

NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

Sunday, March 26, 2023

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

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

Prelude

Let us offer to God acceptable worship, with reverence and awe. Hebrews 12:28

*Call to Worship

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name! Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits, who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's. Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion. Bless the Lord, O my soul! Psalm 103:1-5,22

***Hymn of Adoration #76** "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Prayer of Invocation

Responsive Reading - Psalm 22 (page 790 in Trinity Hymnal)

Call to Confession

"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened. Or which one of you, if his son asks him for bread, will give him a stone? Or if he asks for a fish, will give him a serpent? If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will your Father who is in heaven give good things to those who ask him! Matthew 7:7-11

Corporate Confession of Sin

O Lord, we have sinned against you in grievous ways. We have set our affections on things below, when they should have been set on things above. We have been consumed with the pursuit of vanities that lie to us. We have even forsaken your mercies that you have so graciously offered to us. We have been full of care about what we will eat, what we will drink, and how we will be clothed. Instead of seeking first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, we have focused our whole life on things central to godless unbelievers. We have set our affection on things that are seen, which last only for a little awhile. But the things that will continue throughout eternity we have disbelieved, postponed, or forgotten. O Lord, forgive us of our sins of idolatry. Amen. Matthew Henry (*A Way to Pray*, 42)

Assurance of Pardon

For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord. Romans 6:23

Hymn of Thanksgiving #253 "There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood"

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

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and perform your vows to the Most High, and call upon me in the day of trouble; I will deliver you, and you shall glorify me." Psalm 50:14-15

***Doxology #731**

(Tallis Canon)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Preparation #252 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

***Reading of Scripture**

Mark 15:21-39 **(pg. 1085)**

***Gloria Patri #735**

(Gretorex)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "The Necessity of the Cross"

***Hymn of Response #263**

"Lift High the Cross"

*Benediction

Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will, working in us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever. Amen. Hebrews 13:20-21

Announcements and upcoming events:

Saturday, April 1st - 11 am - Church Picnic & Easter Egg Hunt

Hal and Brenda Hicks are hosting a church-wide picnic at 11:00 am at their home. The egg hunt will begin at 11 and lunch at noon. Brisket, lemonade, and tea will be provided and everyone is asked to bring a side dish to share. Bring your own chair and a basket for any children who will want to hunt eggs. The Hicks address is 600 Highway 61 South, directly across from the Beau Pre Country Club. Be sure to invite your friends!

Thursday, April 6th - 6:00 pm - Maundy Thursday Communion Service

Sunday, April 9th

8 am - Easter Sunrise Service - the home of John and Ginna Holyoak

96 Dunbar Rd; Road directly across from Mammy's Cupboard

9:30 Breakfast at Decker Hall

10:30 Easter Worship Service

April 18: 6 pm First Press Hazlehurst Mens Gathering

April 22 - 8 am - Church grounds workday

April 23- 9:30 - Mark Horn to give church planting report in Sunday school and preach the worship service at 10:30

May 4th - 12 pm - National Day of Prayer on the Natchez bluff at noon. This is put on by the Ministerial Alliance of Adams County. Bring a bagged lunch and chair and join us for your lunch hour as we pray together as a community. Pastor John will be participating in the prayer time.

May 7th - Celebrating 30 years of New Covenant; Ligon Duncan to preach; dinner on the grounds

May 9th - Host 165th stated meeting of Grace Presbytery

May 11th - 12pm - 1 pm. Bible Study. We will plan to study from 12:15 - 12:45. Plan to come and go as your schedule permits. Pastor John will be teaching on the book of Acts. Bring your lunch and invite a friend as we study the Bible together.

June 12-16 - PCA General Assembly in Memphis, TN

Nursery Schedule

March 26: Nancy Hungerford

April 2: Cathy Ellett

April 9: Lynn Britt

April 16: Nancye M.

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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