

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!*

**YOU'RE INVITED!**

It's a shower for Baby John!

The Mays invite you to join them to honor their Mommy-to-be

**MARYBETH**

2pm – Saturday, September 24, 2016  
here, in the fellowship hall.

MaryBeth is registered at Babies "R" Us

*One little request, shouldn't be too hard:  
a book signed by you instead of a card,  
will be cherished, and a reminder of you!*

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 Scripture Lesson**

Mark 7:1-23

**The Prayer for Illumination**

**The Sermon**

Pastor Frank C. Ellis, Jr.

**The Hymn, 140, standing as able**

O Word of God Incarnate

**The Confession of Our Faith**

The Apostles' Creed, A.D. 390

*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**

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**

2 Corinthians 13:14

*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. AMEN.*

**The Postlude**



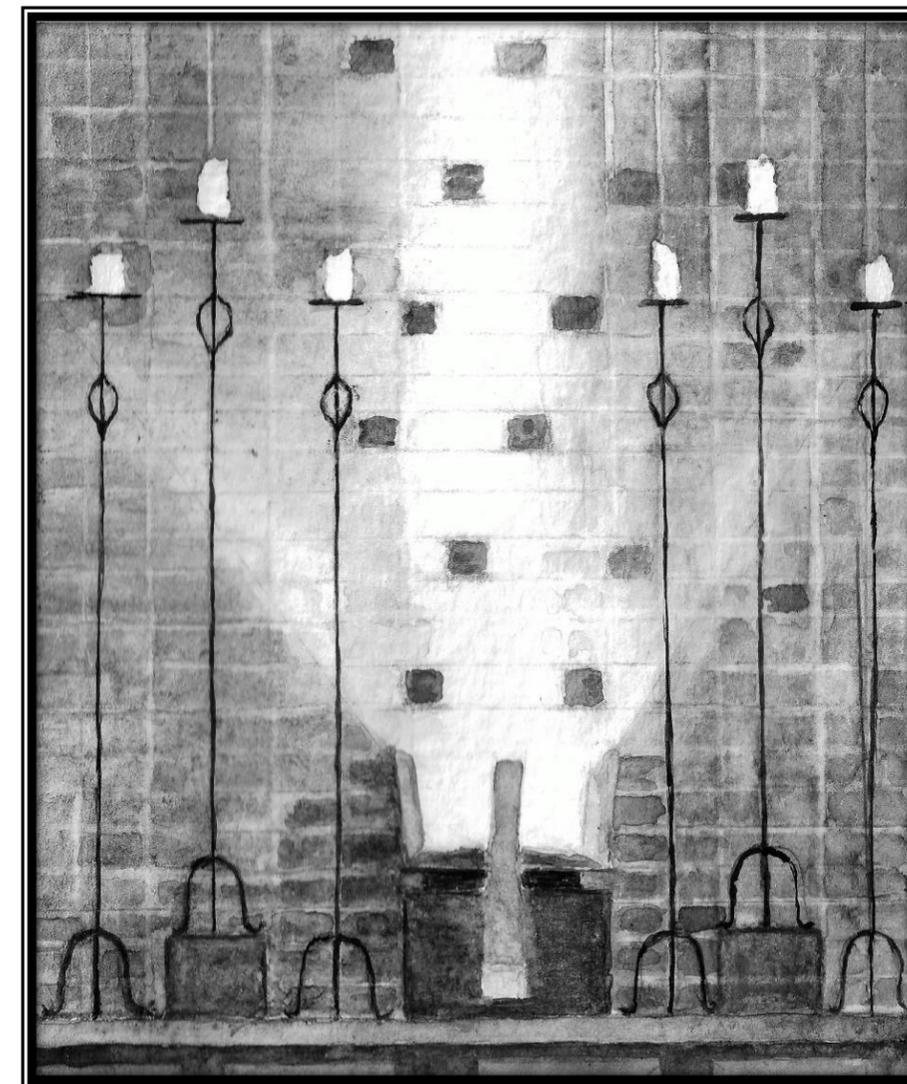
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*Taught by the Truth and Liberated by the Life to Walk in the Way*



*The one who practices the truth comes to the light,  
so that it may be plainly evident that his deeds have been done in God....  
Set them apart in the truth; your word is truth.*

~John 3:21; 17:17

**THE ORDER FOR DIVINE WORSHIP**

September 4, 2016 11:00 a.m.

