

# ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

June 1, 2025

Ascension Sunday

# Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

The order of worship for the evening service begins on page 8.

## THE GLORY OF THE ASCENDED KING

- I. Maestoso
- II. Andante Sostenuto

Leo Davis, organ

 CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 47:5-8.
 Barton Kimbro

God has gone up with a shout,

The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

Sing praises to God, sing praises!

Sing praises to our King, sing praises!

For God is the King of all the earth;

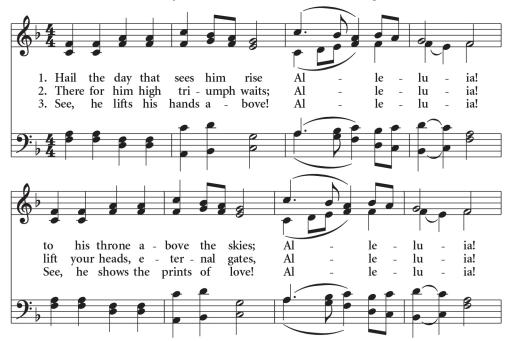
Sing praises with a psalm!

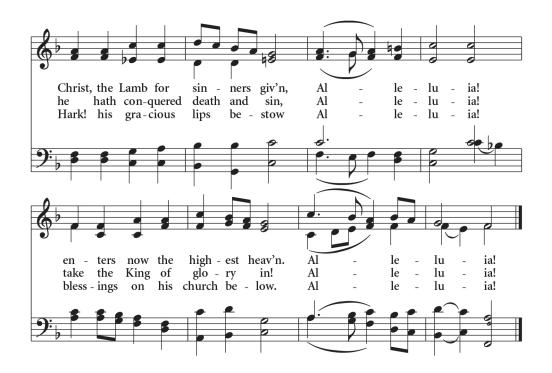
God reigns over the nations;

God sits on his holy throne.

♦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 249 "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" . . . . . . . . . . . . LLANFAIR

Words: Charles Wesley / Music: Robert Williams; arr. Mack Wilberg / Psalm 24:7





### **†**INVOCATION

 \*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 1:6-11
 Elizabeth Wall (8:15)

 Min Song (11:00)

So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?" He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons that the Father has fixed by his own authority.

But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth."

And when he had said these things, as they were looking on, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold, two men stood by them in white robes, and said,

"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven? This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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Lord, beyond our mortal sight, Alleluia! Raise our hearts to reach Thy height; Alleluia! There Thy face unclouded see, Alleluia! Find our heav'n of heav'ns in Thee! Alleluia!

# The Grace of the Ascended King

### CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, our great High Priest, who has ascended to the right hand of God to make intercession for us, have mercy upon us, for we have sinned against You and have done that which is evil in Your sight. Forgive our foolishness and our hard-heartedness. Cleanse us from our sin and renew a right spirit within us, that we might worship and serve You aright as the King of kings and Lord of lords, now and forevermore.

### INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

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Music: Dan Forrest / John 14:27

Peace, shalom.

Peace, I leave with you, Peace I give to you:

Peace, shalom.

Peace, I leave with you, My peace I give to you:

Peace, shalom.

Not as this world gives, I give to you.

Do not be afraid

Shalom, my peace I leave with you.

Peace, shalom.

Calvin and Jauna Ellis, duet

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** 

Pastoral Resident

## THE WORD OF THE ASCENDED KING

### ♦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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.

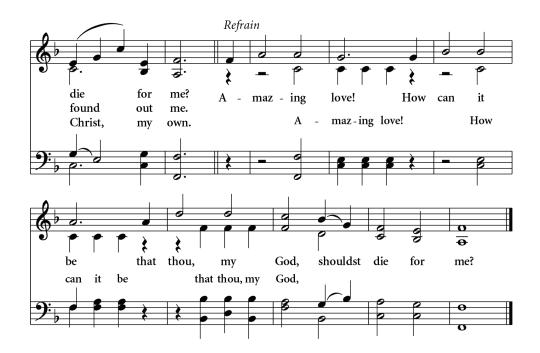
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words: William P. Mackay / Music: John J. Husband / Psalm 47:6



