

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 537**, *standing as able*

Take Time to Be Holy

**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**

St. Ambrose of Milan, 4<sup>th</sup> century

Faithful Savior Jesus, we follow you, but we can only come because you have called us, and we can only ascend because you have led the way, for you alone are our way, our truth, our life. You are our strength, our confidence, our very great reward. Be the way that receives us, the truth that strengthens us, the life that invigorates us. Be our joy, and our peace, we pray. **AMEN.**

**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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*He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.  
By his wounds you have been healed.*

~1 Peter 2:24

**THE ORDER FOR DIVINE WORSHIP**

May 21, 2017 11:00 a.m.

*Organized to the Glory of God in 1893*

## The Greeting

### The Call to Worship

Psalm 66:1-3a

*Shout for joy to God, all the earth; sing the glory of his name; give to him glorious praise! Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!"*

### The Prelude

***Silent Meditation:*** O God, who by the life and death and rising again of your dear Son has consecrated for us a new and living way into the holiest of all: Cleanse our minds, we ask you, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that drawing near to you with a pure heart and a conscience undefiled, we may receive these your gifts without sin, and so worthily magnify your holy Name. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN. (*Liturgy of St. James*, ca. 4<sup>th</sup> Century)

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

Minister: *If Christ is not risen, your faith is futile; you are still in your sins! ...If in this life only we have hope in Christ, we are of all people most to be pitied.*

**People:** ***But now Christ is risen from the dead, and has become the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep.***

Minister: *Then be glad, O children of Zion, and rejoice in the LORD, the God of your salvation!*

**People:** ***I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth. My soul makes its boast in the LORD; let the humble hear and be glad. Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!***

### The Hymn 604, 1, 3-6

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

### 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 5:3, 4

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.*

### The Prayer of Confession

Minister: Father, you know our sins, and our faults are not hidden from you. Deliver us from all self-justification, from all hypocrisy, and grant us humble and truthful hearts to confess our sins to you.

**All: We plead no merit of our own, Father, but only the infinite merit of our Redeemer Jesus. We rely on nothing in ourselves, but only on your everlasting mercy revealed in our faithful High Priest Jesus. Set us in the light of his cross, that we may see our own sins in the cruel wrong that was done to him, in the dark shadow that has been cast upon your creation, and in the hurts we have inflicted on our neighbor. For Jesus' sake hear our sincere confessions...**

*To Glorify God and to Enjoy Him Forever*

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

### The Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 7:25

*Jesus is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them.*

### The Prayer for Peace and Grace

Fountain of compassion, whose healing waters never cease to flow, you have sprinkled us with clean water, and we are clean. You have given us a beautiful headdress instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, a garment of praise instead of a faint spirit. We are the planting of the Lord, that you may display your beauty, for with you, Lord, is forgiveness and plentiful mercy to all who repent in faith. Do not remember our wanderings, but rather, restore our souls and lead us in the paths of righteousness for your name's sake. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

### The Hymn 647, vv. 1-4, *standing as able* How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds

#### 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 Litany of Thanksgiving and Intercession

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### 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

John 15:1-17

### The Prayer for Illumination

### The Sermon

Pastor Frank C. Ellis, Jr.

*To Glorify God and to Enjoy Him Forever*

## On Enjoying God through the Things He Has Made

*For everything created by God is good, and nothing is to be rejected if it is received with thanksgiving, for it is made holy by the word of God and prayer.*

~1 Timothy 4:4, 5

I once heard a story about one of the mediaeval saints of God who lived in the Alps. It is said that, when he went out walking, he would keep his eyes on the ground, lest the beauty around him distract him from contemplating the glory of God. How very different is the tradition in which we stand!

John Calvin, in one of his sermons on 1 Corinthians, said:

There is not one little blade of grass, there is no color in the world that is not intended to make men rejoice.

In his Institutes, Calvin also wrote:

Has the Lord clothed the flowers with the great beauty that greets our eyes and the sweetness of smell that is wafted upon our nostrils, and yet it is not permissible for our eyes to be pleased by that beauty, or our sense of smell by the sweetness of that odor? Did the Lord not distinguish colors, making some more lovely than others? Did he not endow gold and silver, ivory and marble, with a loveliness that renders them more precious than other metals or stones? Did he not, in short, render many things attractive to us, apart from their utility?

Concerning food and wine (which seem to be among the many things our age fears), he said it should give

inestimable joy to all pious men to know that all kinds of food are put in their hands by the hand of the Lord, so that their use is blameless and legitimate.... Since it pleases God that we are in the world, we should not at all abstain from drinking and from eating because of our troubles; this would be gratuitously making war on him.... God wishes that we should enjoy the good things he gives us for our nourishment.