



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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Eastertide



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Why do we regularly confess our sins to God? The regular discipline of confession enables us to grasp more fully the beauty and wonder of grace as we are made continually aware of the depth of our need for God's unmerited favor.

Christopher Ash explains that we also confess our sins "to encourage self-examination that leads to daily repentance, not morbid introspection that leads to despair." Therefore, do not let our time of confession lead you to despair since God's Word reminds us what our God does with our sin: "I have swept away your offenses like a cloud, your sins like the morning mist. Return to me, for I have redeemed you" (Isaiah 44:22).

Our written corporate prayer of confession serves to prime the pump of your heart in facilitating an honest confession of your particular sins to the Lord. One of the most encouraging moments in our service occurs when a pastor says: "... if your faith is in Jesus Christ, then I can assure you, based on the promise of God's Word, that your sins are forgiven..." Let us prepare our hearts for worship by remembering how forgiven, accepted and loved we are by our Lord.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Thine Be the Glory" Alexandre Guilmant
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE:
"Andante" from *Violin Concerto in D* Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Clay Hancock, violin

CHORAL INTROIT: "If You Search With All Your Heart" Craig Courtney
When you seek me, you shall find me if you search with all your heart.
For I know the plans I have for you: plans of welfare, not of evil.
For I know the plans I have for you: plans of hope and a future.
I will bring you out of bondage to the land I have prepared.
I will bring you out of the bondage; I will bring you home to me.
*Youth Ensemble
Christy Young, Director*

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP David A. Bowen

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 164 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" AZMON

♠LESSON FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES:
Acts 3:6-10; 4:11-12. Ginni Fischer

But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold,
but what I do have I give to you.

In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, rise up and walk!"

And he took him by the right hand and raised him up,
and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong.

**And leaping up he stood and began to walk,
and entered the temple with them,
walking and leaping and praising God.**

And all the people saw him walking and praising God,
and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate
of the temple, asking for alms.

**And they were filled with wonder and amazement
at what had happened to him.**

This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you,
the builders, which has become the cornerstone.

**And there is salvation in no one else,
for there is no other name under heaven given among men
by which we must be saved."**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AZMON

**Glory to God, and praise and love be ever, ever given,
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven. Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN J. Ronald Hickman

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Michael G. Stokke

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Hark, Ten Thousand Harps and Voices" . . . Craig Courtney

Hark, ten thousand harps and voices sound the note of praise above!
Jesus reigns, and heav'n rejoices, Jesus reigns, the God of Love;
See He sits upon the throne; Jesus rules the world alone.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Allelu! Alleluia! Amen!

Jesus, hail! whose glory brightens all above and gives it worth;
Lord of life, Thy smile enlightens, cheers, and charms Thy saints on earth;
When we think of love like Thine, Lord, we own it love divine.

Savior, hasten Thine appearing; bring, O bring the glorious day
When, the mighty summons hearing, heav'n and earth shall pass away.
Then with all the saints we'll sing, "Glory, glory to our King!"

*The Westminster Singers
Steve Hancock, Director*

✦ DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

READING FROM THE EPISTLES Colossians 1:24-2:5
(page 983 in 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 *Is Your Ministry From God?* D. Todd Erickson

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 OUR 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 GREATorex

**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!**

RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Father, You sent Your Son to rescue us from a life of self-absorption.

**Yet we fall short of Your call
to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You.**

You asked for our hands that You might use them to serve others

**We gave them for a moment
then withdrew them for the work was hard.**

You asked for our mouths to speak of our Savior.

**Pardon us for blushing to speak His name
because we did not want to experience rejection.**

You asked for our eyes

to see those around us who are spiritually and physically impoverished.

Forgive us for closing our eyes for we did not want to be troubled.

You asked for our lives that You might work through us.

**We gave a small part
that we might not get too involved and be labeled fanatics.**

Lord, forgive our calculated efforts to serve You—

**only when it is convenient to do so,
only in those places where it is safe and easy.
Cleanse our hearts and send us out as useful vessels
prepared for every good work.
For we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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 communion, we invite you to join in singing the hymns below.

“Before the Throne of God Above” Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook

**Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is “Love,” who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav’n He stands, no tongue can bid me thence depart;
No tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there, who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.**

**Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God;
With Christ, my Savior and my God.**

“There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood” FOUNTAIN
Reference page 253 in the Hymnal for music.

**There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel’s veins;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.**

**The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.**

**E’er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply,
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die.
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.**

**Then in a nobler, sweeter song I’ll sing Your pow’r to save,
When this poor lisping, stamm’ring tongue lies silent in the grave:
Lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave;
When this poor lisping, stamm’ring tongue lies silent in the grave.**

**Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power,
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”HAMBURG
Reference page 252 in the Hymnal for music.

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.**

**Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.**

**See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

“Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!”HYFRYDOL
Reference page 498 in the Hymnal for music.

**Jesus! what a Friend for sinners! Jesus! lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me, He, my Savior, makes me whole.**

*Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.*

**Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.**

**Jesus! what a help in sorrow! While the billows o'er me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking, He, my comfort, helps my soul.**

**Jesus! what a guide and keeper! While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night o'ertakes me, He, my pilot, hears my cry.**

**Jesus! I do now receive Him, more than all in Him I find;
He hath granted me forgiveness, I am His, and He is mine.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

♠HYMN OF COMMITMENT LYONS

**Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
And publish abroad His wonderful name;
The Name, all victorious, of Jesus extol;
His kingdom is glorious and rules over all.**

**Then let us adore, and give Him His right,
All glory and pow'r, and wisdom and might,
All honor and blessing, with angels above,
And thanks never ceasing for infinite love.**

♠BENEDICTION

♠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Now Thank We All Our God” . . . Sigfrid Karg-Elert; arr. Bock

♠Indicates congregation standing

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