

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!*

**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.

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**Session:** Frank C. Ellis, Jr., Moderator;  
Durwood Judah, Clerk;  
Billy Blackmon; Wes Brunson;  
Jeff May  
Earl Griffin, Pete Mosley  
*Elders emeriti*

*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 Thessalonians 1:11

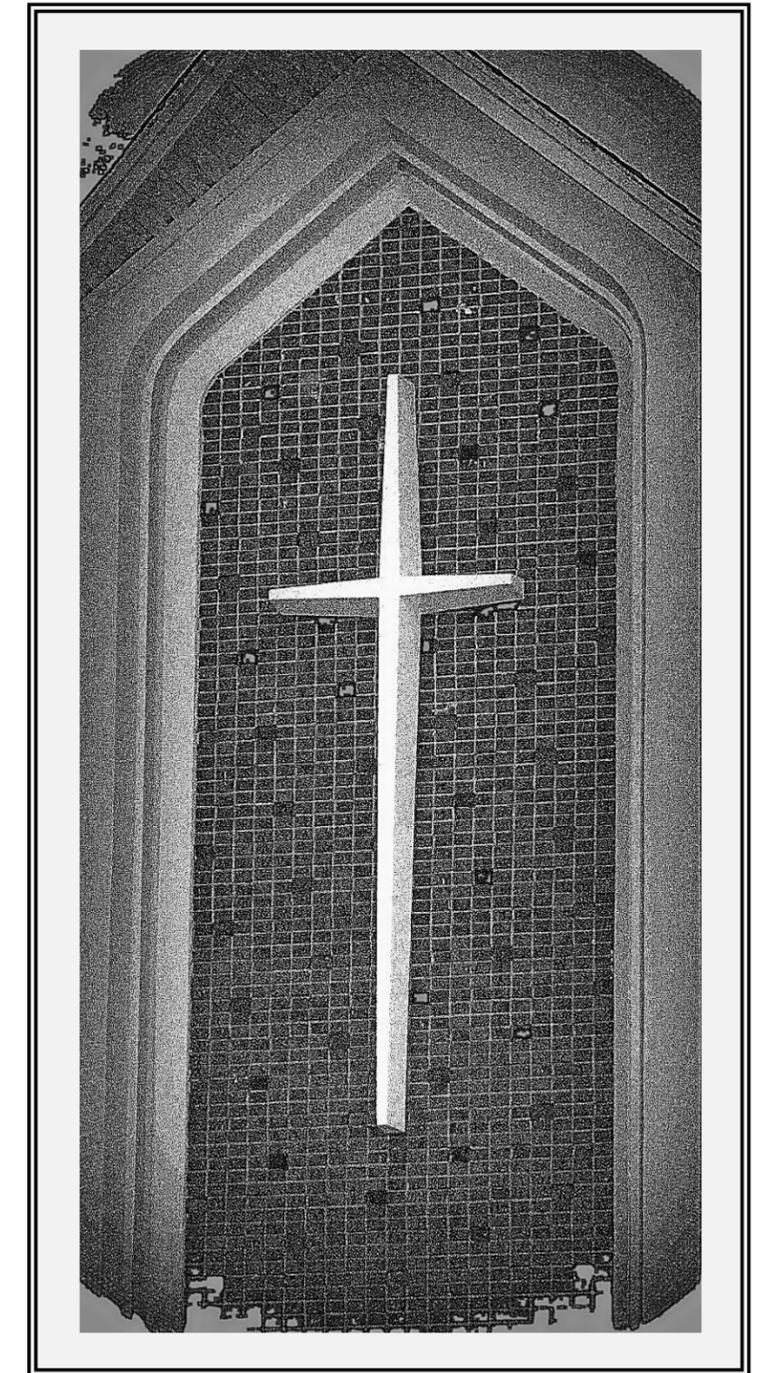
May our God make you worthy of his calling, and may he fulfill in you every resolve for good and every work of faith by his power, so that the name of our Lord Jesus may be glorified in you and you in him, according to the grace of our God and the Lord Jesus Christ. The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all, now and forever. 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*

