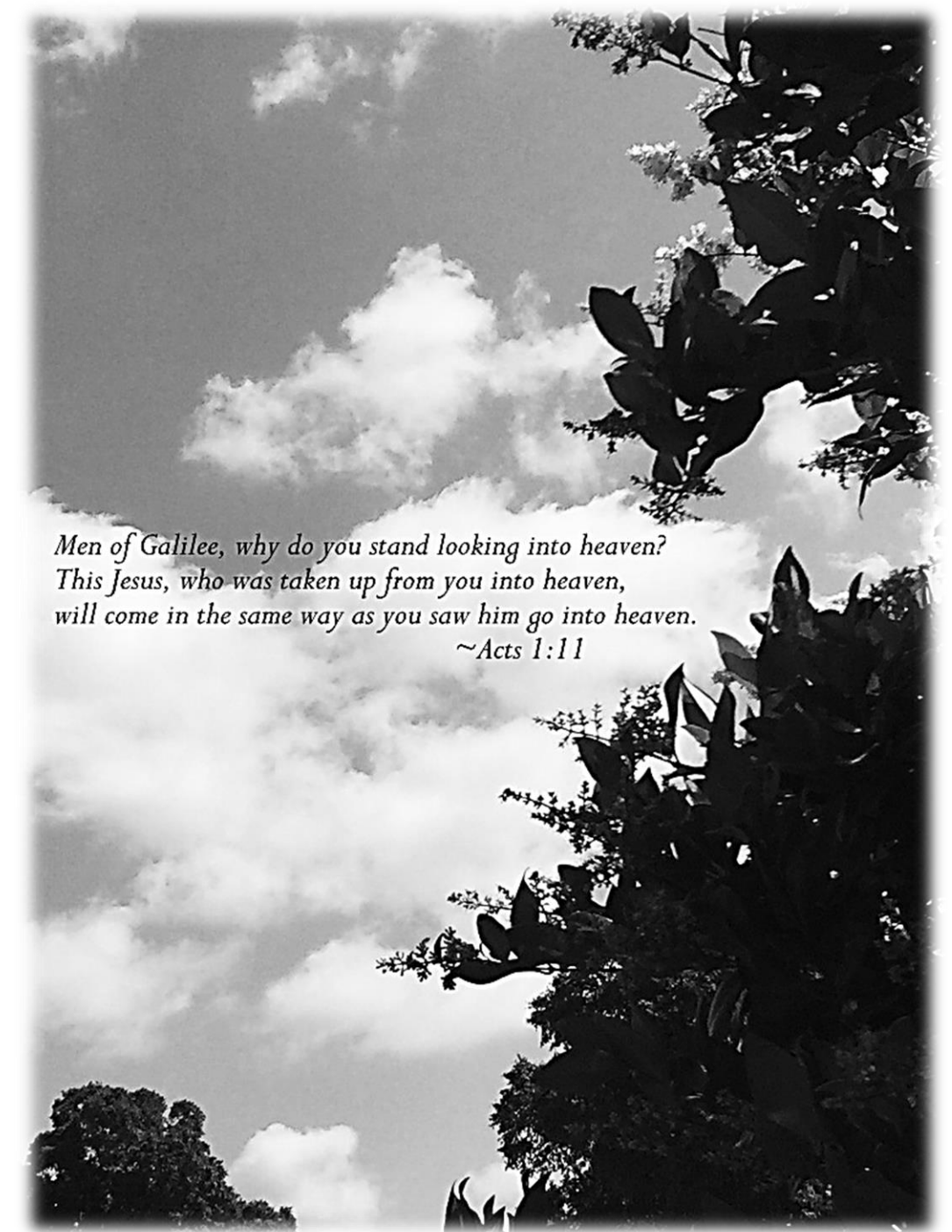
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Taught by the Truth and Liberated by the Life to Walk in the Way



*Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?
This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven,
will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.
~Acts 1:11*

THE ORDER FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

May 8, 2016 11:00 a.m.

Ascension of the Lord

Organized to the Glory of God in 1893

The Greeting

The Call to Worship Psalm 78:1-4
Give ear, O my people, to my teaching; incline your ears to the words of my mouth! I will open my mouth in a parable; I will utter dark sayings from of old, things that we have heard and known, that our fathers have told us. We will not hide them from their children, but tell to the coming generation the glorious deeds of the LORD, and his might, and the wonders that he has done.

The Prelude
Silent Prayer: Lord Jesus Christ, who has gone up on high leading captivity captive; As by your ascension you have been withdrawn from our eyes, be graciously pleased by your Spirit to reveal yourself to our hearts, that our life being hidden with you in God, we, though we see you not, may rejoice with joy unspeakable and full of glory. AMEN. (Old Spanish Liturgy, c. 7th century)

The Ascription of Praise, standing as able Psalm 68:1-6, 34-35
Minister: God shall arise, his enemies shall be scattered; and those who hate him shall flee before him! As smoke is driven away, so you shall drive them away; as wax melts before fire, so the wicked shall perish before God! But the righteous shall be glad; they shall exult before God; they shall be jubilant with joy!
People: Sing to God, sing praises to his name; lift up a song to him who rides through the deserts; his name is the LORD; exult before him!
Minister: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and whose power is in the skies.
People: Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel—he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God!

The Psalm, Insert Psalm 47, All Peoples Clap Your Hands

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 Hebrews 4:15-16
...we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Prayer of Confession Prayers for Common Worship, 1936
Minister: Holy and Righteous Father, we trust in your mercy. Give us grace to lay down our pride and humbly to confess our sins, as we pray together:
All: Lord, look with mercy on us who are surrounded by so many temptations. In humility and deep sorrow we confess our thoughtless lives, our worldly vanities, our thoughts, words, and deeds unworthy of your children. We have not lived so as to glorify you on the earth or to accomplish the work you have given us to do.
Comfort us in the arms of your mercy; pardon and absolve us of all our offenses; cleanse us of our secret faults; and from the bonds of those sins to which in our frailty we give ourselves, be pleased, Lord, to deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son, our Savior...

To Glorify God and to Enjoy Him Forever

The Individual Confession of Sin, in silence

The Prayer for Peace and Grace

The Assurance of Pardon Hebrews 9:24-28
For Christ has entered, not into holy places made with hands, which are copies of the true things, but into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. Nor was it to offer himself repeatedly, as the high priest enters the holy places every year with blood not his own, for then he would have had to suffer repeatedly since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all at the end of the ages to put away sin by the sacrifice of himself. And just as it is appointed for man to die once, and after that comes judgment, so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

The Hymn, Insert, standing as able Before the Throne of God Above

The Will of God for Us Colossians 3:1-4
If then you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth. For you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is your life appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.
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 Luke 24:44-53; Acts 1:11

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon Pastor Frank C. Ellis, Jr.

The Hymn, 295, standing as able Crown Him with Many Crowns

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THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

The day of the Lord’s Ascension
makes the devil lament,
but the faithful to brighten with joy.

For now the pleasant spring comes forth
and the beautiful young buds grow up:
the vine shoots appear heavy with fruit;
the closely sown fields are stirred
by the west wind,
imitating the billows of the sea:
All things rejoice with us at the Lord’s Ascension.

Come now
and I will sing the words of David,
which he himself proclaimed for us
on account of the Lord’s Ascension:
O clap your hands, all ye people,
shout unto God with the voice of triumph;
the Lord has gone up
with the sound of a trumpet
to where He was.

He has been received up
whence He had not been separated.

For He who descended
is
He who ascended above the heavens.

Karl Barth, cited in
Salvation Accomplished by the Son
by Robert A. Peterson
(versification added)