*Organized to the Glory of God in 1893*

## The Greeting

### The Call to Worship

Psalm 34:1-3

*I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!*

### The Prelude

**Silent Prayer:** Light of Light and God of God, who did leave your holy heavens and descend to earth for the salvation of the world, out of your love for humanity; Extend your almighty right hand and send out your blessings on us all.... Guide our steps into the paths of righteousness, that we may behave ourselves according to your will and observe your commandments and do them all the days of our life, and then come to a blessed end, singing with all your saints a ceaseless hymn to you, and your Father and your Holy Spirit. AMEN. (*West Syrian Liturgy of Dioscorus, 5th Century*)

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

Psalm 36:5-10

Minister: *Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains; your judgments are like the great deep; man and beast you save, O LORD.*

**People:** *How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.*

**All:** *Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your righteousness to the upright of heart!*

### The Hymn, 38

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

### 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 3:23

*...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God...*

### The Prayer of Confession, *in unison*

We confess before you, O Lord our God, that we have sinned and fall short of your glory. We have served our own desires, mis-spent our time, abused your gifts, profaned your holy things, and disregarded the leadings of your loving Spirit. Have regard, Lord for those who are in bitterness because of their trespasses. Give them a godly grief and the grace of true repentance, the repentance that leads to salvation without regret; forgive and remit their sins and offenses; restore to them the joy of your salvation, and strengthen them with power through your free Spirit. Through Jesus Christ the Redeemer...

### The Individual Confession of Sin, *in silence*

*To Glorify God and to Enjoy Him Forever*

## The Prayer for Peace and Grace

### The Assurance of Pardon

Romans 3:24-25a

*...and are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.*

### The Psalm, 16:8-11, *standing as able*

1. Be - fore me con - stant - ly I set the LORD a - lone.  
 2. There - fore my heart is glad; my tongue with joy will sing.  
 3. For you will not al - low my soul in death to stay,  
 4. You have made known to me the path of life di - vine.

Be - cause he is at my right hand I'll not be ov - er - thrown.  
 My bo - dy too will rest se - cure in hope un - wav - er - ing.  
 Nor will you leave your Ho - ly One to see the tomb's de - cay.  
 Bliss shall I know at your right hand; joy from your face will shine.

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TUNE: GOLDEN HILL SM (P.D.)

### The Prayer for Holiness

*All may be seated*

### The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

#### 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.*

*To Glorify God and to Enjoy Him Forever*

“Guide our steps into the paths of righteousness, that we may behave ourselves according to your will and observe your commandments and do them all the days of our life”

### Psalm 15: Taking up Residence

A SONG OF DAVID'S.

### The crucial question: acceptance with God

<sup>1</sup> *Yahweh, who will be a guest in your tent? who will take up residence in the mountain of your holiness?*

### Qualifications

(Life and conduct)

<sup>2</sup> *Whoever walks blamelessly and works righteousness,*

(Speech)

*and whoever speaks truth in his heart,*

<sup>3</sup> *has determined not to spread scandal with his tongue;*

(Relationships)

*has determined not to do wrong to his fellow man, nor to raise a reproach against his neighbour.*

(Values)

<sup>4</sup> *A person rightly despised is properly scorned in his eyes, and those who fear Yahweh he keeps treating as honourable.*

(Integrity, trustworthiness)

*When he has sworn to his own hurt, he does not change.*

(Probity)

<sup>5</sup> *His money he as determined not to place at exorbitant interest, nor to take a bribe against the guiltless..*

### Stability

*Whoever does these things will never be shaken.*

The point at issue in this psalm is not the qualifications for entrance into God's holy place. Entrance into God's Kingdom, into his house and holy place, is a gift of God's grace to those who trust in Jesus. We are accepted not by our own merit, but *in the Beloved* (Eph. 1:6; Col. 1:12-13).

Rather, this psalm addresses the question of what the life of the welcomed guest and resident will look like, however imperfectly. It describes the interior qualities that characterize the life of a godly person, one who yearns for a stable and consistent walk and holiness (Lev. 19:2; Heb. 12:14).

~Translation and notes based on Alec Motyer, *Psalms by the Day: A New Devotional Translation*