

Service of Worship

Preparing for worship - For our spiritual edification and for the benefit of one another, let us spend the time before worship in silent preparation, meditation, and prayer, reading Scripture and familiarizing ourselves with today's Scripture readings, prayers, and hymns.

Leader: The Lord be with you!
People: The Lord bless you!

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

God Calls Us

PRELUDE

CALL TO WORSHIP Zephaniah 3:14-17

Leader: Let us rise and worship God! In the name of the Father, of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
People: **Amen!**

† INTROIT #92 – A Mighty Fortress is our God

† PRAYER OF ADORATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

† RESPONSIVE PSALM Psalm 28

To You I will cry, O Lord my Rock: Do not be silent to me,
Lest, if You are silent to me, I become like those who go down to the pit.

Hear the voice of my supplications When I cry to You,

When I lift up my hands toward Your holy sanctuary.

Do not take me away with the wicked And with the workers of iniquity,

Who speak peace to their neighbors, But evil is in their hearts.

Give them according to their deeds, And according to the wickedness of their endeavors;

Give them according to the work of their hands; Render to them what they deserve.

Because they do not regard the works of the Lord, Nor the operation of His hands,

He shall destroy them And not build them up.

Blessed be the Lord, Because He has heard the voice of my supplications!

The Lord is my strength and my shield;

My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped;

Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I will praise Him.

The Lord is their strength,

And He is the saving refuge of His anointed.

Save Your people, And bless Your inheritance;

Shepherd them also, And bear them up forever.

Leader: The Lord is near to all who call upon Him in Truth
People: **He will hear their cry and save them!**

† HYMN OF APPROACH #302 – Come, Christians, Join to Sing

God Cleanses Us

CONFESSION OF SIN

(kneeling, if able)

Leader: Let us humbly kneel and confess our sins to Almighty God:

Leader: Father of mercy,

People: **It is Your will that we should love You with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbor as ourselves, but we fall short. We confess that our affections continually turn away from You: from purity to lust, from freedom to slavery, from compassion to indifference, and from love to selfishness. Forgive our sin and have mercy on Your people for the sake of your Son. Cause us to order our lives by Your Holy Word and to make Your commandments the joy of our hearts. Conform us to the image of your loving Son, that we may live for Your Glory, and show forth Your light into a dark world. Amen!**

Leader: Arise, and hear the good news!

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Colossians 1:12-14

Leader: Brothers and sisters, your sins are forgiven and your lives are rescued in our Lord Jesus Christ and His victory over the grave. Believe this, and rejoice!



Leader: Lift up your hearts!

People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God!

People: **It is proper and right to do so.**

God Consecrates Us

† Gospel Reading Matthew 12:30-37

† Epistle Reading James 3:1-13

Leader: The Word of the Lord -

People: **Thanks be to God!**

PASTORAL PRAYER

† SERMON TEXT 1 Timothy 4:11-16

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SERMON *Watch Your Life and Doctrine*
Pastor Jay Barfield

† HYMN OF RESPONSE #600 – He Leadeth Me

God Communes With Us

Leader: Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!

People: **And His mercy endures forever!**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S TABLE

Passing of the Bread #347 – *The Church's One Foundation* (vv. 1-3)

Passing of the Wine #347 – *The Church's One Foundation* (vv. 4-6)

Leader: The Body and Blood of our Lord strengthen and preserve you steadfast in the true faith until life everlasting, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen!**

† GLORIA PATRI #735

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

† CONFESSION OF FAITH *Apostles' Creed*

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 Spirit, 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 Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

God Commissions Us

† BENEDICTION

DOXOLOGY *(with hands uplifted)*

**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.
Amen!**

¹ † The congregation will please stand

