



Ascension PCA

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A community of worshipping, maturing,
and multiplying disciples of Jesus Christ,
to the glory of God the Father,
by the power of His Spirit,
and in the hope of God's Kingdom.

WELCOME TO ASCENSION!

Thank you for joining us for worship today.

**We are delighted that you are here,
especially if this is your first time with us.**

- **Connect Cards:** We would love to know that you were here this morning and encourage you to fill in a Connect Cards so that we can follow up with you, answer your questions, or pray for you. We also invite you to join us for refreshments and conversation after the service.
- **To Parents of Young Children:** We have a staffed nursery for babies to age 3 across the hallway. We encourage younger children to remain with us and participate during the service. They are not a distraction! Feel free to sit up front where your child can more easily see and hear what is happening.
- **Bibles:** If you don't have a copy of God's Word, please help yourself to one of the free Bibles as our gift to you to take home.
- **APC @ a Glance:** Please feel free to join us for any of our weekly events and fellowship opportunities. More information can be found on the blue sheets on the welcome table.

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A WORD ABOUT OUR LITURGY

The elements and sequence that make up our worship service (the liturgy) is the way we tell ourselves, one another, and all in this place, the grand story of the Triune God:
the story of God pursuing a people despite their wanderings and forgetfulness, and shaping them into His people for His glory.



QUIETING OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

*O God Most High, Most Glorious,
The thought of Your infinite serenity cheers me,
for I am toiling and moiling, troubled and distressed,
but You are forever at perfect peace.
Your power knows no bond, Your goodness no stint.
The Lord God omnipotent reigneth.*

*I come to You as a sinner with cares and sorrows,
to leave every concern entirely to You,
every sin calling for Christ's precious blood;
revive deep spirituality in my heart.
Let me live near to the great Shepherd,
hear His voice, know its tones, follow its calls.*

~ Resting on God from the Valley of Vision (modified)

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

We gather at the invitation of God through His Word.
He speaks first, revealing Himself to us,
and we respond with one voice in joy and thanksgiving!

CALL TO WORSHIP

Deuteronomy 7:9 & 32:4

M: The LORD your God is God; He is the faithful God,
keeping His covenant of love to a thousand generations
of those who love Him and keep His commands.

P: **He is the Rock, His works are perfect,
and all His ways are just.
A faithful God who does no wrong,
upright and just is He.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION & ADORATION

SONGS OF PRAISE

Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah (Psalm 146)

**Hallelujah, praise Jehovah,
O my soul, Jehovah praise.
I will sing the glorious praises
of my God through all my days.
Put no confidence in princes,
nor for help on man depend.
He shall die, to dust returning,
and His purposes shall end.**

**Happy is the man that chooses
Israel's God to be his aid;
He is blessed whose hope of blessing
on the Lord his God is stayed.
Heav'n and earth the Lord created,
seas and all that they contain;
He delivers from oppression,
righteousness He will maintain.**

**Food He daily gives the hungry,
sets the mourning prisoner free.
Raises those bowed down with anguish,
makes the sightless eye to see.**

**Well Jehovah loves the righteous,
and the stranger He befriends,
Helps the fatherless and widow,
judgment on the wicked sends.**

**Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah,
O my soul, Jehovah praise;
I will sing the glorious praises
of my God through all my days.
Over all God reigns forever,
through all ages He is King;
Unto Him, your God, O Zion,
joyful hallelujahs sing.**

Words from *The Trinity Psalter* (1912); alt.
Music: Gregorian chant, arr. by Lowell Mason (1839)
PUBLIC DOMAIN

Only You

**You have known my every situation,
and Your goodness sustains me, Lord;
I will bow in humble expectation
of Your presence in the storm.**

**Yes, there will be trial and tribulation,
and You'll grant me breath to persevere.
May my heart beat in pure anticipation,
of the day You'll dry these tears.**

***Only You have set the earth on its foundation,
Only You give orders to the dawn,
Only You can know the depths of every ocean,
Only You deserve our song.***

**Lord, You are the thunder to my whisper,
yes, Your greatness knows no bounds.
All these things too wonderful to speak of,
fill my soul with a heavenly sound.**

***Only You have set the earth on its foundation,
Only You give orders to the dawn,
Only You can know the depths of every ocean,
Only You deserve our song.***

***Only You have torn the cover off the darkness,
You expose the evils of the night.
Only You reveal Your glory to the humble,
Only You are clothed in light.***

**Here I am in the valley of decision,
I know You hear me when I call,
I repent of my prideful disposition;
where was I when the stars sang out?**

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GOD CLEANSSES US

We gather each week as sinners in constant need of His mercy. The corporate confession of sin acknowledges this and invites honest expression before God. However, God isn't silent as we cry out to Him — He assures us that His grace is bigger than our sin. God's forgiveness is for all those who humble themselves before Him in Christ Jesus.

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

John 10:22-41

²² At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³ and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴ So the Jews gathered around Him and said to Him, "How long will You keep us in suspense? If You are the Christ, tell us plainly."

²⁵ Jesus answered them, "I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in My Father's name bear witness about Me, ²⁶ but you do not believe because you are not among My sheep. ²⁷ My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. ²⁸ I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of My hand.

²⁹ My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father's hand.

³⁰ I and the Father are one."

³¹ The Jews picked up stones again to stone Him. ³² Jesus answered them, "I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone Me?"