SCRIPTURE LESSON. Galatians 1:1-9 (page 972 in pew Bible) The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8) SERMON: Astonishing! Todd Erickson PRAYER OF COMMITMENT Words: Charles Wesley / Music: Thomas Campbell / Romans 5:8 should 1. And can it be that gain an in t'rest 2. He left his Fa ther's throne a bove (so free, so 4. No con-dem na tion now dread; Je sus, and 00 the Sav - ior's blood? Died he for me, who caused his grace!), fi nite his hum - bled him self (so great his in all him, mine! live in liv - ing in is him, my pain? For who me, him to death pur sued? maz - ing love!), and bled for all cho - sen race. 'Tis mer - cy his clothed with righ bold Head, and teous - ness di vine, ap love! How that God, shouldst can it be thou, my all, im free; for, O God, mense and my it proach th'e ter nal throne, and claim the crown, through



## **†**BENEDICTION

**†**CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

♦ Indicates congregation standing

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# Sunday Night Worship

6:00 p.m.



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Words and Music: Jason Ingram, Leslie Jordan, David Leonard; arr. Travis Cottrell / Psalm 145:3

♦ Congregation stands and joins at worship team's direction



So I throw up my hands and praise You again and again, Cause all that I have is a hallelujah, hallelujah! And I know it's not much, but I've nothing else fit for a King, Except for a heart singing hallelujah, hallelujah!

#### **♦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

## **†GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Laci and Logan Bean, Colt Childress\*, Christy Daniels, Laska Darling, Leslie Darling, Alexandria Dawes, Angela and Steve Montoya, Caroline and Justin Montoya, Jessica and Matthew Morris, Townsend Myers, Joshua Pease, Nate Rogers, R'Tisha Smith

\*to be baptized

#### MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now promise and resolve, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to serve Christ in His church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this church Session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the church?

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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#### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

 PROFESSION OF FAITH
 The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth;

and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead and buried;

He descended into hell;

the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

the holy catholic church;

the communion of saints:

the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting. Amen.

#### PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

### SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Words: Charlotte Elliott / Music: William B. Bradbury / John 6:37



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Words and Music: Aaron Moses, Chuck Butler, Enrique Holmes, Jesse Cline / Luke 15:11-32

Wandering into the night, wanting a place to hide This weary soul, this bag of bones, And I try with all my might, but I just can't win the fight; I'm slowly drifting, a vagabond.

And just when I ran out of road, I met a Man I didn't know, And He told me that I was not alone.

He picked me up, He turned me around, He placed my feet on solid ground. I thank the Master, I thank the Savior, Because He healed my heart, He changed my name, Forever free, I'm not the same. I thank the Master, I thank the Savior-I thank God!

I cannot deny what I see; got no choice but to believe— My doubts are burning like ashes in the wind. So, so long to my old friends, burden and bitterness, You can just keep it moving, nah, you ain't welcome here!

From now 'til I walk the streets of gold, I'll sing of how You saved my soul. This wayward son has found his way back home.

Oh, hell lost another one, I am free. I am free, I am free.

### **†**BENEDICTION

**†**GOSPEL AMEN

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# Welcome, New Members!

Following tonight's service, please join us in the Connector to greet our new members!



Laci & Logan Bean Parkway/Graham Parish



Colt Childress Kirby Woods Parish



Christy Daniels Audubon Parish



Laska Darling Shelby Farms Parish



Leslie Darling Shelby Farms Parish



Alexandria Dawes West Parish



Angela & Steve Montoya Kirby Woods Parish



Caroline & Justin Montoya West Parish



Jessica & Matthew Morris Shelby Farms Parish



Townsend Myers Germantown Parish



Joshua Pease Sea Isle Parish



Nate Rogers West Parish



R'Tisha Smith White Station Parish

# Caring Ministry Update

## Congratulations to:

Jack and Sydney Steffner on the birth of a son, *John Collier Steffner*, May 17, 2025. Paternal grandparents are Joe and Margaret Steffner. **In the Hospital** (as of 5/28/25): Faust Reynolds, *Baptist Collierville* 

## Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions-Abbie: Having served as a teacher in Central-South Asia since September 2024, Abbie will return to the States this month for a short home assignment. Abbie is grateful for the way that the Lord has blessed her first year in Asia. Let's join her in thanking our Heavenly Father for helping her adjust to a new culture and a new language, granting her favor and good rapport with her students, giving her unity and fellowship with her team, and allowing her to share the gospel with new friends and acquaintances. Pray that the Holy Spirit will move in the heart of a friend who is considering Christianity to repent and believe the glorious gospel. Pray for refreshment for Abbie while she is on home assignment along with travel mercies and opportunities to connect with family, friends, and supporters.

