

NEW COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN

Order of Worship for Easter Sunday

Sunday, April 23, 2023

10:30 am

Welcome and Announcements

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

Prelude

Awesome is God from his sanctuary; the God of Israel - he is the one who gives power and strength to his people. Blessed be God! Psalm 68:35

*Call to Worship

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you!
The earth has yielded its increase; God, our God, shall bless us.
God shall bless us, let all the ends of the earth fear him! Psalm 67

*Hymn of Adoration #100

“Holy, Holy, Holy!”

Prayer of Invocation

Confession of Faith - Westminster Larger Catechism

Q185: How are we to pray?

A185: We are to pray with an awe-inspiring understanding of the majesty of God, and deep sense of our own unworthiness, needs, and sins; with repentant, thankful and open hearts; with understanding, faith, sincerity, emotion, love and perseverance, waiting for Him with humble submission to His will.

Call to Confession

Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial, for when he has stood the test he will receive the crown of life, which God has promised to those who love him. Let no one say when he is tempted, “I am being tempted by God,” for God cannot be tempted with evil, and he himself tempts no one. But each person is tempted when he is lured and enticed by his own desire. Then desire when it has conceived gives birth to sin, and sin when it is fully grown brings forth death. James 1:12-15

Silent Confession of Sin

Assurance of Pardon

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us/ If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse afresh from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:8-9

Hymn of Thanksgiving #465 “Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord”

Children’s Sermon

Missionary Report - Mark Horn, PCA Church Planter in Ocean Springs, MS

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

Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. And thereby put me to the test, says the Lord of hosts. Malachi 3:10

*Doxology #731

(Tallis Canon)

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

Hymn of Preparation #441

“Jesus Shall Reign”

*Reading of Scripture

Luke 15:1-24 (pg. 1112)

*Gloria Patri #735

(Gretorex)

Prayer for Illumination

Sermon:

“When God Ran”

Mark Horn

*Hymn of Response #457

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*Benediction

Announcements and upcoming events:

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 - 9 am - 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 23: Ginna Holyoak

April 30: Kati Trotter

May 7: Beth Bee

May 14: Hannah Griffing

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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