

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!

Foundations Group

We will meet this afternoon at 3:30 in the fellowship hall.

Remember to Pray for:

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

The summer edition of *ByFaith* magazine is available at various places around the church. Please pick up your free copy of our denomination's magazine

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 Apostles' Creed, A.D. 390

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

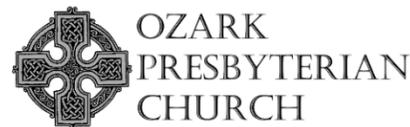


So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God.... In Christ you yourselves also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

~ Ephesians 2:19, 22

THE ORDER FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

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Organized to the Glory of God in 1893

The Greeting

The Call to Worship

Hebrews 6:18-20

Hold fast to the hope set before us, for we have this hope as an anchor of the soul, sure and steadfast, a hope that reaches inside behind the curtain, where Jesus has gone as a forerunner on our behalf.

The Prelude

Silent Prayer: O God, the author of love and the lover of pure peace and affection; Let all who are terrified with fears, afflicted by poverty, harassed by tribulation, worn down by illness, be set free by your indulgent tenderness, raised up by amendment of life, and cherished by your daily compassion. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN. (*The Old Gallican Prayer Book, 5th-9th Centuries.*)

The Ascription of Praise, *standing as able*

Psalm 100:1-5

A PSALM FOR GIVING THANKS.

Minister: *Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth!*

People: ***Serve the LORD with gladness! Come into his presence with singing! Know that the LORD, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.***

Minister: *Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!*

People: ***For the LORD is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.***

The Hymn, 53, vv. 1, 2, 3, 5

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

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 34:15-18

The eyes of the LORD are toward the righteous and his ears toward their cry.... The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

The Prayer of Confession

Minister: Father, you do not see as man sees, looking on the outward appearance; you, Lord, look on the heart. You know how weak and frail we are, how often even a little adversity deeply troubles us and makes us dull and slow to serve you. When we have intended to stand strong, a little trouble comes and does not pass without much sorrow and complaining from us, and so often even small things produce great temptation and sin.

All: O help us, Heavenly Father: forgive all our sins and failures for the sake of Christ. Help us to fix our hearts on you, above every other joy or pleasure, above all fame or praise, above every earthly gain, for in you, O Lord, all the treasures of goodness perfectly rest, and in you alone is our true blessedness and our abiding peace...

The Individual Confession of Sin, *in silence*

The Prayer for Peace and Grace

The Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:13-14, 21-23

God has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.... And you ... Christ has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death, in order to present you holy and blameless and above reproach before him, if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast, not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard...

The Psalm 30:1-5, 11, 12, *standing as able*

Overleaf

The Will of God for Us

Galatians 6:7-10

Do not be deceived: God is not mocked, for whatever one sows, that will he also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life. And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up. So then, as we have opportunity, let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith.

The Prayer for Holiness

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 4:1-20

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon

Pastor Frank C. Ellis, Jr.

The Hymn, 141, vv.1, 2, 5 *standing as able*

God, in the Gospel of His Son

Everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer. ~1 Timothy 4:4-5

In the Old Testament, “a thank offering was not propitiatory. Such a sacrifice did not atone for sins; it was far more an appropriation of God’s grace and favor that one had already received. Having received the blessing of God, one was obligated to witness to God’s blessing in a public act of thanksgiving.... The thanksgiving consecrated the gracious acts of God [in creation and redemption] to one’s own use.

Hughes Oliphant Old,
Worship Reformed according to Scripture

Psalm 30:1-5, 11, 12

O LORD, I will exalt you,
for you have lifted me;
my foes you kept from boasting,
denied them victory.
O LORD, my God, I pleaded
that you might heal and save;
LORD, you from death have ransomed,
and kept me from the grave.

Sing praises, O you godly,
who to the LORD belong;
and to his name most holy
show gratitude in song.
His anger lasts a moment,
his grace through life goes on;
Though through the night tears linger,
great joy comes with the dawn.

You turned my grief to dancing,
from sackcloth set me free.
You wrapped me up in gladness;
I shall not silent be.

Indeed, my soul, my glory,
will praise you and adore;
O LORD, my God, I'll thank you
both now and evermore

Text: Psalms for Worship
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