

Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work,
Or watch, or weep this night,
And give your angels charge over those who sleep.
Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary,
Bless the dying, soothe the suffering,
Pity the afflicted, shield the joyous;
And all for your love's sake. Amen.

# THE ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday Evening, February 9, 2025

6:00 p.m.



Welcome

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

#### GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

\*Call to Worship..... Psalm 113:1–3

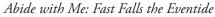
Praise the LORD!

Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!

Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

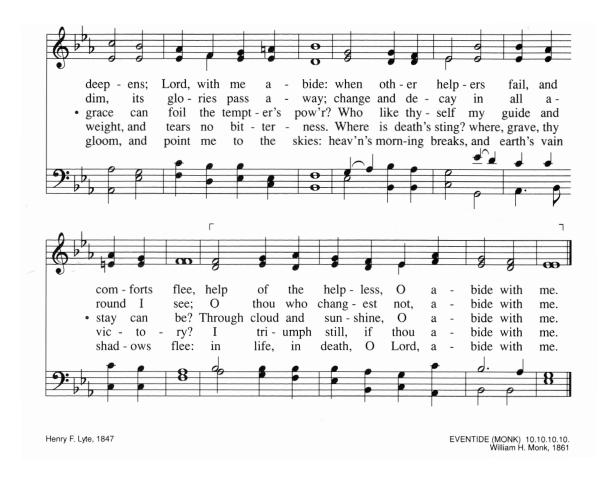
\*Hymn for the Closing of the Day......Trinity Hymnal, 402





<sup>\*</sup>Please stand during these portions of the service.

<sup>\*</sup>A room with the service's live stream is available down the hallway in case parents need to step out with their children\*



\*Prayer of Invocation

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESS
First Scripture Lesson
*Sung Response
Father of mercies, in your Word what endless glory shines;
Forever be your name adored for these celestial lines.
The Children's Lesson
Children of all ages are invited to come forward and sit in front of the Communion Table
for a lesson from the pastor.

#### Prayer of the Covenant

Q. 82. Is any man able perfectly to keep the commandments of God?

A. No mere man since the fall is able in this life perfectly to keep the commandments of God, but does daily break them in thought, word, and deed.

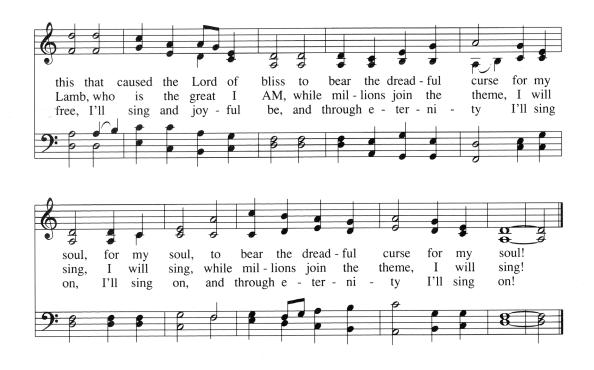
Q. 83. Are all transgressions of the law equally heinous?

A. Some sins in themselves, and by reason of several aggravations, are more heinous in the sight of God than others.

Q. 84. What does every sin deserve?

A. Every sin deserves God's wrath and curse, both in this life, and that which is to come.





God Takes His People to the Cross

American folk hymn

WONDROUS LOVE 12.9.12.9.

The Southern Harmony, 1835

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *Amen*.

Postlude



# First Scripture Lesson

<sup>1</sup> Now Joab the son of Zeruiah knew that the king's heart went out to Absalom. <sup>2</sup> And Joab sent to Tekoa and brought from there a wise woman and said to her, "Pretend to be a mourner and put on mourning garments. Do not anoint yourself with oil, but behave like a woman who has been mourning many days for the dead. <sup>3</sup> Go to the king and speak thus to him." So Joab put the words in her mouth.

