

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 Prayer of Dedication

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.**

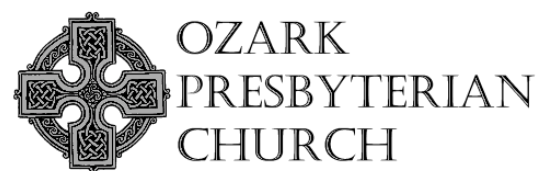
The Benediction and the People's Amen

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

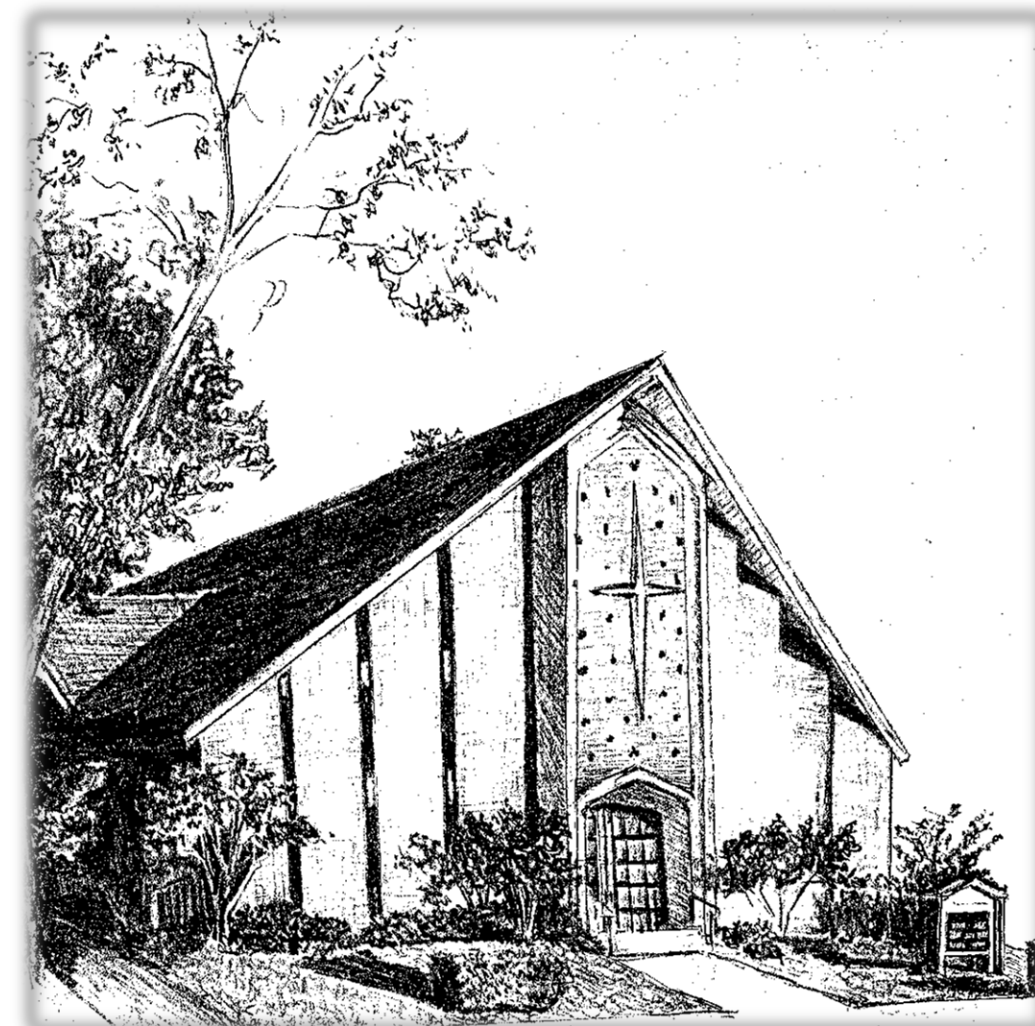


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THE ORDER FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

August 7, 2016 11:00 a.m.

