

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

Lord's Day, December 27, 2015

*One thing I have desired of the LORD, That will I seek: That I may dwell in the house of the LORD All the days of my life, To behold the beauty of the LORD, And to inquire in His temple. For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in His pavilion; In the secret place of His tabernacle He shall hide me; He shall set me high upon a rock.*

(Psalm 27:4-5)

[\* indicates standing]

**Prelude:** [Welcome, Announcements]

**Preparation for Worship:** Psalter 23A (1,3,5)

\***The 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**

\***Psalm of Response** Psalter-Hymnal #48 (1,3,4)

\***Opening Prayer**

**God's Word for New Year** Psalm 90

**Prayer of Confession and Praise**

(God's assurance of pardon: Psalm 90:14,15)

\***Psalm of Praise** Psalter 90C (1,6,7,8)

**Confession of Faith** (see bulletin)

**Prayer of Requests with Thanksgiving**

\***Song of Preparation** Psalter 119K (1,3,4)

**Scripture Reading:** Psalm 23; Micah 7:14-20

**Sermon:** **Psalm 23:4**

\***Respond in Song** Psalter-Hymnal #475 (all)

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

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

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Sermon: **Psalm 23:4**

*The Lord is my Shepherd—He comforts me.*

We see:

1. The Lord comforts me with His presence, so that during distress and trials I may have no fear.
2. The Lord comforts me with His rod of ruling and discipline.
3. The Lord comforts me with His staff of compassion and affection.

## CALENDAR

- Sundays: 10:00 AM—Worship Service.
- Sundays: after worship—Informal fellowship in food, singing, prayer, discussion and study.
- Wednesday's (5:45 PM at school)—Catechism/Profession of faith classes **(postponed till further notice)**.
- Pizza & Theology—Last Friday of month; at school, 6: 30-8:30 PM  
["Theology" is about discussing biblical truth for all of faith and life]

## ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

**BE FAITHFUL IN PRAYER:** *(Let us know 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 and government.
- Pray for persecuted church in the world; continued trials in Nepal.

Pray for King's: (SermonAudio, website, Good News Bible Study)

- Salvation of loved ones and others we know.
- The Lord's blessing on joyful tithing/giving (in box on table).
- God's blessing in our work, and all we do, as service to Him.
- Families raising children (to know God's blessing and grace to persevere).
- Burrell's school (wisdom in administration; enrollment).
- Hicks (as members who are away from us).
- HEALTH: Pastor Donnan's sister Jeanne (rehabilitation from stroke).  
Pastor Donnan (eyes, heart, diabetes). Gloria Donnan (Alzheimer's).  
Pastor Poettcker's sister-in-law Helen (brain tumor).

Pray for Regional Presbytery and sister churches and their needs.

- Ministry of CRPC churches: Suriname (Rev. Hamid); Des Moines, Iowa (Rev. Waters; seeking pastoral help); Rev. Gibson (pastoral calling).
- Modolo's in Italy (direction; encouragement).

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

- Outreach of the Bible courses and educational courses and degrees by RCM to people around the world.
- Presbyterian pastor in Uzbekistan (facing forms of persecution)
- Course production for the M.Div. program.
- Al Hembd (Greek & Hebrew prof in Israel) trouble in Israel (need safety).
- God's provision for needs for RCM and RCM personnel.

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

**26. Q.** What do you believe when you say: *I believe in God the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth?*

**A.** That the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who out of nothing created heaven and earth and all that is in them,[1] and who still upholds and governs them by His eternal counsel and providence,[2] is, for the sake of Christ His Son, my God and my Father.[3] In Him I trust so completely as to have no doubt that He will provide me with all things necessary for body and soul,[4] and will also turn to my good whatever adversity He sends me in this life of sorrow.[5] He is able to do so as almighty God,[6] and willing also as a faithful Father.[7]

[1] Gen. 1 and 2; Ex. 20:11; Job 38 and 39; Ps. 33:6; Is. 44:24; Acts 4:24; 14:15.

[2] Ps. 104:27-30; Matt. 6:30; 10:29; Eph. 1:11.

[3] John 1:12, 13; Rom. 8:15, 16; Gal. 4:4-7; Eph. 1:5.

[4] Ps. 55:22; Matt. 6:25, 26; Luke 12:22-31.

[5] Rom. 8:28. [6] Gen. 18:14; Rom. 8:31-39. [7] Matt. 6:32, 33; 7:9-11.

**27. Q.** What do you understand by the providence of God?

**A.** God's providence is His almighty and ever present power,[1] whereby, as with His hand, He still upholds heaven and earth and all creatures,[2] and so governs them that leaf and blade, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty,[3] indeed, all things, come not by chance[4] but by His fatherly hand.[5]

[1] Jer. 23:23, 24; Acts 17:24-28. [2] Heb. 1:3.

[3] Jer. 5:24; Acts 14:15-17; John 9:3; Prov. 22:2. [4] Prov. 16:33.

[5] Matt. 10:29.

**28. Q.** What does it benefit us to know that God has created all things and still upholds them by His providence?

**A.** We can be patient in adversity,[1] thankful in prosperity,[2] and with a view to the future we can have a firm confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from His love:[3] for all creatures are so completely in His hand that without His will they cannot so much as move.[4]

[1] Job. 1:21, 22; Ps. 39:10; James 1:3. [2] Deut. 8:10; 1 Thess. 5:18.

[3] Ps. 55:22; Rom. 5:3-5; 8:38, 39. [4] Job 1:12; 2:6; Prov. 21:1; Acts 17:24-28.

**Questions for discussion:** [see on the table]

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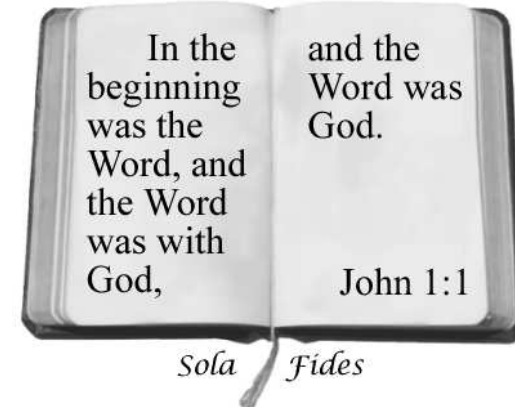
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**Worship Service: Sundays 10:00 A.M.**

*Lord's Day, December 27, 2015*

**[Sermon: Psalm 23:4]**

1. Give a simple explanation of what the *valley of the shadow of death* refers to.
2. Who goes through this *valley* without *fear*, and why?
3. What is the *rod* a symbol of?
4. (a) What did Job say about the *rod of God*?  
  
(b) What is a biblical answer to this?
5. How is the rod a *comfort*?
6. What is a *staff* a symbol of?
7. How is the rod of God's wrath redeemed to be His rod of compassion and affection?

**Other questions (as time allows)**

1. What does the term "priest" mean? (not what does but mean)
2. It is often said to children "God lives in my heart." What does this really mean? Is it biblical?
3. Is it wrong to ask people to not do something that conflicts with our beliefs (like taking Lord's name in vain or working on Sundays?
4. When we talk to others about child discipline, life issues, events, etc. should our conversations be guided using Bible references or should it be "natural" as some suggest ( without using scriptural references)?
5. What does the bible verse mean "resist the devil and he will flee."  
(cf. James 4:7)