

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!

SYMPATHY

The Christian sympathy of the congregation goes out to Mr. and Mrs. Billy Blackmon, on the death of her sister, and Mr. Bill Blackmon, of his aunt, Louise Andrews Etheredge, who passed away on September 10, 2016.

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!*

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 Sermon

Pastor Frank C. Ellis, Jr.

The Hymn 195, *standing as able*

Joy to the World! The Lord Is Come

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 Prayer of Dedication

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.*

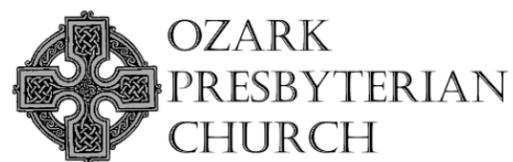
People: **And also with you.**

The 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

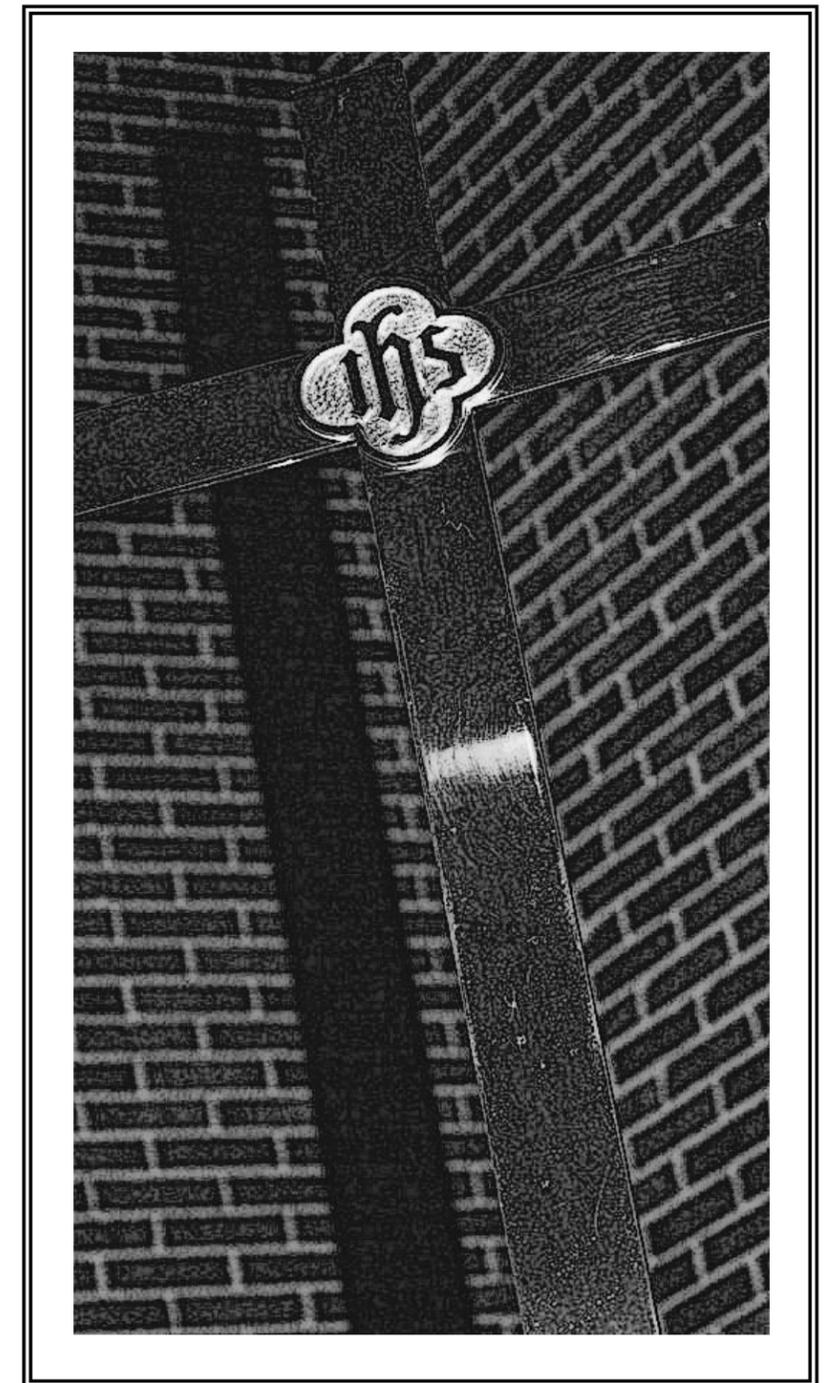


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Taught by the Truth and Liberated by the Life to Walk in the Way



THE ORDER FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

September 18, 2016 11:00 a.m.

