

Order for the Public Worship of God

The Tenth Day of April, Two Thousand and Eleven

Season of Lent

8:15 a.m. • The Sanctuary

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.
Please turn off your cell phone.*

ORGAN AND STRINGS PRELUDE: "Come, Ye Disconsolate"arr J. Bert Carlson

*Come, ye disconsolate, where'er ye languish, come to the mercy seat, fervently kneel:
here bring your wounded hearts, here tell your anguish;
earth has no sorrows that heav'n cannot heal. – Thomas Moore, 1816*

CHORAL INTROIT: "Lord, For Thy Tender Mercy's Sake" Richard Farrant

Lord, for Thy tender mercy's sake,
Lay not our sins to our charge,
But forgive what is past,
And give us grace to amend our sinful lives:
Decline from sin and incline to virtue,
That we may walk with a perfect heart,
Before Thee now and evermore. Amen.

*Laudis Domini Ensemble
Gabriel C. Statom, Director*

CALL TO WORSHIPDarrin S. Anthony

✦HYMN TO THE LOVE OF GOD:
No. 81 "O Love of God, How Strong and True"JERUSALEM

✦READING FROM THE PSALMS: Psalm 51 Trina L. Jones

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions.

**Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity,
and cleanse me from my sin!**

For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.

**Against you, you only, have I sinned
and done what is evil in your sight,
so that you may be justified in your words
and blameless in your judgment.**

Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity,
and in sin did my mother conceive me.

**Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being,
and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart.**

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean;
wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Let me hear joy and gladness;
let the bones that you have broken rejoice.

Hide your face from my sins,
and blot out all my iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.

**Cast me not away from your presence,
and take not your Holy Spirit from me.**

Restore to me the joy of your salvation,
and uphold me with a willing spirit.

**Then I will teach transgressors your ways,
and sinners will return to you.**

Deliver me from bloodguiltiness, O God,
O God of my salvation,
and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness.

**O Lord, open my lips,
and my mouth will declare your praise.**

For you will not delight in sacrifice, or I would give it;
you will not be pleased with a burnt offering.

**The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Do good to Zion in your good pleasure;
build up the walls of Jerusalem;

**then will you delight in right sacrifices,
in burnt offerings and whole burnt offerings;
then bulls will be offered on your altar.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE JERUSALEM

**Who is a pard'ning God like Thee,
Giver of grace so rich and free?
In wonder lost the gift we take
Of Jesus' blood for our poor sake.
O may this strange, this matchless grace
Fill all the earth with grateful praise;
This undeserved and wondrous love
Cheer all th'angelic choirs above.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO GOD T. Barton Kimbro

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Lord Jesus Christ, My Life, My Light" J. S. Bach

Lord Jesus Christ, my life, my light,
My strength, my stay, my day star bright.
On earth I have no home or rest
By all my grievous sin oppressed.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DIX

**Christ, Whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light,
Son of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near, Daystar, in my heart appear.
Visit, then, this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
Fill me, Radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief;
More and more Thyself display, shining to the perfect day.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN. Andrew E. Keasling

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

COMMUNION HOMILY *Living in the World:
Dealing with Moral Failure* Sanders L. Willson

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.

✦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 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

**Lord Jesus Christ,
Who loves us and gave Yourself for us,
we come to You confessing that we have failed You
in our thoughts, our words, and our deeds,
both in what we have done
and in what we have left undone.
We have no excuse, and we are truly sorry.
Please forgive us
and renew within us
the assurance of Your love
and a burning desire to love You with our whole heart,
for the everlasting glory of Your matchless 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 below.

“Kind and Merciful God, We Have Sinned”ELFAKER

**Kind and merciful God, we have sinned in Your sight,
We have all wandered far from Your way;
We have followed desire, we have failed to aspire
To the virtue we ought to display.**

**Kind and merciful God, we’ve neglected Your Word
And the truth that would guide us aright;
We have lived in the shade of the dark we have made,
When You willed us to walk in the light.**

**Kind and merciful God, we have broken Your laws
And in conduct have veered from the norm;
We have dreamed of the good, but the good that we could
We have frequently failed to perform.**

**Kind and merciful God in Christ’s death on the cross
You provided a cleansing from sin;
Speak the words that forgive that hence-forth we may live
By the might of Your Spirit within.**

**Kind and merciful God, bid us lift up our heads
And command us to rise from our knees;
May our hearts now be changed and no longer estranged,
Through the power of Your pardon and peace.**

“How Deep the Father’s Love for Us”Stuart Townend

**How deep the Father’s love for us, how vast beyond all measure
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss, the Father turns His face away.
As wounds which mar the chosen One, bring many sons to glory.**

**Behold the Man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders,
Ashamed I hear my mocking voice, call out among the scoffers,
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished.
His dying breath has brought me life; I know that it is finished.**

**I will not boast in anything — no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer,
But this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ransom.**

“Be Still, My Soul”FINLANDIA

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev’ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav’nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: your God doth undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hast’ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love’s purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

**Why should I feel discouraged, why should the shadows come,
Why should my heart be lonely and long for heav’n and home,
When Jesus is my portion? My constant Friend is He:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.**

**“Let not your heart be troubled,” His tender Word I hear,
And resting on His goodness, I lose my doubt and fear;
Though by the path He leadeth but one step I may see:
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.**

**Whenever I am tempted, whenever clouds arise,
When songs give place to sighing, when hope within me dies,
I draw the closer to Him, from care He sets me free;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me;
His eye is on the sparrow, and I know He watches me.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦HYMN OF SALVATION: No. 693 “Blessed Assurance” ASSURANCE

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “In The Cross of Christ I Glory” arr. David Cherwien

✦Indicates congregation standing

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