

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!

Congratulations!

To Jeff and Teresa May, and to Angie Walsh, on the birth of their grandson and great grandson,

John B. Simmons IV,

born at 9:11pm on November 14, 2016.

*Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord,
the fruit of the womb a reward.*

~Psalm 127:3

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



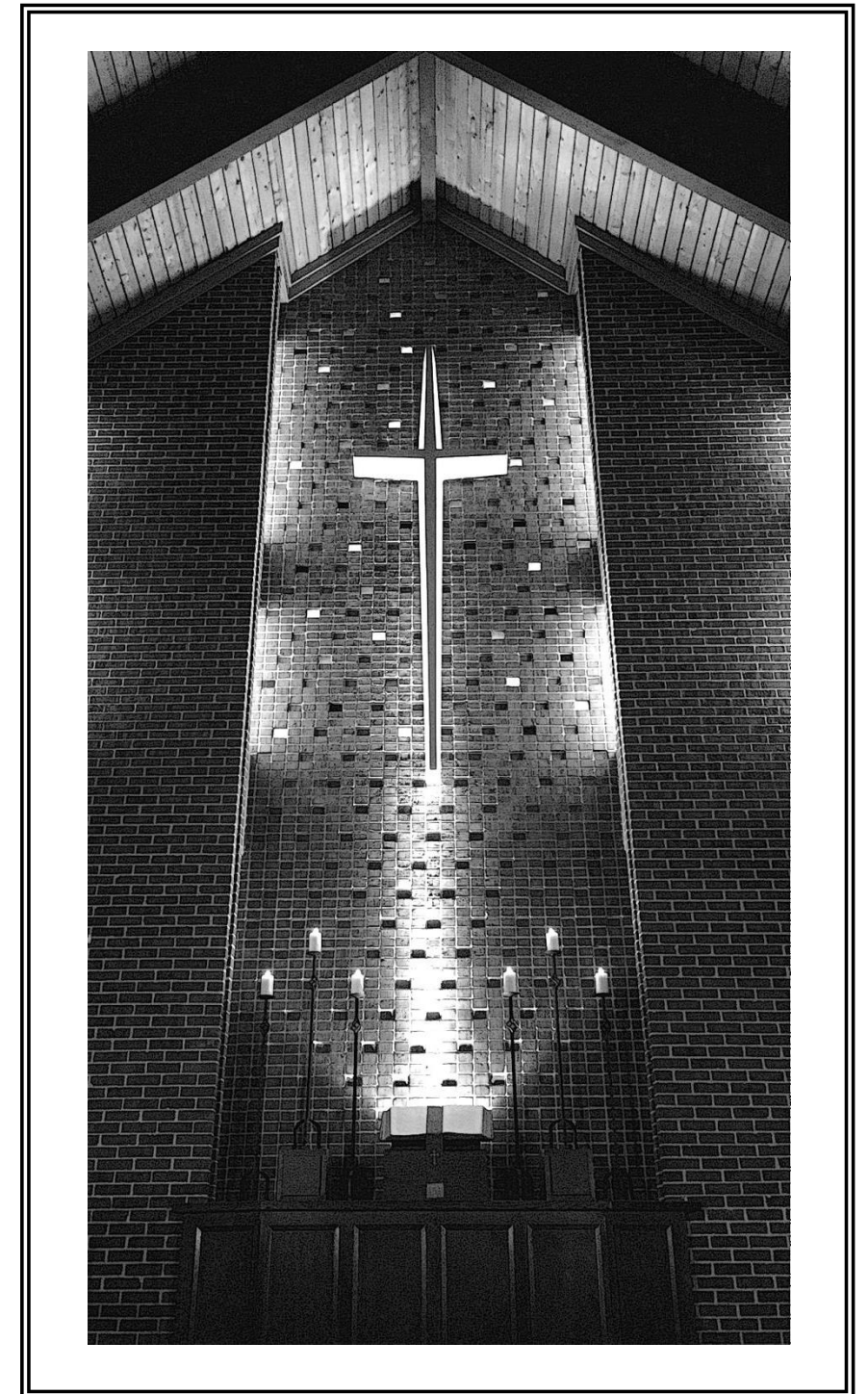
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Taught by the Truth and Liberated by the Life to Walk in the Way



*The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you,
from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen...*

~ Deuteronomy 18:15

THE ORDER FOR DIVINE WORSHIP

November 20, 2016 11:00 a.m.

