

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The Lord's Day, February 16, 2025*

## Welcome and Announcements

**\*God Calls Us to Worship Him:** Responsive Reading of Psalm 30:1-4

**Pastor:** I will extol you, O Lord, for you have drawn me up

**Congregation:** and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

**Pastor:** O Lord my God, I cried to you for help,

**Congregation:** and you have healed me.

**Pastor:** O Lord, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

**All:** Sing praises to the Lord, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.

**\* We Sing in Response:** #498 Red Hymnal *"Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners"*

## \* We Seek God's Presence in Prayer

**We Confess Our Sins Together** : Holy God, we confess to you that we are broken sinners. We have failed to keep your word, and love you from all of our heart, mind, soul, and strength. We have failed to love our neighbor as ourselves. Too often we have cherished our sin and idols instead of you. We ask, Lord, that you forgive us our sins. Forgive the sins we are aware of, and those hidden faults we do not see so clearly. Grant us a greater hatred of our sin such that we actively seek to put it to death. And free us to love you and love one-another all the more fully, as we seek to live in the power of the Holy Spirit, through faith in our Lord Jesus Christ, to the Glory of God, our Father! Amen.

## We Pray Silent Prayers of Confession

**God Assures Us We Are Forgiven:** Psalm 31:1-2

**\* We Sing In Response to God's Forgiveness:** Handout *"Only a Holy God"* (please leave handouts in pews to reuse in the future)

**\* 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. - Apostles Creed

**We Read From God's Word:** 1 Corinthians 1:18-30

**We Pray For The Congregation and Community**

**We Memorize God's Word:** Romans 8:3-4 *"For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do. By sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and for sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, in order that the righteous requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit."*

**We Present Our Tithes & Offerings In Worship**

**We Worship Through the Music of Offertory**

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

\* **We Give Thanks to the Lord**

\* **We Sing In Preparation for the Word:** #80 Black Hymnal *"How Deep the Father's Love for Us"*

*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 9:10-23

**Pastor Preaches God's Word:** *"Saul, the Lord's Chosen Instrument"* – Pastor Wes James

**We Celebrate the Lord's Supper**

\* **We Sing In Response to the Word:** #78 Black Hymnal *"Grace Greater than Our Sin"*

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

**Sermon Outline**  
**Acts 9:10-22**  
***“Saul, the Lord’s Chosen Instrument”***  
**02-16-25**

**Proposition:** The Lord demonstrates His sovereign power in the conversion of Saul to make a light for the gospel and the glory of Jesus’ name amongst the nations.

**Main Point One: Saul’s Blindness**

Sub Point One: The Damascus Road Encounter

Sub Point Two: The Lord’s Vision to Ananias

Sub Point Three: Saul’s Vision of Ananias

**Main Point Two: Saul’s Calling**

Sub Point One: Saul’s Reputation

Sub Point Two: The Lord’s Directive “Go”

Sub Point Three: The Lord’s Chosen Instrument

Sub Point Four: Sovereign Grace

Sub Point Five: Saul’s Life of Suffering

**Main Point Three: Saul’s Conversion**

Sub Point One: Saul’s Spiritual Birth

Sub Point Two: Saul’s Preaching

Sub Point Three: Saul’s Effect... “confounds the Jews in Damascus”