

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!

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 Apostles' Creed, A.D. 390

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 Prayer of Dedication

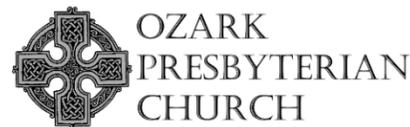
The Benediction and the People's Amen

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

**There will be a congregational meeting immediately after
the service today to report on the building campaign.**

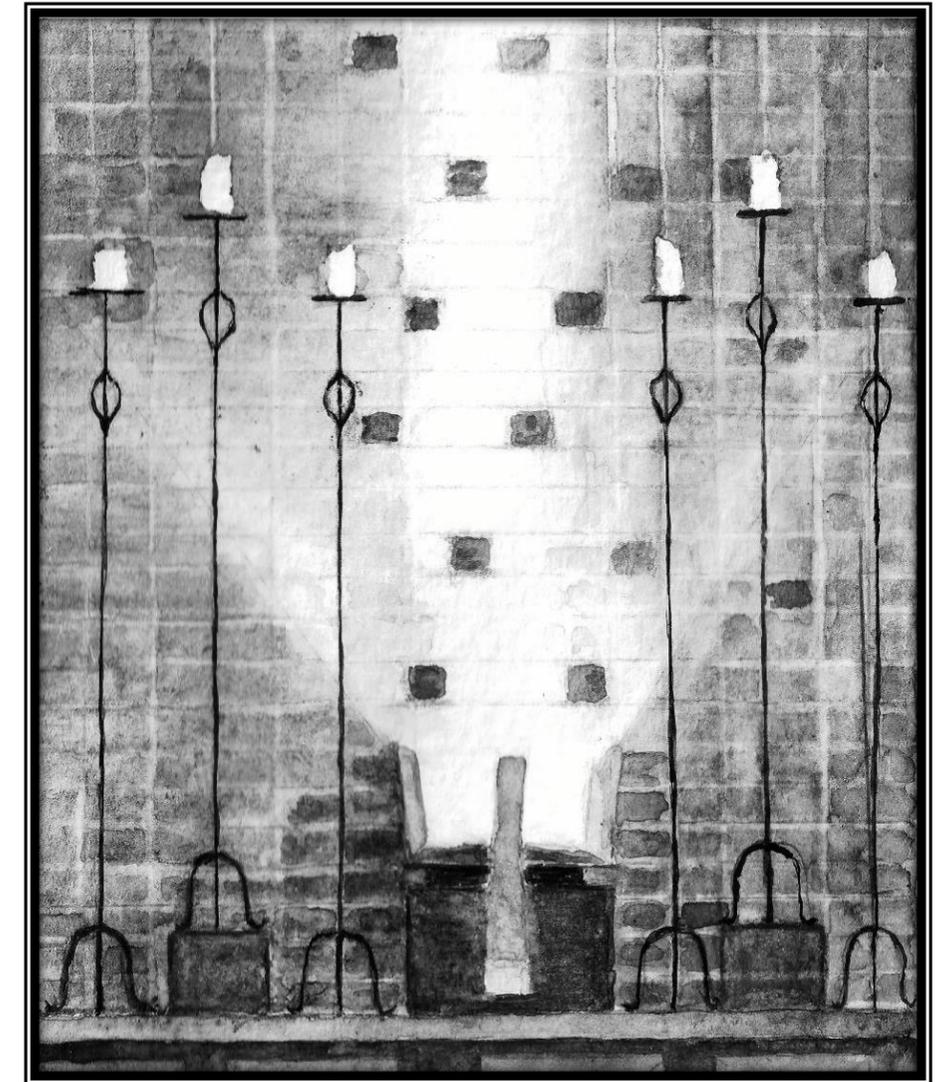


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*"I am a great King," says the LORD of hosts,
"and my name will be feared among the nations."*

~ Malachi 1:14

THE ORDER FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

July 3, 2016 11:00 a.m.

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Organized to the Glory of God in 1893

The Greeting

The Call to Worship

Psalm 46:10

Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!

The Prelude

Silent Meditation: It is good that faith comes before understanding so that we do not seem to demand our proofs from human beings, but rather from the Lord our God. How unfitting it is for us to believe human testimony concerning others and not to believe God's oracles concerning himself! Therefore, let us be like Abraham so that we may be heirs of the land through the righteousness that comes by faith, through which he was made an heir of the world. (St. Ambrose of Milan, 4th Century)

The Ascription of Praise, *standing as able* Ezekiel 34:11, 15-16; John 10:11

Minister: *Thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I, I myself will search for my sheep and will seek them out.... I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I myself will make them lie down, declares the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, and the fat and the strong I will destroy."*

Jesus says, *"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep."*

The Hymn, 80 Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee

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 Isaiah 55:6-7

Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts; let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

The Prayer of Confession, *in unison* The Gregorian Sacramentary, A.D.590

Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps steadfast love and mercy for those who love you; We have sinned and transgressed against you times and ways without number. We have lacked thankfulness for your goodness, courage in our trials, love toward our neighbor, and zeal for your kingdom. We are weak, easily deceived and quickly overcome by the world, our own flesh, and the devil; we pray that you will reveal yourself to us as our merciful God and Savior. Forgive our sins and shortcomings, we pray. We do not come to you claiming any righteousness in us, but because of your grace and mercy, which you always extend to those who repent; through Jesus Christ our Lord...

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

John 6:37, 40, 2 Timothy 3:14

All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.... For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day.... But as for you, continue in what you have learned and have firmly believed.

The Hymn, 537, *standing as able*

Take Time to Be Holy

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, *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 5:1-20

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon Pastor Frank C. Ellis, Jr.

The Hymn, 98, *standing as able* Now Thank We All Our God

Recently I overheard some people talking about someone else. One of them looked at me and said 'Sounds like that person needs to go to church.' When I didn't answer immediately they asked, 'Isn't that right?'

Well, there's actually more than one way to answer that question, but, for a Christian, the only possible answer is yes. Every Christian ought to be in church, present at the worship of God every Lord's Day, unless one is somehow providentially hindered from being there. The simple truth is, if you just choose to be away from church, from the public worship of God, at that moment anyway, you love some created *thing* more than you love God.

PCA minister Peter Leithart points out that the worship of God is the one thing that the church does together every week. It's the *only* thing that we do together on a regular basis. Public worship, our worship together as the church, is the engine that drives our discipleship. Worship is the underpinning of our life as the church.

The world trains us to love and desire all sorts of things that aren't God; it teaches us to worship all sorts of things that aren't God. The world gives us all sorts of recurring patterns of action, liturgies, which give us a vision of what the good life is. We have liturgies of national pride, liturgies of greed, liturgies of leisure, liturgies of self-regard. Every day in a thousand ways, we're trained to value ourselves and our comfort more highly than we value anything else. We're taught to be good little consumers and compliant Americans.

But Christian liturgy, the way we do worship, teaches us something else, something better and more human. Our liturgy, what we say and do together in worship, is what someone has called a "technology of recalibration." It reorients our habits and reorders our desires and loves. It gives us a taste of another kingdom, *God's* kingdom, a foretaste of glory divine. Our liturgy fosters a hunger and thirst for God's kingdom and its righteousness.

Pastor Frank

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