Organized to the Glory of God in 1893

The Greeting

The Call to Worship

Isaiah 42:1; 2 Peter 1:19

“Behold my servant, whom I uphold,” says the LORD; *“my chosen, in whom my soul delights; I have put my Spirit upon him; he will bring forth justice to the nations.”*

And we have the prophetic word more fully confirmed, to which you will do well to pay attention as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts...

The Prelude

Silent Prayer: O God, you divide the day from the night. Separate our deeds from the darkness of sin, that we may continually live in your light and reflect in all our deeds your eternal beauty. For Jesus’ sake. AMEN. (*The Leonine Sacramentary*, ca. 7th century)

The Ascription of Praise, *standing as able*

Isaiah 42:5-6; John 1:5, 14

Minister: *Thus says God, the LORD, who created the heavens and stretched them out, who spread out the earth and what comes from it, who gives breath to the people on it and spirit to those who walk in it: “I am the LORD; I have called you in righteousness; I will take you by the hand and keep you; I will give you as a covenant for the people, a light for the nations...”*

People: ***The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.***

Minister: *And the Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, glory as of the only Son from the Father, full of grace and truth.*

The Psalm 2

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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

1 John 3:2-3

We know that when Christ appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purified himself as he is pure.

The Prayer of Confession, *in unison*

Minister: Father, you humble yourself to consider things that are on the earth, and you do not despise the prayers of frail people. You require of all humanity that we should love you, obey you, and enjoy you forever. Yet we have been hard-hearted, disobedient, and impenitent, and by our willful transgressions, we have lost ourselves in sin and misery. Incline your ear to our cry for mercy, we pray.

All: Hear, Father, our confession. Make our repentance sincere; let us ask forgiveness from the heart and trust it always faithfully. Cast our sins out of your remembrance, we pray. Lift us from the weight of our past guilt, and grant us pardon and full remission of our sins, for the sake of our Sacrifice and Mediator Jesus your Beloved Son...

The Individual Confession of Sin, *in silence*

The Prayer for Peace and Grace

The Assurance of Pardon

Colossians 1:13-14

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

The Hymn 55, *standing as able*

To God Be the Glory

The Will of God for You

Colossians 1:9-2

And so, from the day we heard, we have not ceased to pray for you, asking that you may be filled with the knowledge of his will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so as to walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing to him, bearing fruit in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; being strengthened with all power, according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience with joy, giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of the saints in light.

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 9:1-8

The Prayer for Illumination

The Sermon

Pastor Frank C. Ellis, Jr.

The Hymn 170, *standing as able*

Fairest Lord Jesus

Next Lord’s Day, we will celebrate the Sacrament of Holy Communion

Jesus says,

I myself am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works.
~Revelation 2:23

Jesus is the one who *searches the mind and heart* of his people, but then he also judges everyone *according to your works*.

Why does he make the internal inspection if he is going to judge according to one’s behavior? Which is it? The disposition of our heart, or our external actions?

The only correct answer is ‘Yes.’ Jesus judges us as whole people – our external actions and the internal disposition of our heart.

We must have a heart of faith, because *without faith it is impossible to please him*. (Hebrews 11:6) We have to believe God, to embrace his covenant promises from the heart. We must believe in Jesus with a mind and heart renewed by the Holy Ghost.

But at the same time we must have works done in obedience, because *faith by itself, if it does not have works, is dead.... You believe that God is one; you do well. Even the demons believe – and shudder!* (James 2:17, 19)

What Jesus says to us in Revelation 2 not different from what Jesus shows us in the Sermon on the Mount. Our intentions and our actions must line up.

This is the way of a true and lively faith. We must *repent and believe in the Gospel* (Mark 1:15). And, having repented and believed, our faith must manifest itself in holy obedience through deeds done for the right reasons, with the right motive. This is the Christian way: *faith active along with works, a faith completed by works*. (James 2:22)

Only then do we know what it really means to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.