

***We glorify God by loving Him and loving people.***



# **CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP THE LORD'S DAY**

**December 21, 2025  
10:30AM & 5:00PM**

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**Apart from Christ we can do nothing.**

# MORNING WORSHIP

## Welcome and Announcements

### Prelude

#### † Call to Worship

**Psalm 2:11-12**

Serve the Lord with fear,  
and rejoice with trembling.

<sup>12</sup> Kiss the Son,  
lest He be angry, and you perish in the way,  
for His wrath is quickly kindled.  
Blessed are all who take refuge in Him.

† *Please stand if able.*

**† Invocation**

*Minister*

**† Lord's Prayer**

*Unison*

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.

**† Hymn of Praise**

**TPH 320**

**As with Gladness Men of Old**

*† Please stand if able.*

*From John  
Calvin's  
Geneva Liturgy  
of 1543*

## **Prayer of Confession of Sin**

Lord God, eternal and almighty Father: We acknowledge before Your holy majesty that we are poor sinners, conceived and born in guilt and in corruption, prone to do evil, unable of our own power to do good. Because of our sin, we endlessly violate Your holy commandments. But, O Lord, with heartfelt sorrow we repent and turn away from all our offenses. We condemn ourselves and our evil ways, with true sorrow asking that Your grace will relieve our distress. Have compassion on us, most gracious God, Father of mercies, for the sake of Your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. And in removing our guilt, also grant us daily increase of the grace of Your Holy Spirit, and produce in us the fruits of holiness and of righteousness pleasing in Your sight: Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

† *Please stand if able.*

## **Silent Confession**

### **Assurance of Pardon**

**Isaiah 55:6-9**

“Seek the Lord while He may be found;  
call upon Him while He is near;  
<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake his way,  
and the unrighteous man his thoughts;  
let him return to the Lord, that He may have  
compassion on him,  
and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.  
<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
neither are your ways my ways, declares the Lord.  
<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.

### **† Hymn of Assurance**

**TPH 321**

**Infant Holy, Infant Lowly**

† *Please stand if able.*

## † Confession of Faith

*Westminster Confession of Faith  
Ch. 8, sec 4 “Of Christ the Mediator”*

This office the Lord Jesus did most willingly undertake; so that he might discharge His duties, He was made under the law, and did perfectly fulfill it. He endured most grievous torments immediately in His soul, and most painful sufferings in His body; was crucified, and died, was buried, and remained under the power of death, yet saw no decay. On the third day He arose from the dead, with the same body in which He suffered, with which also He ascended into heaven, and there sits at the right hand of His Father, making intercession, and shall return, to judge men and angels, at the end of the world.

† *Please stand if able.*

**Pastoral Prayer**

*Minister*

**Scripture Reading**

**Matthew 2:13-23**

*Pew Bible page  
number 808*

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

**“Into and Out of Egypt”**

Introduction

I. The Flight of Egypt (v. 13-15)

II. The Slaughter of Infants (v. 16-18)

III. The Return from Egypt (v. 19-23)

Conclusion

† *Please stand if able.*

**Offertory** **TPH 303**  
**All Praise to You, Eternal Lord**  
*verses 1-2*

**Worship with Tithes and Offerings**

**† Doxology** **TPH 567**

**† Prayer of Dedication** *Minister*

**† Hymn of Preparation** **TPH 303**  
**All Praise to You, Eternal Lord**  
*verses 3-5*

**Sacrament of the Lord's Supper**

**† Hymn of Response** **TPH 2B**  
**Why Do Heathen Nations Rage?**

**† Benediction** *Minister*

**Postlude**

**† Please stand if able.**



# **EVENING WORSHIP**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

**Opening Prayer**

*Minister*

**† Hymn of Praise**

**TPH 308**

**Good Christian Men, Rejoice**

**Pastoral Prayer**

*Minister*

*† Please stand if able.*

**Scripture Reading**

**Daniel 4:1-27**

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Paul Sagan

**“Nebuchadnezzar Worships God”**

Introduction

- I. Nebuchadnezzar Gives Glory to God  
(v. 1-3)
- II. Nebuchadnezzar’s Second Dream (v. 4-18)
- III. Daniel’s Interpretation (v. 19-26)
- IV. Nebuchadnezzar Called to Repent (v. 27)

