

NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

Sunday, January 1, 2023

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

*Congregation asked to stand if able when indicated by **

Prelude

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. So I will bless you as long as I live; in your name I will lift up my hands. Psalm 63:3-4

*Call to Worship

Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD, O my Soul! I will praise the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praises to my God while I have my being. Blessed is he whose help is the God of Jacob, whose hope is in the LORD his God, who made heaven and earth. The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down; the LORD loves the righteous. The LORD will reign forever, your God, O Zion, to all Generations. Praise the LORD! Psalm 146:1-3,5,10

*Hymn of Adoration #295

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession

Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you. Matthew 5:3-12

Corporate Confession of Sin

O Lord, our sin is great and ever before us. We have made our hearts as hard as stone. We have refused to listen, and turned away from you with the shrug of a stubborn shoulder. How we have hated instruction! Our

heart has despised reproof. We have not obeyed the voice of our teachers, and refused to offer a listening ear to those that would instruct us. O Lord, forgive us for the stubbornness of our wills and our constant resistance to every suggestion that we should live in submission to the law of God. Amen. Matthew Henry (A Way to Pray, 40)

Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always chide,

nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,

so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father shows compassion to his children,

so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him. Psalm 103:8-13

Hymn of Thanksgiving #679

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus”

Children's Sermon

Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy Name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen

Tithes and Offerings

Thanks be to God for his inexpressible gift! 2 Cor. 9:15

*Doxology #731

(Tallis Canon)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Preparation #170

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

*Reading of Scripture

Matthew 2:1-12 (page 1026)

***Gloria Patri #735**

(Greateorex)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "A Kingdom Conundrum"

***Hymn of Response #218** "Angels, from the Realms of Glory"

***Benediction**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. 2 Cor. 13:14

Postlude

Announcements and Upcoming Events

Tuesday, January 10th

9:00 am Presbytery - Woodland PCA
Hattiesburg, MS

Nursery Schedule

January 1: Beth Bee

January 8: Sandra Tipton

January 15: Ruthie Hinton

January 22: Nancy Hungerford

Church Leadership at New Covenant

Ruling Elders (Session) – Joseph Byrne, Tommy Ellett, Richard Griffing

Elder Emeritus – Frank Heard *Teaching Elder* - John Franklin

Treasurer- Andy Montgomery

Nursery is provided in Decker Hall for children under 5 years old.

Sermon audio is available on our website.



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