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## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.*

Today, we resume our preaching series through the Gospel of John with the story of Jesus healing a man born blind. All of us are like that blind man spiritually. Until we are spiritually reborn, we are blind to true beauty.

This is why God has chosen to send preachers to His people. For it is through the preaching of the Word of God that our Lord “opens [our] eyes, so that [we] may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that [we] may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in [Jesus]” (Acts 26:18).

Therefore we should regularly pray for spiritual fruit to remain in our lives from the preached Word because by attending to His Word, our Lord:

- Enlightens, convinces, and humbles sinners
- Drives us out of ourselves, and draws us to Himself
- Conforms us to His image
- Builds us up in His grace
- Strengthens us against temptations and corruptions
- Establishes our hearts in holiness and encouragement

Pray that fruit would remain in your life and in the lives of those you love because of hearing God’s Word faithfully preached.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: Variations on “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” . . . Albert Travis  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

CHORAL INTROIT: “Lift Thine Eyes” . . . . . Felix Mendelssohn  
Text from Psalm 121

Lift thine eyes to the mountains, whence cometh help.  
Thy help cometh from the Lord, the Maker of heaven and earth.  
He hath said, thy foot shall not be moved, thy Keeper will never slumber.

*Ginger Statom, Christy Young, and Terri Theil*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Michael C. Davis

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 164 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” . . . . . AZMON  
*stanzas 1-4*

✦FIRST GOSPEL LESSON: John 9:1-23 . . . . . William R. Jorgensen  
*(page 895 in the pew Bible)*

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . AZMON

**He speaks and list’ning to His voice, new life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.**

**Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosen’d tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Amazing Grace!" . . . . . arr. Keith McCutchin

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost, but now I'm found; was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares, I have already come;  
'Twas grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me on.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

*The Westminster Singers  
Gabriel C. Statom, Director  
Brad Jones, piano*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . AMAZING GRACE

**The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;  
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.**

**And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION . . . . . T. Barton Kimbro

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN . . . . . MJ Keasling

A PRAYER FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

SECOND GOSPEL LESSON . . . . . John 9:24-41  
(page 896 in the pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

HOMILY *One Thing We Know* Sanders L. Willson

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

*All those who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church as a communing member are warmly welcomed to receive communion today. Non-communing worshipers are encouraged to contemplate the love of Jesus Christ during this time. At Second Presbyterian, we encourage our children not to take communion until they have joined the church as communicant members.*

*We do, however, encourage non-communing children to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. Those wishing to be served communion together as a group or family, please stand together in front of the two serving elders before taking the elements.*

*Gluten free communion bread is available upon request from the elder at the east side of the transverse aisle (opposite from the door leading to the Connector).*

✠PROFESSION OF FAITH . . . . . The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth;  
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead and buried;  
He descended into hell;  
The third day He rose again from the dead;  
He ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

✠GLORIA PATRI . . . . . GREATOR EX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen, Amen!

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Mighty and merciful Father,  
we plead Your pardon for we are those who are blind to Your beauty.  
Being conceived in iniquity,  
we are prone to cherish other things more than You.  
Lord Jesus, forgive us  
for not believing that all things are possible with You  
and for doubting Your intimate care of us.  
Holy Spirit, we offend You  
by minimizing Your power and squandering Your gifts.  
We confess that our blindness to Your glory, O triune God,  
has resulted in tepid conviction, shallow confession,  
and mild repentance. Have mercy upon us.  
In Jesus' name, Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.  
Thy Kingdom come.  
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

For those unable to come forward for communion, please raise your hand and an elder will serve you in your seat. Throughout this time of communion, we invite you to join in singing the hymns printed in bold below.

“Jesus, Lover of My Soul” . . . . . ABERYSTWYTH  
Reference page 508 in the hymnal for music.

**Jesus, lover of my soul, let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll, while the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide, till the storm of life is past;  
Safe into the haven guide; O receive my soul at last.**

**Other refuge have I none, hangs my helpless soul on Thee;  
Leave, ah! leave me not alone, still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, all my help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head with the shadow of Thy wing.**

**Thou, O Christ, art all I want; more than all in Thee I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint, heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy Name; I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am; Thou art full of truth and grace.**

**Plenteous grace with Thee is found, grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound; make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art, freely let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart; rise to all eternity.**

“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks” . . . . . Samuel Stennett, Christopher Miner



1. On Jor - dan's storm - y banks I stand, And  
2. All o'er those wide ex - ten - ded plains, Shines  
3. No chill - ing winds nor pois - onous breath Can  
4. When shall I reach that hap - py place, And



cast a wish - ful eye To Can - aan's fair and  
one e - ter - nal day; There God the Son for  
reach that health - ful shore; Sick - ness, sor - row,  
be for - ev - er blessed? When shall I see my



hap - py land, Where my pos - ses - sions lie.  
ev - er reigns, And scat - ters night a way.  
pain and death, Are felt and feared no more.  
Fa - ther's face, And in His bos - om rest?



I am bound I am bound I am bound for the Prom-ised land,



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**"I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say"** . . . . . VOX DILECTI  
*Reference page 304 in the hymnal for music.*

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, weary and worn and sad;  
I found in Him a resting place, and He has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in Him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light;  
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus and I found in Him my Star, my Sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk, till trav'ling days are done.**

**"Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"** . . . . . ALL SAINTS OLD  
*Reference page 172 in the hymnal for music.*

**Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!  
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's  
flame:  
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.**

**Let us love the Lord Who bought us, pitied us when enemies,  
Called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.**

**Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down!  
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown:  
He Who washed us with His blood soon will bring us home to God.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦SENDING HYMN . . . . . ALL SAINTS OLD

**Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;  
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:  
He Who washed us with His blood has secured our way to God.**

**Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;  
Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky:  
"You have washed us with Your blood; You are worthy, Lamb of God!"**

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata" from *Symphony No. 5* . . . . . Charles-Marie Widor

✦Indicates congregation standing

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## Sunday Night Worship and Ice Cream Social

We gather each Sunday at 6:00 p.m. for a service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God's Word. Tonight, our Director of Youth and Families, Andrew Keasling, will speak to us from Matthew 14:22-33. In addition, we will be led in worship by our youth, student ministry staff, and children's choir.

Following the service, please join us for an Ice Cream Social in the Fellowship Hall. There, you will be able to pick up your copy of the family curriculum for this year. We invite you to worship with us.