Mission Memphis—Memphis Teacher Residency: Memphis Teacher Residency (MTR) trains prospective teachers in a yearlong residency model through graduate courses, classroom internship, and personalized coaching. They believe that educational inequality is one of the greatest social justice and civil rights issues in America today and that God calls His people to go into all the world to offer love and seek justice for all. Please pray for MTR as they seek to love their neighbors and help restore communities to lives of dignity and peace. Pray for more prayer partners to join their growing team—the goal is to reach 100 prayer partners by the end of 2025, each offering one-sentence prayers. Finally, pray for the teachers, that they would be taught by God's love and grace and, in turn, teach with and offer the same to their students and colleagues.

**2PC Ministry-Children's Ministry:** The Children's Ministry desires to see children know God intimately through Jesus Christ, trusting in Him alone to save, sanctify, and satisfy them. While the team equips parents to serve as their children's primary vision-casters, they also equip all 2PC members to share in the awesome responsibility of discipling our children. We're so grateful for Lucy Stevens and her seven years of faithful service on our staff! Please pray for the safe arrival of the Stevens' third baby girl and for Lucy as she steps into a new season at home with her daughters. VBS begins tomorrow—please pray that every child, whether a covenant child or visitor, experiences the love of Christ through every part of the day. Ask the Lord to strengthen and encourage our volunteers and teen helpers as they serve. Lastly, we're thankful for a joyful end to another Parents' Day Out year! Pray for the staff as they prepare for the summer term starting June 9, and for new teachers and students to feel warmly welcomed.

## Summer at Second

We've splashed into Summer, and the slower schedule for all ages leaves room on the calendar for fun ways to spend time in fellowship and grow in community.

Activities on campus for children abound. In addition, our youth will meet for Bible study and games. For adults, Crossroads young adults will meet for weekly Bible studies, Women in Ministry has a few options for fellowship and studying the Word, and our Senior Adult Ministry invites all ages to the Jubilation Jazz concert and lunch on July 10.

Visit 2pc.org/summer for more details.

## June Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of: their parents, Mr. and Mrs. John David Simpson and Dr. and Mrs. Robert Horace Miller III, by Dr. and Mrs. Andrew Miller who were married yesterday. Mrs. Miller is the former Jaci Simpson.

The flowers in the Sanctuary this month are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: Angela Elise Adhiambo Ogweno by her parents, Cecilia and Philip Ogweno; Bernice Flinn by her sons, George Jr., Fred, and Carl, and their families; Dial Boyle Jackson by the Price Morrison family; Elaine Walker and Nan Landess by their families; Herbert (Herbie) Hunt by his family; Joe Davis, Jr. and Courtney Davis-McDonnell by Mrs. Joe Davis. Jr. and Jeffrey Davis; Milbrey and Milton Knowlton and Alice and Ralph Prichard by their children, Mary Joy and Milton Knowlton, grandsons, Scott and Geoffrey Knowlton, and great grandchildren and in gratitude for: Deb Coleman by the Memphis Fellows alumni.

# General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget		This Year Actual		Variance to Budget	Prior Year Actual		Variance to Prior Year		
April	\$	846,264	\$	538,508	\$	(307,756)	\$	461,038	\$	77,470
YTD 7/1/24-4/30/25	\$	9,257,908	\$	7.954.517	\$	(1,303,391)	\$	8.263.435	\$	(308,918)

\$2.99 million of giving is needed in May and June to meet the giving budget for the fiscal year ending June 30.

Email jay.tayloe@2pc.org with questions about making appreciated stock contributions.

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