

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!*

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

*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 Hymn 598**, *standing as able*

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

**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**

John 14:27

Minister: *Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you, Jesus says. Not as the world gives do I give to you. 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**



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



*Let all the house of Israel know for certain that God has made him both Lord and Christ, this Jesus whom you crucified.*

~Acts 2:36

**THE ORDER FOR DIVINE WORSHIP**

May 7, 2017 11:00 a.m.

**The Greeting**

**The Call to Worship**

Isaiah 40:11

*He will tend his flock like a shepherd; he will gather the lambs in his arms; he will carry them in his bosom, and gently lead those who are with young.*

**The Prelude**

**Silent Meditation:** Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our Father: Look with mercy on us and on all your Son's disciples, who are gathered in all places to praise you and him on this day when he rose from the dead and became the down payment and guarantee of his people's victory. Grant us an unwavering faith and fervent love, so that, as we put away all vain thoughts and worldly desires, we may remember your steadfast love, celebrate your faithfulness, and magnify your goodness with glad hearts. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

*Organized to the Glory of God in 1893*

**The Ascription of Praise,** *standing as able* Psalm 107:1-9

Minister: *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!*

**People:** *Let the redeemed of the LORD say so, whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands, from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.*

Minister: *Some wandered in desert wastes, finding no way to a city to dwell in; hungry and thirsty, their soul fainted within them.*

**People:** *Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he delivered them from their distress. He led them by a straight way till they reached a city to dwell in. Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wondrous works to the children of man! For he satisfies the longing soul, and the hungry soul he fills with good things.*

Minister: *Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!*

**The Hymn 6** O Come, My Soul, Bless Thou the Lord

**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** Lamentations 3:31-33

*The Lord will not cast off forever, but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion according to the abundance of his steadfast love; for he does not afflict from his heart or grieve the children of men.*

**The Prayer of Confession**

Minister: *Because of the steadfast love of the LORD, we are not cut off; his mercies never come to an end.*

**All:** *“The Lord is my portion,” says my soul, “therefore I will hope in him.”*

Minister: *The LORD is good to those who wait for him, to the soul who seeks him. It is good that one should wait quietly for the salvation of the LORD.*

Blessed are you, Lord God, for you have mercy on all, enduring patiently our sins, giving us time to come to ourselves, that we may repent. For you love what you have made, and you spare us because we are yours. Hear our humble confessions now, for the sake of Christ our Redeemer:

**All:** **Righteous Father, before you our hearts tremble, for you are most Holy, and we are not. We humbly confess our many sins, in which we have despised your goodness and dishonored your Name. We confess our guilty thoughts, our unseemly words, our evil doings. We have fallen short of your glory in faith, in obedience, and in love for our neighbor. For the sake of Christ our Redeemer and Sacrifice, have mercy on us and forgive us these sins, as well as those we confess now in the silence of our hearts...**

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

*To Glorify God and to Enjoy Him Forever*

**The Prayer for Peace and Grace**

Merciful God, forgive us all our offences, even as, in Christ, you have ransomed us from the captivity to sin. Touch us with your cleansing fire and give us grace to stand firm against our temptations, that we may obtain the outcome of our faith, the salvation of our souls. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **AMEN.**

**The Assurance of Pardon** 1 Peter 1:17

*...you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your forefathers, not with perishable things such as silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without blemish or spot.*

**The Hymn 338, vv. 1, 5,** *remaining seated* Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

**The Prayer for Holiness**

**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 Ezekiel 34:12-16  
The Epistle Lesson 1 Peter 2:19-25

**The Psalm 23,** *standing as able* Insert

**The Gospel Lesson** John 10:1-10

*All may be seated*

**The Prayer for Illumination**

**The Sermon** Pastor Frank C. Ellis, Jr.

*To Glorify God and to Enjoy Him Forever*

**no more a stranger,  
nor a guest,  
but like a child at home**

Another benefit [of our union with Christ] is communion with the true church of God, in which—because God himself dwells in it and is always present—access to God is always granted to believers. We are allowed to hear God speak with us. We are allowed to enjoy the sacraments established by the Son of God. We are allowed to receive counsel from the mouth of God, to be present in divine worship, to ask for consolation from the Word, to delight in the habits of the saints, to mature in knowledge of God, to hear and to see the astonishing works of God which happen in the church, to sing praises, to honor the name of God, to cherish the sure hope of eternal life. These immeasurable advantages they obtain who dwell in the house of the Lord, as it is written elsewhere, “In the house of the Lord, in our God’s courtyard, they will flourish.” Therefore, we rightly give thanks for these immeasurable benefits.

~Tilemann Hesshus (1525-1588)  
*Commentary on Psalm 23*