

# NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

Sunday, April 2, 2023

10:30 am

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## Welcome and Announcements

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

## Prelude

My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is his name. Luke 1:47,49

## \*Call to Worship

The next day the large crowd that had come to the feast heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!" John 12:12-13

## \*Hymn of Adoration #235

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

## Prayer of Invocation

## Confession of Faith - Westminster Larger Catechism

Q182: How does the Spirit help us to pray?

**A182: Because we do not know for what to pray as we ought, the Spirit helps our weaknesses, by enabling us to understand both for whom and what, and how prayer is to be made; and by working and making alive in our hearts (although not in all persons, nor at all times in the same measure) those understandings, affections and graces that are necessary for the right performance of that duty.**

## Call to Confession

So whatever you wish that others would do to you, do also to them, for this is the Law and the Prophets. Enter by the narrow gate. For the gate is wide and the way is easy that leads to destruction, and those who enter by it are many. For the gate is narrow and the way is hard that leads to life, and those who find it are few. Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves. You will recognize them by their fruits. Are grapes gathered from thorn-bushes, or figs from thistles? So, every healthy tree bears good fruit, but the diseased tree bears bad fruit. A healthy tree cannot bear bad fruit, nor can a diseased tree bear good fruit. Every tree that does not

bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. Thus you will recognize them by their fruits. Matthew 7:12-20

## Silent Confession of Sin

### 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 103:9-13

## Hymn of Thanksgiving # 465 "Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord"

## 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

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God. Hebrews 13:16

## \*Doxology #731

*(Tallis Canon)*

## \*Prayer of Thanksgiving

## Hymn of Preparation - Insert "Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery"

## \*Reading of Scripture

Mark 15:40-47 **(pg. 1085)**

## \*Gloria Patri #735

*(Gretorex)*

## Prayer for Illumination

## Sermon:

"Dead Dead"

**\*Hymn of Response #307**

“Nothing But the Blood”

**\*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:**

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

**Sunday, April 9th - Easter Sunday**

**8 am** - Easter Sunrise Service - the home of John and Ginna Holyoak  
96 Dunbar Rd; Road directly across from Mammy's Cupboard; bring a chair

**9:30** Breakfast at Decker Hall

**10:30** Easter Worship Service

**April 18:** 6 pm First Presbyterian 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.

**Nursery Schedule**

**April 2:** Cathy Ellett

**April 9:** Lynn Britt

**April 16:** Nancye M.

**April 23:** Ginna Holyoak

**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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