



Ascension

Presbyterian Church

The Lord's Day
September 7th, 2025

PROCESSIONAL & PSALM 98:1-6

✧ CALL TO WORSHIP

✧ INVOCATION

▼ CONFESSION OF SIN

Minister: Let us join together in confessing our sins.

Unison: O Lord, our great God, all holy, filled with awe, Father most gracious, filled with mercy and steadfast love, incline your ear to our troubles. Hear us as we pour out our sorrows to you. Forgive us, not because of our own righteousness, but because of your great mercy in the gift of your Son, Jesus Christ. It is in his name that we pray, for he is our Savior, and the mediator of the covenant of grace. Amen.

✧ ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Minister: He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the Kingdom of the Son of His love, in whom we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins.

✧ HYMN SINGING

NO. 4 All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above
Psalm 140

✧ READING OF SCRIPTURE

Exodus 22

✧ 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. 38 Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

▼ PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

Unison: O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsel, and all just works. Give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments; and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Savior, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, God forever. Amen.

Minister: The Lord says: I am the Lord your God. You shall have no other gods before Me.

People: Lord, have mercy on us and incline our hearts to keep this Your law.

Minister: You shall not make for yourself an idol in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below.

People: Lord, have mercy on us and incline our hearts to keep this Your law.

Minister: You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain.

People: Lord, have mercy on us and incline our hearts to keep this Your law.

Minister: Remember the Sabbath day to keep it holy.

People: Lord, have mercy on us and incline our hearts to keep this Your law.

Minister: Honor your father and your mother.

People: Lord, have mercy on us and incline our hearts to keep this Your law.

Minister: You shall not kill.

People: Lord, have mercy on us and incline our hearts to keep this Your law.

Minister: You shall not commit adultery.

People: Lord, have mercy on us and incline our hearts to keep this Your law.

Minister: You shall not steal.

People: Lord, have mercy on us and incline our hearts to keep this Your law.

Minister: You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor.

People: Lord, have mercy on us and incline our hearts to keep this Your law.

Minister: You shall not covet.

People: Lord, have mercy on us and incline our hearts to keep this Your law.

Minister: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul, mind and strength.

People: Lord, have mercy on us and incline our hearts to keep this Your law.

✧ PSALM SINGING

Psalm 14A

✧ READING OF SCRIPTURE

1 Thessalonians 5:12-15

SERMON

Pursue What Is Good
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 to back pews, making room for as many people as possible.

COMMUNION HYMNS

146, 247, 520

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

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: Prayer Meeting
- Next Sunday Teaching Hour at 10:30 am
- Download Our Church App! Search Ascension Presbyterian Church in your App Store
- Last Month Budget Update: 104% to Budget
Given \$5,384.11
Goal \$5,194.00

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



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