

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**



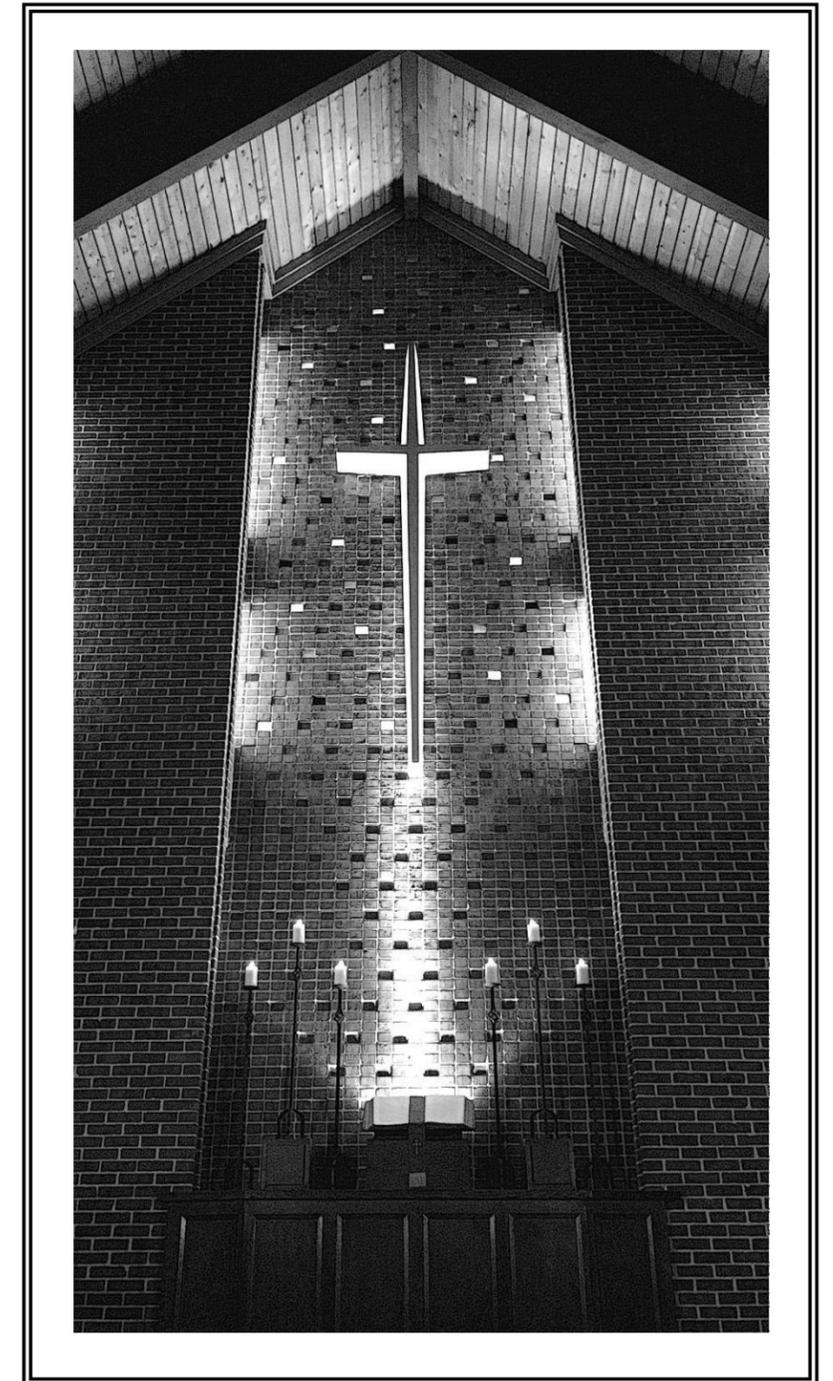
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*God... alone spreads out the heavens and treads on the waves of the sea....  
If he passes by me, I cannot see him, if he goes by, I cannot perceive him.*

~Job 9:8, 11 (NET)

**THE ORDER FOR DIVINE WORSHIP**

**August 21, 2016 11:00 a.m.**

*Organized to the Glory of God in 1893*

## The Greeting

### The Call to Worship

Psalm 4:1; 124:8

*Answer us when we call on you, O God of our righteousness! You have given us relief when we were in distress. Be gracious to us and bear our prayer! Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth.*

### The Prelude

***Silent Meditation:*** If God were distant from us, you might well doubt. But if he is present everywhere, to the one who strives and is in earnest, he is near.... What father would ever be obedient in this way to his offspring? What mother is there, so ready and continually standing, in case her children call her? There is no one, no father, no mother, but God stands continually waiting... and never, when we have called as we ought, has he refused to hear. (St. John Chrysostom, Bishop of Constantinople, 4<sup>th</sup> Century)

### The Ascription of Praise, *standing as able*

Isaiah 58:6-9a

Minister: *Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of wickedness, to undo the straps of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover him, and not to hide yourself from your own flesh? Then shall your light break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up speedily; your righteousness shall go before you; the glory of the LORD shall be your rear guard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry, and he will say, "Here I am."*

### The Psalm, 9:1, 2, 7-11

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### 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

Matthew 11:27-30

Jesus says, *All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. 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 Prayer of Confession, *in unison*

**Most gracious Lord and God, we lay down the burden of our sins at your feet; yours alone it is to give repentance and release. Give us, therefore, a true penitence and trust in you, so that the evils in which we so often entangle ourselves may not destroy us. Do not look, Lord, to our disobediences, our mean thoughts and ungodly purposes, all the things that so woefully interrupt our fellowship with you. Rather, look to Christ, his blood and righteousness for us, and to the Spirit whom you have given us through Christ, and for his sake, have mercy on us and hear our confession...**

*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

1 Peter 2:24

*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.*

### The Hymn, 520, vv. 1, 2, 4, *remaining seated* Jesus, Thy Blood and Righteousness

#### 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 6:45-56

### The Prayer for Illumination

#### The Sermon

Pastor Frank C. Ellis, Jr.

### The Hymn, 94, vv. 1-3, 6, *standing as able*

How Firm a Foundation

### Next Lord's Day We Will Celebrate the Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

These portions of the Larger Catechism, in modern English, can help you to prepare for this means of grace, in accordance with God's command:

#### How do we prepare to receive the Lord's Supper?

Preparation for the Lord's Supper involves careful examination of the condition of our life in Christ; of our sins and failings; of whether we truly and to what degree know God, believe in him, and have repented, and of whether we love God and our fellow believers.

We should have a charitable attitude toward everyone, including forgiveness of those who have wronged us.

We must also assess how much we desire Christ and whether we are living in newness of obedience.

Finally we must renew the practice of these graces in us by serious meditation and fervent prayer.

#### Should those who have doubts about their being in Christ or about whether they are ready to take communion come to the Lord's Supper anyway?

Those who have doubts about their position in Christ or about their readiness to take communion may nonetheless have a valid interest in Christ, even though they are not yet assured of being in him.

In God's view, if such people are aware of and grieved by their lack of assurance, sincerely want to be found in Christ, and want to get away from sinning, and (since promises are involved in the sacrament, and it has been established to aid even weak and doubting Christians) if people in that condition are truly sorry for their lack of faith and work hard to resolve their doubts, they may and ought to come to the Lord's Supper, so that their faith may be further strengthened.

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