

WORSHIPING ON THE LORD'S DAY

December 17, 2023

Worship, as God intended, is a supernatural event. As we enter into this service of worship, we cross the threshold of the secular to the sacred, from the common to the uncommon, from the profane to the holy. Prepare yourself therefore for this most holy convocation!

Prelude

Worship Theme

Christ is our Shepherd

Psalm 80:1-3: "Oh, give ear, Shepherd of Israel, Thou who dost lead Joseph like a flock; Thou who art enthroned *above* the cherubim, shine forth! Before Ephraim and Benjamin and Manasseh, stir up Thy power, and come to save us! O God, restore us, and cause Thy face to shine *upon us*, and we will be saved."

God Calls us to Worship Before the Cross Ps. 34:1-3

+We Adore Him

Hymn #25, "O Light That Knew No Dawn"

We Confess Our Sin

Our glorious God and Father, we sadly admit to You that we have sinned. We have not lived only for Your glory, but we have sought to advance our own. We have not lived solely by Your law, but by our own standards. We have not lived in Your love, but rather in love of self as well. So we humbly admit that we have not lived as we could.

O God, have mercy on us! Forgive us and cleanse us from our sins. By the obedience of the Lord Jesus Christ, and His death on the cross, wash away our sins. Lord Jesus, continue to intercede for us, that our faith will not fail. Fill us again with Your Holy Spirit, that we may be more perfectly conformed to Your image. Grant us radical obedience and love- at home, school, and work. All to the praise of Your grace. Amen.

We Thank Him For His Forgiveness

Hymn #196, "Come, Thou Long Expected Jesus"

God Calls us to Worship Thru Dedication Ps. 34:4-7

We Give Him Our Offering & Concerns

We Give Him Ourselves

Psalm 80B, "Great Shepherd"

Psalm 80

God Calls us to Worship Thru Fellowship Ps. 34:8-10

We Read His Word

Sermon

*We Partake Of The Lord's Supper

Hymn #358, "For All The Saints"

God Blesses us in the Benediction

Welcome and Announcements

Postlude

(Containers have been placed at the front for communion cups and small trash)

+You are invited to raise your hands during the prayer of adoration.

*Visitors, please see note below on the Lord's Supper.