

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!

Thanks

To the men of the church who helped move pews for the light bulb installation on Wednesday.

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 Hymn, 641, vv. 1, 2, 4, 5, *standing as able*

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 Passing of the Peace

Philippians 4:8

Minister: *Whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence, if there is anything worthy of praise, think on these things. And the God of peace will be with you. The peace of Christ be with you all.*

People: **And also with you.**

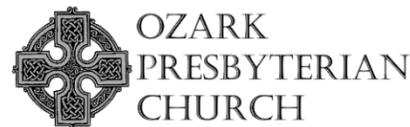
The Prayer of Dedication

The Benediction and the People's Amen

Numbers 6:24-26

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the LORD lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace. AMEN.

The Postlude



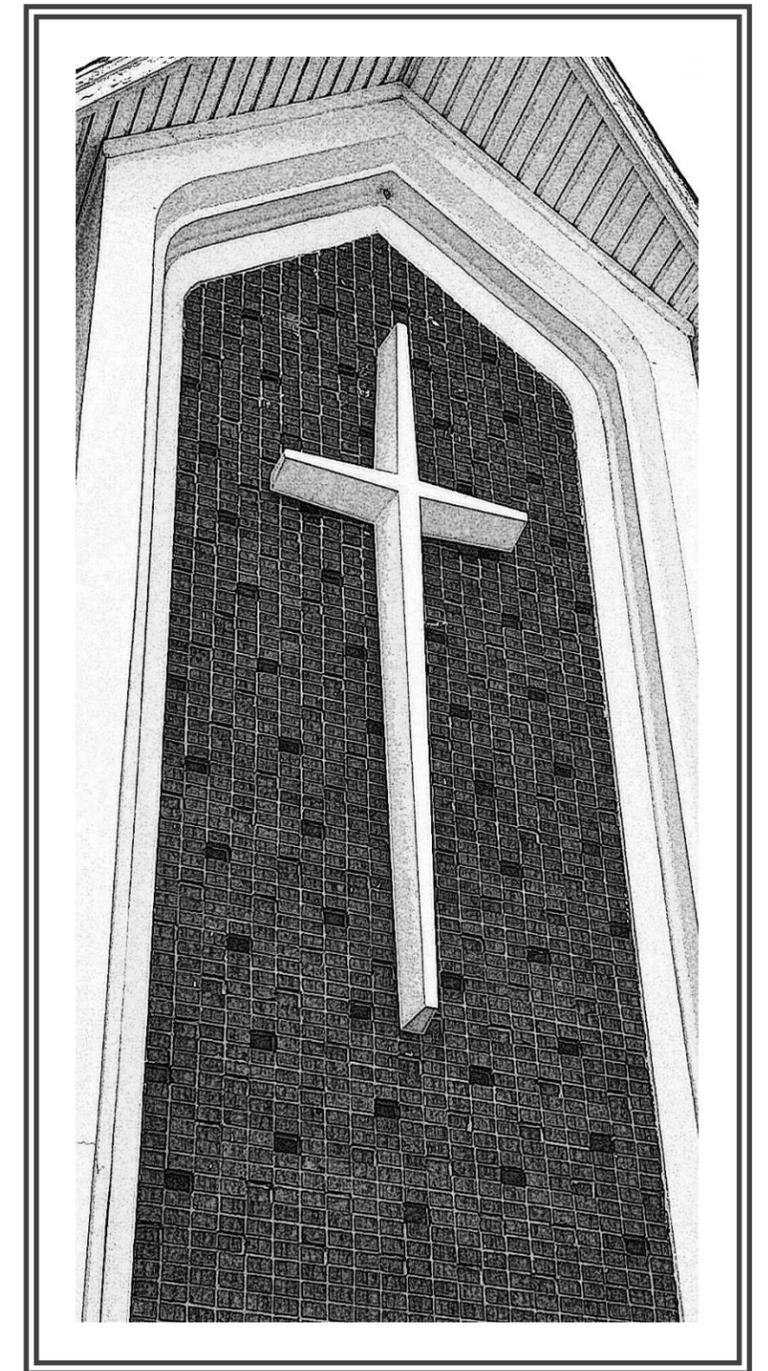
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Be Thou My Vision

The Apostles' Creed, A.D. 390

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



THE ORDER FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

July 17, 2016 11:00 a.m.

*My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me.
I give them eternal life, and they will never perish,
and no one will snatch them out of my hand.*

~ John 10:27-28

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The Greeting

The Call to Worship

Psalm 103:17-19

The steadfast love of the LORD is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children's children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments. The LORD has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.

The Prelude

Silent Prayer: Heavenly Father, who at all times has shown your singular favor and goodness towards all those who fear you; Do not look on the multitude of our iniquities by which we offend you, or consider the great fragility and weakness that are in us. Rather, remember the covenant you made with our fathers and ratified in your Son, Christ Jesus, that we, trusting in your steadfast love which endures forever and your covenant faithfulness which cannot fail, may assure ourselves of eternal salvation, and may with the angels may praise and glorify you now and forever and ever. AMEN. (Prayer for Psalm 103, *Prayers on the Psalms*, 1595)

The Ascription of Praise, *standing as able*

Psalm 25:12-15

Minister: *Who is the man who fears the LORD? Him will he instruct in the way that he should choose. His soul shall abide in well-being, and his offspring shall inherit the land. The friendship of the LORD is for those who fear him, and he makes known to them his covenant.*

People: ***My eyes are ever toward the LORD, for he will pluck my feet out of the net.***

The Psalm 103:1-13, 21-22

Trinity Psalter, p. 86

TUNE: ODE TO JOY (Beethoven)

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

1 John 1:8-9

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

The Prayer of Confession, *in unison*

Father in heaven, without your mercy we would immediately perish. Look on us now with grace and compassion as we remember before you our sinful thoughts, words, and deeds. We have harbored evil tempers, low desires, and unworthy purposes. We have run to temptation and entangled ourselves in the snares of evil.

Most Holy Lord, you appoint just punishments for the guilty who remain in their guilt, and you extend mercy and every good thing to those who repent and turn to you in faithful confession. Turn your face from our sins, pardon our disobedience, and change our hearts to holiness. And as we are saved from our folly and cleansed from our sins, let us love and serve you with a pure heart, a clear conscience, and a sincere faith. And do this for Jesus' sake, we pray...

The Individual Confession of Sin, *in silence*

The Prayer for Peace and Grace

The Assurance of Pardon

Matthew 11:28-30

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

The Hymn, 94, vv. 1, 2, 4, 6, *standing as able*

How Firm a Foundation

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 6:1-6a

The Sermon

Pastor Frank C. Ellis, Jr.

Christianity:

A Faith that Narrates the World

God's purpose for us and for the world... is a loving invitation to fellowship and communion with the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and to a purposeful life of making the world a habitation of his glory. However, we have failed and continue to fail to do God's purpose. So God in Christ has accomplished what we could not do. And God invites us to enter into his narrative by faith and live out his vision of the world.

What must we Christians do to narrate the world once again? I suggest two urgent commitments: (1) relearn the Christian narrative, and (2) break away from our accommodation to the [world].

~ Robert Webber,
Who Gets to Narrate the World?