*Great is the LORD, and greatly to be praised;
he is to be feared above all gods.
All the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,
but the LORD made the heavens!*

~1 Chronicles 16:25, 26

Organized to the Glory of God in 1893

The Greeting

The Call to Worship

from 1 Chronicles 16

Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Splendor and majesty are before him; strength and joy are in his place. Worship the LORD in the splendor of holiness!

The Prelude

Silent Prayer: Lord, you have commanded us to ask; grant that we may receive. You have put us on to seeking; let us be happy in finding. You have bidden us knock; we pray you to be open to us. Be graciously pleased to direct and govern all our thoughts and actions, that for the future we may serve you and entirely devote ourselves to obeying you. Accept us, we ask you, and draw us to yourself, that we may from now on be yours by obedience and love, we who are already your creatures, even yours, O Lord, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. AMEN. (St. Augustine, 354-430)

The Ascription of Praise, *standing as able*

1 Chronicles 16:31-36

Minister: *Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The LORD reigns!" Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!*

People: *Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the LORD, for he comes to judge the earth.*

Minister: *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!*

People: *Save us, O God of our salvation, and gather and deliver us from among the nations, that we may give thanks to your holy name and glory in your praise. Blessed be the LORD, the God of Israel, from everlasting to everlasting.*

All: *Amen! Praise the LORD!*

The Psalm, 100

Trinity Psalter, p. 84

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

Romans 14:10-12

We will all stand before the judgment seat of God; for it is written, "As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall confess to God." So then each of us will give an account of himself to God.

The Prayer of Confession, *in unison*

Most merciful God, we humbly confess that we are unprofitable servants, unstable and often afraid, hiding the light that is in us, even though you have commanded us to let our light shine. We have not loved you, nor served you as we should, but rather have loved things that are hateful to you, and have allowed our hearts to be seduced by the evil of this world.

Lord God, who does not desire the death of sinners, but that they should turn to you and live; Forgive the sins of those who turn to you with all their heart. Receive the sincere confessions we now make, and grant us the grace of eternal life. Through Jesus Christ the Redeemer of the lost...

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

2 Timothy 4:6-8

For I am already being poured out as a drink offering, and the time of my departure has come. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous judge, will award to me on that Day, and not only to me but also to all who have loved his appearing.

The Prayer for Holiness, *in unison*

Prayers for Common Worship, 1936

Deliver us, Lord, from our besetting sins: self-righteousness that will not repent; secret idolatries that hinder our prayers; evil tempers that break fellowship; every fear of following Christ; and all unreadiness to accept his teaching and its meaning for our lives. Open our eyes to his beauty and truth, that we may love him more than anything else, live by his Spirit, and bear the likeness of his perfect humanity. And give us such faith in you, Lord our God, that we shall always dare to go where you are leading us by your living and eternal Word in Jesus Christ your Son. AMEN.

The Hymn, 600, *standing as able*

He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought!

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 6:14-29

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon

Pastor Frank C. Ellis, Jr.

The Hymn, 459, vv. 1-3, 5, *standing as able*

I Am Not Skilled to Understand

To Glorify God and to Enjoy Him Forever

Follow Me, Jesus says.

I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

Without the Way, there is no going.
Without the Truth, there is no knowing.
Without the Life, there is no living.

I am the Way you ought to follow,
the Truth you ought to believe,
the Life for which you ought to hope.

I am the Way Inviolable,
the Truth Infallible,
the Life Unending.

I am the straightest Way,
the supremest Truth,
the truest Life,
the blessed, the uncreated Life.

If you abide in My Way you shall know the Truth,
and the Truth shall make you free,
and you shall attain Eternal Life.

~Thomas a Kempis,
The Imitation of Christ III.56.i

*And this is eternal life,
that they know you the only true God,
and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.*

~John 17:3