



# Ascension Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day  
September 14th, 2025

## PROCESSIONAL & PSALM 98:1-6

### ✦ CALL TO WORSHIP

### ✦ INVOCATION

### ▼ CONFESSION OF SIN

**Minister:** Let us join together in confessing our sins.

**Unison:** O my Savior, help me for I am slow to learn and prone to forget. I am pained by my graceless heart, my prayerless days, my poverty of love, my sloth in the heavenly race, my sullied conscience, my wasted hours, and my unspent opportunities. I am blind while the light shines around me: take the scales from my eyes and grind to dust my heart of unbelief. Amen.

### ✦ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Minister:** My little children, these things I write to you, so that you may not sin. And if anyone sins, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. And He Himself is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the whole world.

### ❖ HYMN SINGING

NO. 179 Hallelujah! Thine the Glory  
Psalm 141

### ✦ READING OF SCRIPTURE

Exodus 23

### ✦ CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

*I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, 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 is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit. I believe the holy catholic\* church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.*

\* Here, "catholic" means universal

### ❖ HYMN SINGING

NO. 116 For the Beauty of Earth

## ▼ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*(Each request is followed by prayers; Men are encouraged to pray aloud.)*

**Unison:** Almighty and Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we, Your beloved children, offer to You our humble praises for having preserved us from the beginning of our lives to this day. Especially do we praise You for having delivered us from the dangers and uncertainties of this past week. For these mercies we bless and magnify Your Glorious Name, humbly beseeching You to accept this our morning sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, for His sake who lay down in the grave and rose again for us, Your Son our Savior Jesus Christ. Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of Thy truth and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

**Minister:** I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our denomination; for this church; and for all ministers and missionaries. Pray for the church.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayers.

**Minister:** I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the bereaved, the burdened and for the widows, orphans, and prisoners. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayers.

**Minister:** I ask your prayers for those who do not know Christ and for those who seek a deeper knowledge of Him. Pray that they may find and be found by Him.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayers.

**Minister:** I ask your prayers for our children and future generations which will be born to them. Pray that the knowledge of the Lord will fill the earth through them.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayers.

**Minister:** Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

**People:** Lord, hear our prayers.

### ✦ PSALM SINGING

Psalm 14

### ✦ READING OF SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

### SERMON

*This Is the Will of God in Christ Jesus*  
Rev. Christopher Brenyo

### PRAYER OF APPLICATION

### OFFERINGS & OFFERTORY PRAYER

### ✦ GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.*

✧ SURSUM CORDA

**Minister:** The Lord be with you!

**People:** And also with you!

**Minister:** Lift up your hearts!

**People:** We lift them up to the Lord!

**Minister:** Let us give thanks to the Lord!

**People:** It is good and right so to do!

**Minister:** It is right and a good and joyful thing, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God; because You sent Your beloved Son to redeem us from sin and death, and to make us heirs in Him of everlasting life; that when He shall come again in power and great triumph to judge the world, we may without shame or fear rejoice to behold His appearing. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious Name, evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,*

*Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might.*

*Heav'n and earth are full, full of Thy glory.*

*Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.*

*Blessed is He who cometh, in the name of the Lord.*

*Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.*

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

**Minister:** Therefore, we proclaim the faith!

**People:** Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again!

PRAYER OF APPROACH

**Unison:** We do not presume to come to this Your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Your table. But You are the same Lord, who always shows mercy; grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of Your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink of His blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by His body, and our souls washed through His most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

RESPONSE OF THE PEOPLE

**Minister:** Christ our Passover was sacrificed for us.

**People:** Therefore, let us keep the feast!

**Minister:** The gifts of God for the people of God!

**People:** Thanks be to the Lord!

THE LORD'S TABLE

*Please come forward to receive the bread and the cup. Proceed from the front pews to back pews, making room for as many people as possible.*

COMMUNION HYMNS

420, 461, 188

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

**Unison:** Almighty and ever-living God, we thank You for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of Your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of Your Son, and heirs of Your eternal kingdom. And O Lord, grant us this other benefit: that You will never allow us to forget these things, but having them imprinted on our hearts, may we grow and increase daily in the faith which is at work in every good deed. And now, Father, send us out to do the work You have given us to do, to love and serve You as faithful witnesses of Christ, our Lord. To Him, to You, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

✧ DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from Whom all blessings flow. Praise Him, all creatures here below. Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

✧ BENEDICTION

✧ PSALM 134 & RECESSIONAL

*Behold, bless the Lord,*

*All you servants of the Lord*

*Who by night stand in the house of the Lord!*

*\*\*\*Lift up your hands in the sanctuary and bless the Lord!*

*The Lord who made heaven and earth bless you from Zion!*

\*\*\* Second group begins on second time through

AMEN!

✧ COMMISSIONING

**Minister:** Go in peace to love and serve the risen and reigning Lord Jesus Christ!

**People:** Thanks be to the Lord!

✧ Please stand, if able

▼ Please kneel, if able

## MAINTAINING A PROPER WORSHIP ATMOSPHERE

In order to maintain a proper atmosphere of worship during the service, we kindly ask that all congregants find their seats by the playing of the Prelude, utilizing that time for silent reflection before God, and preparing your hearts for worship. We ask that you silence your cell phones and refrain from all activities that are not conducive to our corporate worship service (e.g. texting, talking, etc..) God's people come to worship Him in the beauty of holiness, and true spiritual worship is our greatest joy!

## LORD'S SUPPER OBSERVANCES

Each Lord's Day, we observe the Lord's Supper as a regular part of our corporate worship service. We invite all baptized saints to join us at the Lord's Table, provided you can agree with the statement of faith below, you are a member in good standing of a Bible-believing evangelical church, and you are not under church discipline prohibiting you from communion. The baptized children of such saints are also welcome to partake, so long as it does not conflict with the position of the elders under whom they are cared for. However, **ALL** adults and children are invited forward, and will be prayed for if not partaking in the meal.

### Confession for receiving the Lord's Supper:

- I believe the Bible, consisting of Old and New Testaments, to be the inerrant Word of God, and its doctrine of salvation to be the only true doctrine of salvation.
- I confess that because of my sinfulness, I cannot save myself. Therefore, I humble myself, and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ alone for my salvation.
- I acknowledge Jesus Christ as my sovereign Lord, and I do promise, in reliance on the grace of God, to serve Him with all that is in me, to forsake the world, to mortify the deeds of the flesh, and to lead a godly life.
- I agree to submit in the Lord to the government of His church, and in case I am found delinquent in doctrine or practice, to heed her discipline.

## Announcements

- Wednesday, September 10th at 7pm: Discipleship Groups
- Thursday, September 11th at 7pm: Men's Business Gathering at Blend & Barrel in Sanford
- Next Sunday Teaching Hour at 10:30 am
- Monthly Budget Update: 10% to Budget  
Given \$530.00  
Goal \$5,194.00

*All visitors are invited and encouraged to join us for our fellowship meal.*

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