

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
The Lord's Day, November 28, 2021
The First Sunday of Advent
Greeting, Welcome and Announcements

Silent Preparation : ¹⁰ Then I said, "I will appeal to this,
to the years of the right hand of the Most High."

¹¹ I will remember the deeds of the LORD;
yes, I will remember your wonders of old.

¹² I will ponder all your work,
and meditate on your mighty deeds.

¹³ Your way, O God, is holy.
What god is great like our God?

¹⁴ You are the God who works wonders;
you have made known your might among the peoples.

¹⁵ You with your arm redeemed your people,
the children of Jacob and Joseph. Selah Psalm 77:10-15

Call to Worship: Zephaniah 3:14-15

Hymn #21 "Sing Praise to the Lord!" (Henry W. Baker, 1875)

Responsive Reading: Psalm 96, Trinity Hymnal p. 819-20

Hymn # 193 "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" (Liturgy of St. James, 5th Century)

Corporate Prayer of Confession

O God, may Thy Spirit speak in me that I may speak to thee. I have no merit; let the merit of Jesus stand for me. I am undeserving, but I look to Thy tender mercy. I am full of infirmities, wants, sin; Thou art full of grace. Thou hast struck a heavy blow at my pride, at the false god of self, and I lie in pieces before Thee. But Thou hast given me another master and lord, Thy Son, Jesus, and now my heart is turned towards holiness, my life speeds as an arrow from a bow towards complete obedience to Thee. Grant me grace to bear Thy will without repining, and delight to be not only chiseled, squared, or fashioned, but separated from the old rock where I have been embedded so long, and lifted from the quarry to the upper air, where I may be built in Christ forever. Amen. ("Heart Corruptions", the Valley of Vision)

Silent Confession

Declaration of God's Forgiveness

Hymn # 518 "Christ of All My Hopes the Ground" (Ralph Wardlaw, 1817)

The Affirmation of Faith: The WCOF, Chapter XVI, Par. I and II, Hymnal pp. 857, "Of Good Works"

We Pray for Christ's Church and the World

Worship through Tithes & Offerings

(Parents may dismiss their children who are 3-5 yrs. old to participate in Our Children's Prayer, Teaching, and Worship Time in Our Prayer Chapel)

(Offertory in Song Hymn #194 O Come, O Come Emmanuel - Choir)

Hymn #733 "Doxology" (Thomas Ken, 1709)

Reading and Proclamation of the Word

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 22:12-21

New Testament Reading: Philippians 3:8-11

Hymn #154 "Thou Art The Way" (George W. Doane, 1824)

Sermon: Acts 9:19b-25, "Proof" Rev. Lou Tiscione

Hymn #301, "Join All the Glorious Names" (Isaac Watts, 1707)

Benediction

Acts 9:19b-25
"Proof... Compelling, yet Rejected"
The Rev. Louis B. Tiscione

Passage Summary: After Saul was converted, he proclaimed the gospel in Damascus and when opposition arose God demonstrated His sovereignty by an act of His Providence.

- I. 9:19b-22 (Proclamation): After being converted, Saul preached the gospel in Damascus for some time.
 - A. "Some days," Cf. Gal. 1:18, Saul/Paul preached in Damascus for 3 yrs.
 - B. Saul's place for preaching = Synagogues.
 - C. Saul's content = the Person and Work of Christ
 - 1. Person, "He (Jesus) is the Son of God"
 - 2. Work, "Jesus was the Christ," the anointed one of God to save His people
 - D. Testimony to the truth, the gospel
 - 1. Saul's changed life
 - 2. The Church's reception of Saul
 - 3. The piercing work of the Word and Spirit, "confounded (sun-exunen, bewildering, thrown into confusion) the Jews"
- II. 9:23-25 (Providence): God demonstrated His sovereignty by an act of His providence that thwarted the plans of evil men.
 - A. After "many days" the confounding built to rage, murderous intent.
 - B. The church demonstrated wisdom
 - C. God's act of providence demonstrated His sovereignty

Application: Saul was God's "chosen instrument," Acts 9:15

- 1. Phil. 1:6, God completes what He begins.

Jesus said that He would build His church, even Hell could not stand against His will! Mt. 16:18 – God executes His decrees by His acts of Providence. **(God's Providence)**
- 2. God works through His Church to spread the gospel, Mt. 16:18; 28:18-20; Acts 19:10; 2Tim. 4:2. **(God's Sovereign Will)**
- 3. The Old Testament reveals the Person and Work of Christ, Gen. 3:15; Ps. 2; Is. 52-53; Lk. 24:27. **(God's Revealed Plan of Redemption)**