³³ The Jews answered Him, "It is not for a good work that we are going to stone You but for blasphemy, because You, being a man, make Yourself God."

³⁴ Jesus answered them, "Is it not written in your Law, 'I said, you are gods?' ³⁵ If he called them gods to whom the word of God came — and Scripture cannot be broken — ³⁶ do you say of Him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, 'You are blaspheming,' because I said, 'I am the Son of God?' ³⁷ If I am not doing the works of My Father,

then do not believe Me; ³⁸ but if I do them, even though you do not believe Me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in Me and I am in the Father.” ³⁹ Again they sought to arrest Him, but He escaped from their hands.

⁴⁰ He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first, and there He remained. ⁴¹ And many came to Him. And they said, “John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.”

CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

**P: Merciful God,
Give us true and sober judgment about ourselves,
and honest courage to admit what sinners we are.
Convict us daily of our sin
and of our goodness, of which we are so proud,
and never let us escape from our need of a Savior.
Help us to live a life of honesty before others,
confessing our sin
and asking for their help to see more clearly.
Rescue us from the love of our own reputation,
and change our hearts, we pray.
Cause us to see Jesus daily,
to love Him deeply,
and to become like Him as we adore Him. Amen.**

SILENT CONFESSION OF SIN

*In these moments, we confess our personal sins to God
so that we may take hold of the forgiveness
won for us by Christ, our Redeemer.*

PROMISE OF FORGIVENESS

2 Corinthians 5:17–18, 21

M: If anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
All this is from God,
who through Christ reconciled us to Himself...
For our sake He made Him to be sin who knew no sin,
so that in Him we might become
the righteousness of God.

SONGS OF ASSURANCE

How Deep the Father's Love For Us

**How deep the Father's love for us;
how vast beyond all measure,
That He would give His only Son
to make a wretch His treasure.**

**How great the pain of searing loss;
the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the chosen One
bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the Man upon a cross;
my guilt upon His shoulders.
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.**

**It was my sin that held Him there,
until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life,
I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything:
no gifts, no power, no wisdom.
But I will boast in Jesus Christ,
His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer.
But this I know with all my heart,
His wounds have paid my ransom.**

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GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Holy Spirit makes the reading and preaching of God's Word a crucial means of growing and comforting God's people and awakening people to new faith in Jesus.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING OF THE WORD

Psalm 131

- 1 O LORD, my heart is not lifted up;
my eyes are not raised too high;
I do not occupy myself with things
too great and too marvelous for me.
- 2 But I have calmed and quieted my soul,
like a weaned child with its mother;
like a weaned child is my soul within me.
- 3 O Israel, hope in the LORD
from this time forth and forevermore.

GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

PREACHING OF THE WORD

“Like a Child”

Pastor Nate Hitchcock

PRAYER

SERMON NOTES: _____

GIVING TO THE LORD

Lamentations 3:22-23

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
His mercies never come to an end;
they are new every morning;
great is Your faithfulness.

SONG OF THANKSGIVING

I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)

**Out of the depths I cry to You,
in darkest places I will call,
Incline Your ear to me anew,
and hear my cry for mercy, Lord.**

**Were You to count my sinful ways,
how could I come before Your throne?
Yet, full forgiveness meets my gaze,
I stand redeemed by grace alone.**

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You,
on Your word I will rely.*

*I will wait for You, surely wait for You
till my soul is satisfied.*

**So put Your hope in God alone,
take courage in His power to save,
Completely and forever won
by Christ emerging from the grave.**

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You,
on Your word I will rely.*

*I will wait for You, surely wait for You
till my soul is satisfied.*

**Now He has come to make a way,
and God Himself has paid the price,
That all who trust in Him today
find healing in His sacrifice.**

*I will wait for You, I will wait for You
through the storm and through the night.*

*I will wait for You, surely wait for You,
for Your love is my delight.*

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GOD COMMUNES WITH US

The Lord's Supper is a meal for the family of God, given by Jesus the night before His death to be celebrated until His return. It points back to the cross, forward to the return of King, and spiritually nourishes us for today as we eat and drink in faith.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

CONFESSING OUR FAITH TOGETHER

The Apostles' Creed

**P: 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,
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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 sits on the right hand of God
the Father Almighty;**

**from there 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.**

DOXOLOGY

**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.**

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Please come forward to receive the elements from the elders at the table, then return to your seats. Please HOLD elements until we can all partake TOGETHER.

SONG OF MEDITATION

I Delight (Isaiah 61:10)

**I delight, greatly in the LORD,
my soul rejoices in my God.**

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my soul rejoices in my God.**

**For He has clothed me
with garments of salvation;
He has arrayed me
in robes of righteousness.**

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with garments of salvation;
He has arrayed me
in robes of righteousness.**

**As a bridegroom adorns
his head like a priest,
As a bride adorns her head with jewels...**

**For He has clothed me
with garments of salvation;
He has arrayed me
in robes of righteousness.**

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in robes of righteousness.**

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my soul rejoices in my God.**

GOD SENDS US

We end by receiving God's promises to us as His people.
He will be with us as we serve Him in this world,
to the end of all time.

BENEDICTION



ASCENSION PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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9:00AM: Discipleship Hour

**10:00AM: Worship Service
(in-person & livestream)**

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