<sup>4</sup> When the woman of Tekoa came to the king, she fell on her face to the ground and paid homage and said, "Save me, O king." 5 And the king said to her, "What is your trouble?" She answered, "Alas, I am a widow; my husband is dead. <sup>6</sup> And your servant had two sons, and they quarreled with one another in the field. There was no one to separate them, and one struck the other and killed him. <sup>7</sup> And now the whole clan has risen against your servant, and they say, 'Give up the man who struck his brother, that we may put him to death for the life of his brother whom he killed.' And so they would destroy the heir also. Thus they would quench my coal that is left and leave to my husband neither name nor remnant on the face of the earth."

<sup>8</sup>Then the king said to the woman, "Go to your house, and I will give orders concerning you." <sup>9</sup>And the woman of Tekoa said to the king, "On me be the guilt, my lord the king, and on my father's house; let the king and his throne be guiltless." <sup>10</sup>The king said, "If anyone

says anything to you, bring him to me, and he shall never touch you again." <sup>11</sup> Then she said, "Please let the king invoke the LORD your God, that the avenger of blood kill no more, and my son be not destroyed." He said, "As the LORD lives, not one hair of your son shall fall to the ground."

12 Then the woman said, "Please let your servant speak a word to my lord the king." He said, "Speak." 13 And the woman said, "Why then have you planned such a thing against the people of God? For in giving this decision the king convicts himself, inasmuch as the king does not bring his banished one home again. 14 We must all die; we are like water spilled on the ground, which cannot be gathered up again. But God will not take away life, and he devises means so that the banished one will not remain an outcast. 15 Now I have come to say this to my lord the king because the people have made me afraid, and your servant thought, 'I will speak to the king; it may be that the king will perform the request of his servant. 16 For the king will hear and deliver his servant from the hand of the man who would destroy me and my son together from the heritage of God.' 17 And your servant thought, 'The word of my lord the king will set me at rest,' for my lord the king is like the angel of God to discern good and evil. The LORD your God be with you!"

# Second Scripture Lesson

<sup>1</sup>Now there arose a great outcry of the people and of their wives against their Jewish brothers. <sup>2</sup> For there were those who said, "With our sons and our daughters, we are many. So let us get grain, that we may eat and keep alive." 3 There were also those who said, "We are mortgaging our fields, our vineyards, and our houses to get grain because of the famine." <sup>4</sup> And there were those who said, "We have borrowed money for the king's tax on our fields and our vineyards. <sup>5</sup> Now our flesh is as the flesh of our brothers, our children are as their children. Yet we are forcing our sons and our daughters to be slaves, and some of our daughters have already been enslaved, but it is not in our power to help it, for other men have our fields and our vineyards."

<sup>6</sup>I was very angry when I heard their outcry and these words. <sup>7</sup>I took counsel with myself, and I brought charges against the nobles and the officials. I said to them, "You are exacting interest, each from his brother." And I held a great assembly against them <sup>8</sup> and said to them, "We, as far as we are able, have bought back our Jewish brothers who have been sold to the

nations, but you even sell your brothers that they may be sold to us!" They were silent and could not find a word to say. 9 So I said, "The thing that you are doing is not good. Ought you not to walk in the fear of our God to prevent the taunts of the nations our enemies? 10 Moreover, I and my brothers and my servants are lending them money and grain. Let us abandon this exacting of interest. 11 Return to them this very day their fields, their vineyards, their olive orchards, and their houses, and the percentage of money, grain, wine, and oil that you have been exacting from them." 12 Then they said, "We will restore these and require nothing from them. We will do as you say." And I called the priests and made them swear to do as they had promised. <sup>13</sup> I also shook out the fold of my garment and said, "So may God shake out every man from his house and from his labor who does not keep this promise. So may he be shaken out and emptied." And all the assembly said "Amen" and praised the LORD. And the people did as they had promised.

Nehemiah 5:1–13, ESV

# Welcome to All Saints Presbyterian Church!

Join us every week here at the Martin Center:

Morning Worship Sunday 9<sub>AM</sub> Evening Worship Sunday 6PM

Prayer Meeting Wednesday 6:30<sub>PM</sub>

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