*Our soul waits for the LORD; he is our help and our shield.
For our heart rejoices in him, because we trust in his holy name.*

~ Psalm 33:20-21

Organized to the Glory of God in 1893

The Greeting

The Call to Worship

Isaiah 29:18-19

In that day the deaf shall hear the words of a book, and out of their gloom and darkness the eyes of the blind shall see. The meek shall obtain fresh joy in the LORD, and the poor among mankind shall exult in the Holy One of Israel.

The Prelude

Silent Meditation: O the overflowing kindness and love of God toward humanity! God did not hate us, or drive us away, or bear us ill will. Rather, he was long-suffering and forbearing. In his mercy, he took up the burden of our sins. He himself gave up his own Son as a ransom for us—the holy one for the unjust, the innocent for the guilty, the righteous one for the unrighteous, the incorruptible for the corruptible, the immortal for the mortal. (*Letter to Diognetus* 9:1-2; 2nd century)

The Ascription of Praise, *standing as able*

Isaiah 35:3-6, 2

Minister: *Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who have an anxious heart, “Be strong; fear not! Behold, your God will come with vengeance, with the recompense of God. He will come and save you.”*

People: ***Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then shall the lame man leap like a deer, and the tongue of the mute sing for joy.***

Minister: *They shall see the glory of the LORD, the majesty of our God.*

The Hymn 164, vv. 1-2, 4-6

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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 11:28, Isaiah 1:18

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool.

The Prayer of Confession, *in unison*

Lord, Father Everlasting, in you is all we need or can desire. Our hearts take comfort in the very thought of you; we have rest in remembering that we are yours and you are ours forever. Merciful father, give us boldness in your presence, as your beloved children, to lay down the burden of our sins and confess our faults, and to seek your promised forgiveness.

We have neglected your instructions and precepts, we have disobeyed the words of our Lord Jesus, we have ignored the promptings of your Holy Spirit. Though we are your children, too often we have been ungrateful, inconstant, unmerciful, and unloving.

Let the Truth that is a sting to our selfishness, a prod to our pride, be a relief in our repentance. Let our sense of shame before you and our godly grief for sin be for us a sign that you are treating us as sons, a token that the Spirit who gives repentance has moved in our hearts to bring forth the peaceful fruit of righteousness. And, as you give us the grace of repentance, assure us that we are forgiven for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord and our Sacrifice...

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

Psalms 37:3-6

Trust in the LORD, and do good; dwell in the land and befriend faithfulness. Delight yourself in the LORD, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him, and he will act. He will bring forth your righteousness as the light, and your justice as the noonday.

The Psalm 15, *standing as able*

Overleaf

The Prayer for Holiness, *in unison*

based on Psalm 15

O Lord our God, it is the desire of our heart to be a guest in your house, to dwell forever on the mountain of your holiness.

As we delight ourselves in you, committing our way to Christ and trusting in him, enable us always to walk blamelessly before you and do what is right in your sight. Teach us to speak the truth, not only with our lips, but even in the hidden places of our heart. And when we do talk, help us to govern our tongues, that we may never speak gossip or spread scandal. Make us determined to do no wrong to our neighbor, nor to bring reproach upon those we count as friends.

Give us understanding and discernment to despise those things, yes, even those people, who are vile and do evil in your sight, and at the same time, give us wisdom and grace to honor those who fear you, the Lord.

So shepherd us, we pray, that we will be people of integrity and honesty, trustworthy and steadfast in what we say and promise; generous and loving in the use of our possessions.

And, Heavenly Father, grant that, in every circumstance, whatever comes our way, we may be steadfast, always holding on tight to the faith and walking in a manner worthy of the Gospel of Christ. In his name we pray this for ourselves and each other...

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.

The Scripture Lesson

Mark 7:31-37

The Prayer for Illumination

To Glorify God and to Enjoy Him Forever

Psalm 15

A PSALM OF DAVID

Lord, who may dwell within your house,
or on your holy hill?

Those who do good and speak the truth,
whose lives are blameless still;

Who have no guile upon their tongues,
nor harm their neighbor's life,
but honor those who fear the LORD
and turn away from strife;

Who do no wrong, but keep their word
and seek no bribe or gain.

All those who do such things shall live
and safe from harm remain.

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