



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

August 9, 2015, 11:00 a.m.



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.

A POWERFUL LORD TO ADORE

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 Blanche P. Tosh
(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

A PERVERSIVE GUILT TO ACKNOWLEDGE

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

✦HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 304 "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" VOX DILECTI

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS T. Barton Kimbro

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 Chancel Choir
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 THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦GREETINGS

A PRAYER FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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**

A PREEMINENT LOYALTY TO AFFIRM

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)

SERMON *One Thing We Know* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♣ CLOSING HYMN: No. 172 "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder" ALL SAINTS OLD

♣ BENEDICTION

♣ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

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

♣ *Indicates congregation standing* CCLI License #252778

Getting Connected

To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or todd.erickson@2pc.org.

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.