

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 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**

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

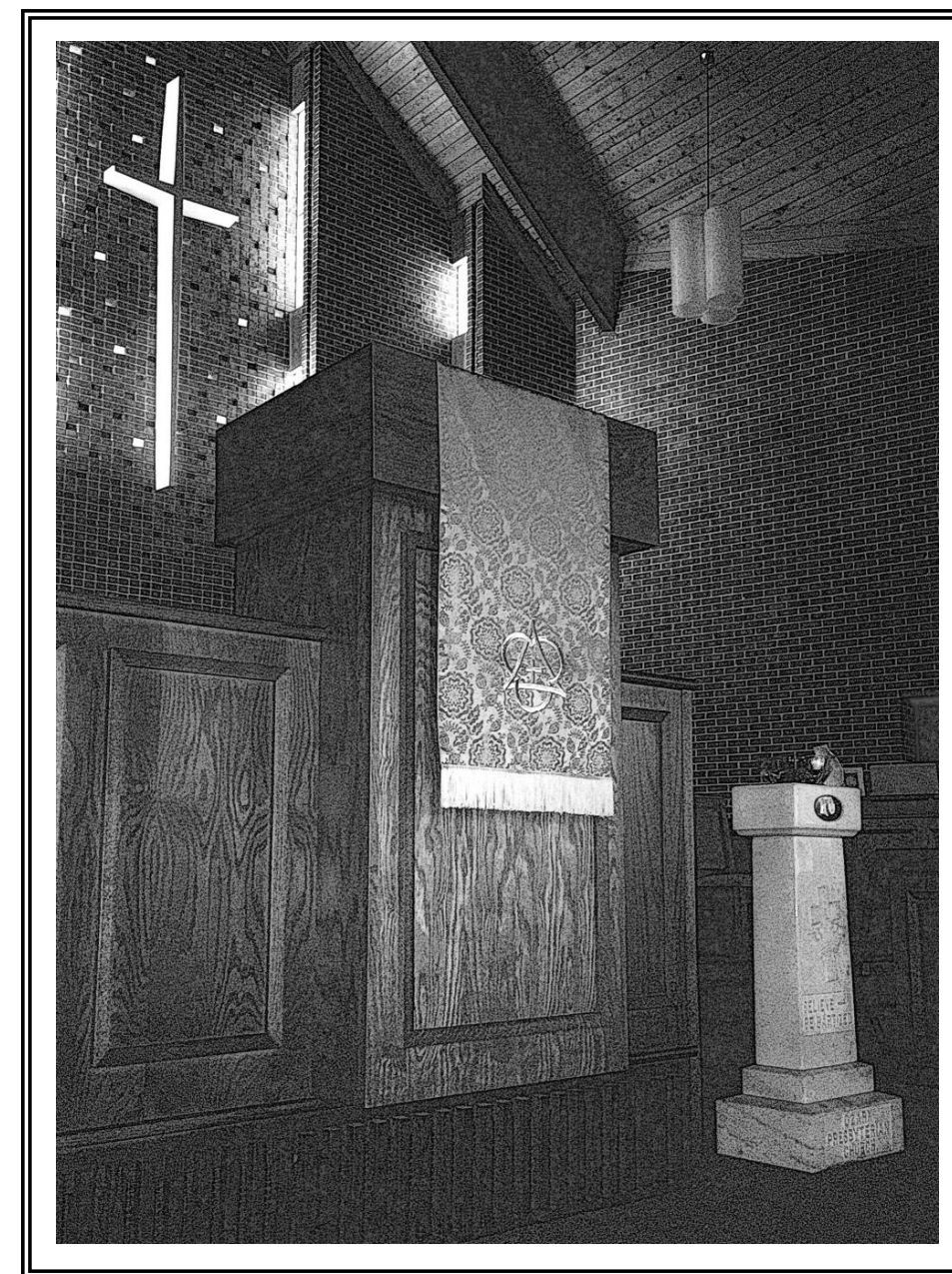
*The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. AMEN.*

**The Postlude**

The Apostles' Creed, A.D. 390

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

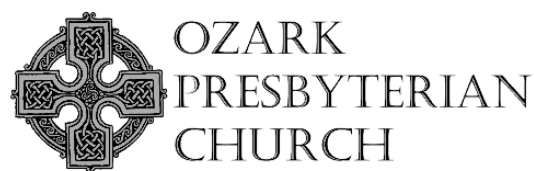


**THE ORDER FOR DIVINE WORSHIP**

September 11, 2016 11:00 a.m.

*Without faith it is impossible to please God,  
for whoever would draw near to him must believe that he exists  
and that he rewards those who seek him.*

~ Hebrews 11:6



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*Organized to the Glory of God in 1893*

## The Greeting

### The Call to Worship

Jeremiah 29:13, John 6:37

“*You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart,*” says the Lord.

