

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day, December 24, 2023

“...to you who fear My name The Sun of Righteousness shall arise With healing in His wings; And you shall go out And grow fat like stall-fed calves. You shall trample the wicked, For they shall be ashes under the soles of your feet On the day that I do this,” Says the LORD of hosts.

(Malachi 4:2,3)

[\* indicates standing]

**Prelude:** [Welcome, Announcements ([see on back page](#))]

**Preparation for Worship:** [Psalter-Hymnal #341](#) (all)

\***God's Call to Worship** (see above)

\***Confession of our need for God's grace** (Psalm 124:8):

“Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth”

\***God's Greeting to His People**

\***Song of Response** [Psalter-Hymnal #337](#) (all)

\***Opening Prayer**

**God's Law:** Malachi 3:14-4:6; Luke 2:1-20

**Prayer of Confession and Praise**

(God's assurance: Psalm 72:17-19)

\***Song of Praise** [Psalter 72C](#) (all)

**Confession of Faith** (see bulletin)

**Prayer of Requests with Thanksgiving**

**Worship in giving of Tithes and Offerings**

\***Song of Preparation** [Psalter-Hymnal #335](#) (all)

**Prayer for God's blessing on His Word**

**Scripture Reading:** Luke 2:25-35; Luke 11:29-32

**Sermon:** **Luke 2:34,35**

\***Respond in Song** [Psalter-Hymnal #332](#) (1,3,4,5)

\***Benediction (God's parting Word of blessing)**

\*(**Moment of Silent Meditation**)

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Sermon: **Luke 2:34,35**

*The Holy Spirit inspires Simeon to proclaim that the coming of Jesus is for salvation and judgment.*

We see:

1. Jesus is appointed as a *sign which will be spoken against*.
2. Jesus is appointed for the *fall of many*.
3. Jesus is appointed also for the *rising to life of many*.

**Questions for discussion:** [[see on the table](#)]

The church is called to be a confessing church, that she may be,  
the pillar and ground of the truth (1Tim. 3:15,16)

## The Heidelberg Catechism

**29. Q.** Why is the Son of God called *Jesus*, that is, *Savior*?

**A.** Because He saves us from all our sins,[1] and because salvation is not to be sought or found in anyone else.[2]

[1] Matt. 1:21; Heb. 7:25. [2] Is. 43:11; John 15:4, 5; Acts 4:11, 12; 1 Tim. 2:5.

**30. Q.** Do those believe in the only Savior Jesus who seek their salvation and well-being from saints, in themselves, or anywhere else?

**A.** No. Though they boast of Him in words, they in fact deny the only Savior Jesus.[1] For one of two things must be true: either Jesus is not a complete Savior, or those who by true faith accept this Savior must find in Him all that is necessary for their salvation.[2]

[1] 1 Cor. 1:12, 13; Gal. 5:4. [2] Col. 1:19, 20; 2:10; 1 John 1:7.

**35. Q.** What do you confess when you say: *He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary*?

**A.** The eternal Son of God, who is and remains true and eternal God,[1] took upon Himself true human nature from the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, [2] through the working of the Holy Spirit.[3] Thus He is also the true seed of David,[4] and like His brothers in every respect,[5] yet without sin.[6]

[1] John 1:1; 10:30-36; Rom. 1:3; 9:5; Col. 1:15-17; 1 John 5:20.

[2] Matt. 1:18-23; John 1:14; Gal. 4:4; Heb. 2:14. [3] Luke 1:35.

[4] II Sam. 7:12-16; Ps. 132:11; Matt. 1:1; Luke 1:32; Rom. 1:3.

[5] Phil. 2:7; Heb. 2:17. [6] Heb. 4:15; 7:26, 27.

**36. Q.** What benefit do you receive from the holy conception and birth of Christ?

**A.** He is our Mediator,[1] and with His innocence and perfect holiness covers, in the sight of God, my sin, in which I was conceived and born.[2]

[1] 1 Tim. 2:5, 6; Heb. 9:13-15.

[2] Rom. 8:3, 4; II Cor. 5:21; Gal. 4:4, 5; 1 Pet. 1:18, 19.

## CALENDAR & ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Wednesday's (6:30 PM)—Bible Study via Zoom (**DV resume Jan./24**)
- Pizza & Theology—Last Friday of month; 6: 00-8:00 PM  
[“Theology” is about discussing biblical truth for all of faith and life]

## PRAYER REQUESTS

**BE FAITHFUL IN PRAYER:** (*Email your requests for prayer!*)

**“Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God”** (Phil. 4:6)

- Pray for our country, gov't and world; for persecuted Church in the world.

Pray for King's: (Sermon-Audio, website)

- Personal concerns and issues in the lives of other members.  
God's blessing in our work, and all we do, as service to Him.  
Hayden in new job training (at Ascension Island).  
Parents training children (to know God's blessing and grace to persevere).  
Pray for widows (Psalm 68:5; James 1:27).
- **HEALTH:** PTL for our health...and restoration to health. Rev. Gibson.
- **LOVED ONES:** Friends & family serving in the military.  
Holly's parents (father's better health and God's grace to them).  
Elder Burrell's parents (health); Diana's mother (kidney disease).  
Modolo's in Italy (homeschooling, family matters, translation projects).

Pray for ministry to the preborn: Pregnancy Centers in our area (Agape).

Gibsons (website & outreach); Michele (Orlando).

Legislation in states & in Florida; to stop abortions.

Pray for Regional Presbytery and the ministry of sister Churches:

First Presbyterian Church (FPC) in Suriname (Rev. Hamid).

Heritage Reformed Presbyterian Church (HRPC) in NC (Rev. Booher).

Pray for covenant children, the youth, and single adults in our churches.

Pray for King's mission work through Reformation Christian Ministries:

All who work with RCM (Offices & Boards in US & Canada; GNBS).

Online students in College & Seminary.

CLA (in Suriname) Classes resume Jan.8<sup>th</sup>; construction project.

SALT (ministry of Pastor Poettcker with RCM).

Pray for blessing on our worship in Tithes & Offerings.

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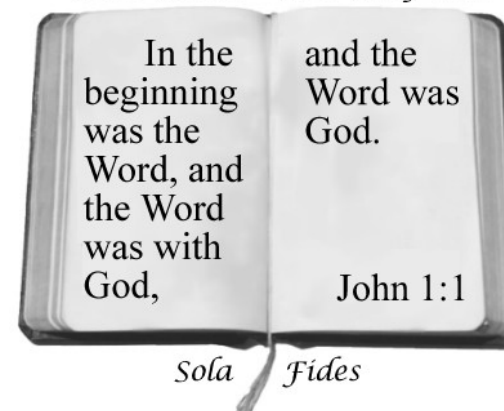
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**Worship Service: Sundays 10:00 A.M.**

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