

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Lord's Day, January 12, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

***God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Psalm 105:1-6

Pastor: Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name;

Congregation: make known his deeds among the peoples!

Pastor: Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Congregation: Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Pastor: Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually! Remember the wondrous works that he has done, his miracles, and the judgments he uttered,

All: O offspring of Abraham, his servant, children of Jacob, his chosen ones!

*** We Sing in Response:** #122 Red Hymnal *"God, All Nature Sings Thy Glory"*

* We Seek God's Presence in Prayer

We Confess Our Sins Together : Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone. Lord, you are full of compassion and gracious, slow to anger, and plenteous in mercy; there is always forgiveness with you! Restore to us the joy of your salvation; bind up that which is broken, give light to our minds, strength to our wills, and rest to our souls. Speak to each of us, and let your word abide with us until it has wrought in us your holy will. Amen.

We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

God Assures Us We Are Forgiven: Psalm 103:1-5

*** We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** #44 Black Hymnal *"Come, Praise and Glorify"*

*** We Confess Our Faith Together:** We believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of Heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, His only Son Our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into Hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into Heaven, and sits at the right hand of God, the Father almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. Amen.

- The Apostles Creed

Missions Moment: Mosaic Health (Donna Krieger)

We Read From God's Word: Genesis 15

We Pray For The Congregation and Community

We Memorize God's Word: Romans 8:1-2 "There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life has set you free in Christ Jesus from the law of sin and death."

We Present Our Tithes & Offerings In Worship

We Worship Through the Music of Offertory: "*Tis So Sweet*" - the Vocal Ensemble

* **We Sing the Doxology:** #731 Red Hymnal "*Doxology*"

* **We Give Thanks to the Lord**

* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #325 Black Hymnal "*O Sing My Soul*"

Children ages 4 through kindergarten dismissed to Children's Worship. Parents, please pick up your child in the lobby on your way to the Lord's Supper.

Pastor Reads the Sermon Text: Acts 7:1-53

Pastor Preaches God's Word: "*Stephen, Filled with the Holy Spirit to Testify about Jesus*"
– Pastor Wes James

We Celebrate the Lord's Supper

* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #361 Black Hymnal "*By Faith*"

* **The Lord Sends Us Out (Benediction)**

Sermon Outline
Acts 7:1-53
“Stephen, Filled with the Holy Spirit to Testify about Jesus”
01-12-25

Proposition: Stephen declares that true religion is built upon the promises of God to the people of God, fulfilled by God’s Righteous One in dependence upon the Holy Spirit.

Main Point One: Israel’s History

- Sub Point One: God’s Call of Abraham
- Sub Point Two: Joseph sold into slavery
- Sub Point Three: Moses ‘beautiful in God’s sight’
- Sub Point Four: The Wilderness Wanderings

Main Point Two: The Dwelling Place of God

- Sub Point One: The Tent of Witness
- Sub Point Two: Solomon’s Temple
- Sub Point Three: The Most High’s Dwelling
- Sub Point Four: The False Worship of Israel
- Sub Point Five: Jerusalem’s Temple

Main Point Three: The Hostility of the Jews

- Sub Point One: A “Stiff-necked people”
- Sub Point Two: The Prophets Ministry
- Sub Point Three: “The Righteous One” of God