Jesus says, “*All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.*”

### The Prelude

***Silent Prayer:*** O Lord our God, you know us, every one, even from our mother’s womb. You are the Helper of the helpless, the Hope of those who are past hope, the Savior of the tempest-tossed, the Harbor of the voyagers, the Physician of the sick. You know each soul and all our prayers, each home and its need. Become to each one of us what we most dearly require, and receive us into your Kingdom, making us children of light and sons of the day. And pour on us again your peace and love, O Lord our God, for it is you who has given all things to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN. (*Liturgy of St. Basil the Great, 4<sup>th</sup> Century*)

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

Isaiah 49:5-6

Minister: *Now then, the LORD says— he who formed me from the womb to be his Servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him (for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength)— he says: “It is too trifling that you should be my Servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved ones of Israel; I will make you to be a light for the nations, to be my salvation to the ends of the earth.”* Praise the LORD!

**People: The LORD’s name be praised!**

**All: AMEN and AMEN!**

### The Psalm, 27:1-6

Trinity Psalter, p. 20/Insert

### 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

Psalm 11:4-5

*The LORD is in his holy temple; the LORD’s throne is in heaven; his eyes see, his eyelids test the children of man. The LORD tests the righteous, but his soul hates the wicked and the one who loves violence.*

### The Hymn 508, vv. 1, 2, *remaining seated*

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

### The Prayer of Confession, *minister only*

Merciful Lord Jesus, indeed, to whom shall we go but you? We have no other refuge; you alone have the words of eternal life, and we have believed, and have come to know that you are the Holy One of God. Test us, Good and Merciful Lord, and in your goodness and mercy reveal to us the true condition of our souls, that we may cry out to you for salvation. Forgive us the evil that we do in the dark, in the deep chambers of our hearts. Forgive us for our high handed and conspicuous sins. We confess that we have been blind to your glory, and we have

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been unfaithful to the trust you have commanded us to keep. Grieving your Spirit in us and among us, we have entertained evil thoughts; we have not governed our tongues in purity to speak the truth in love; we have done dishonorable things, unworthy of a child of God; and we have left undone things we ought to have done. Hear our private confessions now, Father, for the sake of Christ our Mediator...

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

### The Prayer for Peace and Grace

### The Assurance of Pardon

Romans 8:1-4

*There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit.*

### The Hymn 508, vv. 3, 4, *standing as able*

Jesus, Lover of My Soul

### 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 7:24-30

### The Prayer for Illumination

### The Sermon

Pastor Frank C. Ellis, Jr.

### The Hymn, 448, vv. 1, 3, 4, *standing as able*

We Have Heard the Joyful Sound

## New Access

We are thankful to God and grateful to Allen Smith and the young men (and supporters) of Boy Scout Troop 20 for the new concrete access points into the Sanctuary and the Fellowship Hall. Allen planned, financed and accomplished this project as part of the requirements for Allen’s advancement to Eagle Scout.



*And he said, “What comes out of a person is what defiles him. For from within, out of the heart of man, come evil thoughts, sexual immorality, theft, murder, adultery, coveting, wickedness, deceit, sensuality, envy, slander, pride, foolishness. All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”* ~Mark 7:20–23

We may say, but Jesus never says, “Look at these people outside who are full of self-praise, hypocrisy, and self-righteousness.” Rather, Jesus says, “You, my disciples, are exposed to, endangered by—yes, harboring—that same attitude.” The disciples are thus not in a better place than Jesus’ opponents. Most likely, Peter and the disciples had [and all too often, we have] a “them” and “us” mentality. It is so easy to expose what is outside of ourselves.

Because of Jesus’ sacrificial love, we are safe to begin a process of being completely truthful about ourselves. We are met by a capable physician who comes to us and says, “I already know.” When Jesus asks the disciples questions, he is not seeking to gain information [...*he knew all people and needed no one to bear witness about man, for he himself knew what was in man.* (John 2:24b–25)]. Rather, by asking, he seeks to trigger a process of self-understanding. When Jesus asks, *Having eyes do you not see, and having ears do you not hear?* (Mark 8:18), he confronts them with themselves. He pursues the ultimate purpose of cleansing their hearts so that their inner eyes and ears would be open and be amazed about two things: how sick they really are and how powerful and good Jesus really is. We are called to full honesty because the One who has the power to heal us already knows our condition. We can rest assured that we will not surprise our Master with anything he will discover in our souls. So why keep it hidden? Why live with it anymore? Why continue a divided life between the outside (pretense) and inside (reality)? Why continue that hopeless battle when, in fact, the One who calls us has the power to overturn our self-centeredness?

~Hans F. Bayer,  
*A Theology of Mark*

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