Conclusion

† *Please stand if able.*

† Hymn of Response

**TPH 310**

**While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks**

† Benediction

*Minister*

**Postlude**

## WEEKLY DEVOTIONS

<b>Monday</b>	Matthew 2:13; Luke 2:34-35; Jeremiah 43:7 & 44:7; Acts 2:10	How does the sword begin to pierce Mary's soul because of persecution? Why did they flee to Egypt?
<b>Tuesday</b>	Matthew 2:14-15; Exodus 4:22; Hosea 11:1; John 1:14	How does the Gospel of Matthew interpret the prophecy of Hosea about Israel?
<b>Wednesday</b>	Matthew 2:16-18; Psalm 2; Revelation 17:14	How do the rulers of the world regard Jesus Christ? What should we expect from them?
<b>Thursday</b>	Matthew 2:19-20; Jeremiah 31:1-31; 1 Kings 15:17; Genesis 30:1	Why is the metaphor of Rachel weeping for her children used by Matthew?
<b>Friday</b>	Matthew 2:21-22; Exodus 20:4	Why did Mary, Joseph, and Jesus not return to Bethlehem?
<b>Saturday</b>	Matthew 2:23; Isaiah 53:3; Psalm 22:6-7 & 13	What is the significance of Jesus being a Nazarene?

† *Please stand if able.*

## PLEASE NOTE

*We will be taking a break from all of our regularly scheduled week-day events during Christmas week (Ex. Prayer meeting, Bible studies, Youth Group, etc.).*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church officer nominations are open and will remain open through January 15th. Nomination forms are available at the back of the sanctuary. If you would like to nominate someone, please confirm that he is willing to serve **before** submitting the form.

There will be no Sunday School or fellowship meal next Sunday, on December 28<sup>th</sup>, since that Sunday falls between the holidays.

Please plan to join us for our annual Christmas Eve Service at 6pm on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

Ladies, mark your calendars to celebrate the coming Maxey and Gaesswitz babies. Samantha Maxey's Baby shower is on January 10<sup>th</sup>, and Chandler Gaesswitz's Baby Shower will be on February 7<sup>th</sup>. More details to come.

Mark your calendars for February 27th to March 1st for our annual Missions conference. Dave Culmer, one of the missionaries we support through Faith Promise will be the Plenary speaker. More details to follow.



# *Baby Shower*

Please join Samantha for a special  
celebration as she prepares to welcome  
her little boy!

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JANUARY

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2:00 TO 4:00PM

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Bethany Taylors Home  
1405 Countrywood Pl.  
Rogers, Arkansas

RSVP to Bethany Taylor at 479-445-2863  
Registered through Babylist

The registry link will be included in the weekly email

† Please stand if able.

# NURSERY SCHEDULE

<b>Date</b>	<b>Worship</b>
<b>Dec. 21</b>	Denise Sagan, Jordan Carl, Katie Welsch
<b>Dec. 28</b>	Liesl Jarvis, Wren Golden, Sherri Watson
<b>Jan. 4</b>	Joshua Shaw, Brittney Reynolds, Samantha Maxey

## ELDERS & DEACONS OF COVENANT CHURCH

### SESSION

Jordan Carl	Jeff Chewning, <i>Stated Clerk of Session</i>
Pete Golden	Harrison Howle
Nathan Jarvis	Rick (Dow) Pursley <i>Emeritus</i>
Paul Sagan, <i>Moderator</i>	Phil Schenewerk

### Deacons

Darin Akerman	Ken Andersen
Jim Dooley <i>Emeritus</i>	Mike Golden
John Smith	Dennis Smith <i>Emeritus</i>
Nathan Taylor	