

WORSHIP ELEMENTS EXPLAINED

Prelude: The Prelude is a time for silent reflection and preparation before the congregation appears before God. During these few moments, an atmosphere of reverence should be established and maintained by all present in the meeting. Prayer, the reading of Scripture and simple quietness are appropriate activities as the Church anticipates God's call into His presence.

Invocation Prayer / Call to Worship: In the Invocation Prayer, as the name implies, the minister makes an appeal to God to receive those assembled; to enable their worship and to cause it to be orderly and honorable throughout. The Call to Worship is an affirmation of God's majesty which implies a due response from His creatures. Normally, we will employ a Psalm for the Call to Worship, but not always. As the Scripture recounts God's wonderful attributes or mighty works, those assembled are reminded of His perfections and encouraged to honor and praise the LORD with thanksgiving for His excellence.

Opening Hymns of Praise / Responsive Hymns: Having heard of God's greatness extolled in the Call to Worship, the congregation now joins in singing an Opening Hymn of Praise. Responsive Hymns, as the name implies, are used throughout the Order to highlight some aspect of the element(s) preceding it. Since hymns are vehicles for the declaration of truth concerning God and our relationship with Him, it is our belief that, above all else, Hymns should be theologically precise; always restating the truths of Scripture plainly and faithfully.

Corporate Confession of Sins: Having declared in word and song many of the wonderful attributes and works of God, reflection upon one's own character is inevitable. In response, we at times may express a corporate confession of sin. Public or silent confession is an acknowledgement of the truth that, although we are redeemed, we continue to sin. Confession of sins reminds us of our duty to live in a manner which brings honor to God, and serves as an affirmation regarding the status of the word of God as our rule for faith and conduct.

Assurance of Pardon: Immediately following our Public Confession of sin, the minister reads an appropriate portion of Scripture that declares God's pardon of His people in and through Jesus Christ. This reading by the minister is God's response to our Confession of Sin; it is a promise to His people that their sins have been paid for by our Savior and that they, therefore, are acceptable in Christ before Him.

Responsive Reading: Responsive Readings are based upon the antiphonal character of worship. In a Responsive Reading, a statement is made by the minister to which the congregation responds. In the congregational reply, the truth just declared is confirmed or elaborated upon. Responsive Readings may originate directly from the Scriptures, or may incorporate an historically-confirmed Confession of Faith as Affirmation of our Beliefs.

Public Reading of the Word: With the exception of a brief introduction, the text is read without comment in accordance with the instructions of the Apostle Paul: "Give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching." (1 Tim. 4:13) This act of reading the Word without comment emphasizes our conviction that the written Word of God is authoritative and sufficient. In this manner, the central significance and unique character of the written Word of God are visually demonstrated. It is our practice to read 2 portions from Scripture: An Old Testament reading and a New Testament reading.

Sermon: The sermon consists of the reading and expository treatment/explanation of Scripture, following the pattern of the Levites: "And they read from the book, from the Law of God, translating to give the sense so that they understood the reading." (Neh. 8:8) Moreover, great value is placed upon the practical application of that which is preached and instructed. Therefore, the sermon includes remarks designed to identify the ever-relevant application of God's Word to the lives of His people.

LEGACY BAPTIST CHURCH *Rogers, Arkansas*



THE LORD'S DAY

JULY 24, 2016

*And when the Chief Shepherd appears,
you will receive the unfading crown of glory.*

- 1 Peter 5:4

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:45 – 10:30 A.M. | WORSHIP: 10:45 A.M. – 12:30 P.M.

— STATEMENT —

Legacy Baptist Church exists to glorify the Triune God of Heaven through the advancement of the gospel. To that end, it is our desire to foster a greater collective embrace of sound Christian doctrine, and a deeper, more intimate knowledge of Jesus Christ by way of an immovable commitment to the clear proclamation of God's holy word.

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The meeting of the Saints who are numbered at Legacy for

THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

— CALL TO WORSHIP —

Psalm 117

THE ADORATION OF GOD'S GLORY

OPENING
HYMN

“Crown Him with Many Crowns” (#216)

— RESPONSIVE READING —

Leader: *This we recall, therefore we have hope. The Lord's lovingkindnesses indeed never cease, for His compassions never fail.*

All: *They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.
The Lord is my portion, Therefore I have hope in Him.*

-Lamentations 3:22-24

RESPONSIVE
HYMN

“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” (#27)
“Immortal, Invisible” (#35)

— PASSING OF THE PEACE —

THE PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

Old Testament Reading — Ezekiel 34:1-10
New Testament Reading — Acts 20:17-35

TODAY'S
MESSAGE

1 Peter 5:1-4

— ORDINANCE OF THE LORD'S SUPPER —

COMMUNION
HYMN

“Jesus, Keep Me Near The Cross” (#704)

THE CONSECRATION OF GOD'S PEOPLE

— CLOSING HYMN —

*Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.*

— CLOSING PRAYER —

Visitors: Please join us for lunch and a time of fellowship immediately following the service today.