

# *Weatherford Presbyterian Church (PCA)*

*"A Godly Church Family, Equipping Believers  
For Building the Kingdom"*



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*Soli Deo Gloria... To God Alone be Glory*

*Order for the Worship of God  
Celebration of the Lord's Supper  
The Lord's Day, June 13, 2021*

Greeting, Welcome and Announcements

**Silent Preparation:** "Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever! Let Israel say, 'His steadfast love endures forever.' Let the house of Aaron say, 'His steadfast love endures forever.' Let those who fear the LORD say, 'His steadfast love endures forever.'" Ps. 118:1-4 (ESV)

**Call to Worship:** Hebrews 12:28-29

**Hymn #119** "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"

**Responsive Reading: "The Decalogue"**

Minister: GOD spoke these words and said: I am the LORD your God: you shall have none other gods but me.

Congregation: Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

M. You shall not make any graven image, nor the likeness of anything that is in heaven above, nor in the earth beneath, nor in the water under the earth; you shall not bow down to them, nor worship them.

C. Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

M. You shall not take the Name of the LORD your God in vain.

C. Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

M. Remember to keep holy the Sabbath-day.

C. Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

M. Honor your father and mother.

C. Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

M. You shall not murder.

C. Lord have mercy upon us and incline our hearts to keep this law.

M. You shall not commit adultery.

C. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

M. You shall not steal.

C. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

M. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

C. Lord, have mercy upon us, and incline our hearts to keep this law.

M. You shalt not covet.

C. Lord, have mercy upon us, and write all these laws in our hearts, we beseech You.

**"Ah, Lord God"**

*Kay Chance*

Ah, Lord God. Thou hast made the heavens and the earth by Thy great power.

Ah, Lord God. thou hast made the heavens and the earth by Thine out-stretched arm. Nothing is too difficult for Thee. Nothing is too difficult for Thee.

Great and mighty God, great in counsel and mighty in deed. Nothing, nothing, absolutely nothing, nothing is too difficult for Thee. (Repeat)

**Corporate Prayer of Confession:** Most merciful God, who art of purer eyes than to behold iniquity, and hast promised forgiveness to all those who confess and forsake their sins; we come before Thee in a humble sense of our own unworthiness, acknowledging our manifold transgressions of Thy righteous laws. But, O gracious Father, who desirest not the death of a sinner, look upon us, we beseech Thee, in mercy, and forgive us all our transgressions. Make us deeply sensible of the great evil of them; and work in us a hearty contrition; that we may obtain forgiveness at Thy hands, who art every ready to receive humble and penitent sinners; for the sake of Thy Son Jesus Christ, our only Savior and Redeemer. Amen.

### **Silent Confession and Declaration of God's Forgiveness**

#### **"Thy Word"**

*Amy Grant & Michael W. Smith*

(chorus) Thy Word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.

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1. When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way, still You're there right beside me. And nothing will I fear as long as You are near, please be near me to the end. (Chorus)
2. I will not forget Your love for me and yet my heart forever is wandering. Jesus be my Guide, hold me to Your side, and I will love You to the end. (Chorus)

**Affirmation of Faith:** WCF XXV.III "Of the Church" Hymnal p. 863

### **We Pray for Christ's Church and the World**

#### **Worship through Tithes & Offerings**

*(Parents may dismiss their children 3, 4, or 5 years old to participate in our Children's Prayer, Teaching, and Worship Time in our Prayer Chapel)*

**Hymn #734** "Gloria Patri"

### **Reading and Proclamation of the Word**

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 1

New Testament Reading: Luke 21:34-38

**Hymn #579** "Dare to be a Daniel"

**Sermon:** Acts 4:13-22, "The Power to be Bold", the Rev. Lou Tiscione

**Hymn #122** "God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory"

### **Benediction**

**Acts 4:13-22**  
**"The Power to be Bold"**  
*(God's power is THE reality to live by!)*  
The Rev. Louis B. Tiscione

Passage Summary: The miraculous healing of a man caused a dilemma for the leaders of the Jews who chose to deny reality and were admonished by Peter and John to fear God.

- I. 4:13-14 (The Dilemma): The leaders of the Jews were faced with a dilemma; submit to God's Power or seek to keep their own.
  - A. Peter and John spoke with boldness which astounded the Jerusalem Council.
    1. They were "common" (idiotai, ungifted, unskilled...)
    2. They were uneducated (not trained in religious practices)
  - B. There was an immediate observation made by the Council, "they had been with Jesus."
  - C. The healed man was undeniable evidence, presenting an undeniable dilemma for the Council.
- II. 4:15-17 (Denial): The leaders met privately to decide how to deny the reality of God's almighty power demonstrated by the man who stood before them.
  - A. The Council decided that a "secret" meeting was necessary.
  - B. A plan was needed to deal with Peter and John.
    1. A plan to dismiss their teaching.
    2. A plan to ignore the healed man.
  - C. The Council decided to issue a warning to Peter and John to halt the spread of "it" (the truth of the Person and Work of Jesus Christ of Nazareth)
- III. 4:18-22 (Fear God): Peter and John responded to threats and the Council's command to disobey God by declaring man's only reasonable response to God, fear Him rather than man.
  - A. The Council's charge was issued to Peter and John.
  - B. Peter and John declared their faithfulness to God! (Fear God not Man, Mt. 10:28)
  - C. Praise to God erupted, God will be glorified! (Ps. 2)

Application: God's empowerment of Peter and John was a direct result of the indwelling Holy Spirit. This is an historic narrative revealing how God builds His church and expands His Kingdom on earth by the sovereign power of His Holy Spirit working through His people.

1. Peter and John spoke with an astonishing boldness.
2. The leaders of the Jews sought to deny the reality of God's power.
3. Peter and John responded to threats by clearly stating man's reasonable response to God is to fear Him.