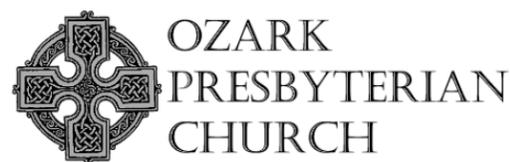


*...it was necessary for the Messiah to suffer and to rise from the dead...  
This Jesus, whom I proclaim to you, is the Messiah.*

~Acts 17:3

**THE ORDER FOR DIVINE WORSHIP**

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*Organized to the Glory of God in 1893*

## The Greeting

### The Call to Worship

Psalm 37:5-7

*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. Be still before the LORD and wait patiently for him; fret not yourself over the one who prospers in his way, over the man who carries out evil devices!*

### The Prelude

***Silent Meditation:*** The preparation even of willing hearts cannot happen apart from you, O Lord. Cleanse our hearts of all unseemly and wandering thoughts; cast down every proud imagination, illumine our understanding, and inspire our prayers, so that we may offer to you true spiritual worship and be heard before your divine majesty. Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer and Mediator. AMEN. (*Prayers for Common Worship*, 1936)

### The Ascription of Praise, standing as able

Isaiah 12:1-6

Minister: *Each of you will say in that day: “I will give thanks to you, O LORD, for though you were angry with me, your anger turned away, that you might comfort me.*

**People:** ***“Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust, and will not be afraid; for the LORD GOD is my strength and my song, and he has become my salvation.”***

Minister: *With joy all of you will draw water from the wells of salvation. And together you will say in that day: “Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name, make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.*

**People:** ***“Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth.***

Minister: *Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.*

### The Hymn 274

Thine Be the Glory

### 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 375a

*Commit your way to the LORD; trust in him...*

### The Prayer of Confession

Minister: O Lord, you have searched us and known us. You read our thoughts from afar. Give us grace sincerely to examine ourselves, that without hypocrisy we may confess our sins and obtain your pardon.

**All:** **We have turned our eyes from your truth, stifled the rebukes of our conscience, and often and most grievously ignored the warnings and invitations of your Word. O Lord our God, your mercies are infinite. Hear our honest confessions, forgive us, and save us, we humbly pray...**

*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

John 11:25, 26; 6:57

*Jesus said..., “I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and everyone who believes in me shall never die. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever feeds on me, he also will live because of me. Do you believe this?”*

### The Psalm 16:1, 5, 8-11, standing as able

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### 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 Lessons

The Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 1:31; 3:17-19

The Epistle Lesson

Romans 8:19-23

The Gospel Lesson

Matthew 28:5-6

### The Sermon

THE EASTER FACT

Pastor Frank C. Ellis, Jr.

### The Hymn 275, standing as able

The Strife is O’er, the Battle Done

## But he rose from the dead...

The Lord clothed himself with humanity, and with suffering on behalf of the suffering one, and bound on behalf of the one constrained, and judged on behalf of the one convicted, and buried on behalf of the one entombed, rose from the dead and cried aloud:

“Who takes issue with me? Let him stand before me.

I set free the condemned.

I gave life to the dead.

I raise up the entombed.

Who will contradict me?”

“It is I,” says the Christ,

I am he who destroys death,

and triumphs over the enemy,

and crushes Hades,

and binds the strong man,

and bears humanity off to the heavenly heights.”

“It is I,” says the Christ.

“So, come all families of people,

adulterated with sin,

and receive forgiveness of sins.

For I am your freedom.

I am the Passover of salvation,

I am the Lamb slaughtered for you,

I am your ransom,

I am your life,

I am your light,

I am you salvation,

I am your resurrection,

I am your King.

I shall raise you up by my right hand,

I will lead you to the heights of heaven,

there shall I show you the everlasting Father.”

He it is who made the heaven and the earth,

and formed humanity in the beginning,

who proclaimed through the law and the prophets,

who took flesh from a virgin,

who was hung on a tree,

who was buried in the earth,

who was raised up from the dead,

and ascended to the heights of heaven

who sits at the right hand of the Father,

who has power to save all things,

through whom the Father acted from the beginning and forever.

This is the alpha and omega,

this is the beginning and the end,

the ineffable beginning and the incomprehensible end.

This is the Christ.

This is the King.

This is Jesus...

Melito of Sardis, † A.D. 190

*On Pasca*

*To Glorify God and to Enjoy Him Forever*