

NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN

Order of Worship for Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 16, 2023

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

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

Prelude

But I, through the abundance of your steadfast love, will enter your house. I will bow down toward your holy temple in the fear of you. Psalm 5:7

*Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness! Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name! For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations. Psalm 100

*Hymn of Adoration #2

“O Worship the King”

Prayer of Invocation

Confession of Faith - Westminster Larger Catechism

Q184: For what things are we to pray?

A184: We are to pray for all things tending to the glory of God, the welfare of the church, our own or others' good; but not for anything that is unlawful.

Call to Confession

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise. Psalm 51

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. 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. John 10:11, 27-29

Hymn of Thanksgiving #498

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners”

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

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

*Doxology #731

(Tallis Canon)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Preparation #648

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

*Reading of Scripture

Matthew 28:16-20 **(pg. 1062)**

*Gloria Patri #735

(Gretorex)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon:

“Christ's Commission to His Church”

*Hymn of Response #572

“Onward, Christian Soldiers”

*Benediction

May 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

Announcements and upcoming events:

April 18th - 1 pm - 6 pm - Blood drive for Miller Gamberi and Rose Borum at St. Mary's Family Life Center on Main Street, Natchez

April 18th: 6 pm First Presbyterian Hazlehurst Mens Gathering

April 20th: 5 pm Session meeting

April 22 - 8 am - Church grounds workday

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

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.

Nursery Schedule

April 16: Nancye M.
April 23: Ginna Holyoak
April 30: Kati Trotter
May 7: Beth Bee

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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