

Order for the Public Worship of God

The Tenth Day of July, Two Thousand and Eleven

Season of Trinity

8:15 and 11:00 a.m. • The Sanctuary

As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.

Please silence your mobile devices.

ORGAN PRELUDE: "What A Friend We Have in Jesus"

"Softly and Tenderly, Jesus is Calling"

"I Need Thee Every Hour" arr. Dale Wood

Lenora Morrow, Organist

CHORAL INTROIT: "O Sing to the Lord" Franklin Ritter

from Psalm 96, 98, and 103

O sing to the Lord a new song, for He has done marvelous things.
Rejoice and be glad; rejoice, lift your voice and sing.
O sing to the Lord a new song, O sing to the Lord, bless His name.
Rejoice and be glad; His wonderful mercy proclaim.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me bless His holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits.
For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised. O sing unto the Lord!

New Song Choir from Geneva College

Louise Copeland, Director

CALL TO WORSHIP Michael G. Stokke

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 53 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"LOBE DEN HERREN

stanzas 1-4

✦READING FROM THE PSALMS: Psalm 103. Courtney T. Humphreys (8:15)

Brandon G. Morrison (11:00)

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit,

who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

The Lord works righteousness and justice for all who are oppressed.

He made known his ways to Moses, his acts to the people of Israel.

The Lord is merciful and gracious,

slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.

He will not always chide,
nor will he keep his anger forever.

He does not deal with us according to our sins,

nor repay us according to our iniquities.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;

as far as the east is from the west,

so far does he remove our transgressions from us.

As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

For he knows our frame;

he remembers that we are dust.

As for man, his days are like grass;
he flourishes like a flower of the field;

**for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,
and its place knows it no more.**

But the steadfast love of the Lord
is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,

**and his righteousness to children’s children,
to those who keep his covenant
and remember to do his commandments.**

The Lord has established his throne in the heavens,
and his kingdom rules over all.

**Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!**

Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

**Bless the Lord, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LOBE DEN HERREN

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the amen sound from His people again;
Gladly fore’er we adore Him.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal and Gracious God,
we do humbly confess and are sincerely sorry
for all of our transgressions of Your holy law.
Have mercy upon us, most Merciful Lord
for our lack of love for Your Person
and Your desire for our lives.
Please renew in us the joy of our relationship with You
through Christ, our only Redeemer. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

CHORAL RESPONSE: “What Shall I Render?” Allen Pote
from Psalm 116:12-19

What shall I render to my God for all the good things the Lord has done for me?
I will lift up the voice of salvation and call on the Name of the Lord.
I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all God’s people.
I will offer my song of thanksgiving and call on the name of the Lord.
Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His faithful ones.
O Lord, I am Your servant, the child of Your handmaid.
You have loosed my bonds and set me free. I am Your servant.
I will offer my song of thanksgiving, and I will call on the Name of the Lord,
In the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord!

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦ PSALM OF RESPONSE AZMON

**What shall I render to my God for all His kindness shown?
My feet shall visit Thine abode, my songs address Thy throne.
How much is mercy Thy delight, Thou ever-blessed God!
How dear Thy servants in Thy sight! How precious is their blood!
How happy all Thy servants are! How great Thy grace to me!
My life, which Thou hast made Thy care, Lord, I devote to Thee.**

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO OUR LORD Ronald G. Sadlow

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "O Thank the Lord, For He Is Good" Michael Tabon

from Psalm 118

O thank the Lord, for He is Good, His gracious love endures.
O let all Israel now say, "His gracious love endures."
O let the house of Aaron say, "His gracious love endures."
Let those who fear the Lord now say, "His gracious love endures."
In anguish to the Lord I cried; The Lord then set me free.
The Lord's with me, I will not fear. What harm can man do me?
The Lord supports me at my side, He gives His help to me;
And so in triumph I will look on all those hating me.
O better far to trust the Lord than on man's help rely.
Yes, better far to trust the Lord than men whose rank is high.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AZMON

**Now I am Thine, forever Thine, nor shall my purpose move;
Thy hand hath loosed my bonds of pain, and bound me with Thy love.
Here in Thy courts I leave my vows, and Thy rich grace record;
Witness, ye saints, who hear me now, if I forsake the Lord.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

Bobby Bell, Stu Cook, Eddie and Debbie Crenshaw, Cameron Crenshaw, Todd Ellis, Aaron Gardner, Sheridan and Lacey Hibbard, Shelley Hill, Beth Lamb, Katie Long, Matt and Amy Mantooth, Del and Wilda Musick, *Phillip Nichols, Carole Pettis, Katelyn Porter, Billy and Emily Quinn, Kurt and Melissa Ruleman, Warner Russell, Jeff and Lee Slenker, Emeri Sorrells, Carol Urschel, Van Zhang

New Members to be received on July 17, 6:00 p.m.:
Betty Eubank, Brandon and Leslie Ann Harris, *Carl Nichols

**to be baptized*

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now promise and resolve, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to serve Christ in His church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this church session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the church?

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.**

READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Hebrews 1:1-5
(page 1001 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)

SERMON *The Supremacy of Christ* Timothy L. Russell

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF THE CHURCH: No. 358 “For All the Saints” SINE NOMINE
stanzas 1, 2 5 & 6

✦BENEDICTION

✦CHORAL RESPONSE: “All Ends of Earth Will Turn to Him” F.J. Haydn
from Psalm 22

All ends of earth will turn to Him; The Lord they will again recall.
The nations’ families all will come, to worship and before Him fall,
Because the Lord the kingdom owns and rules above all earthly thrones.
All those who prosper in the earth will eat and low before Him bend;
And in His presence all will bow, who helpless to the dust descend,
Who even though they vainly strive, can never keep their souls alive.
A seed will rise to do His will, and of the Lord be made aware.
The generation that will come will then His righteousness declare
To people who are yet to be, that He has done this; it was He.

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!” Flor Peeters

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

We consider it a privilege to have our children in worship with us. If your small children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the children’s room especially designed for them at the rear of the Sanctuary. They are also welcome in the nursery. Older children should also be encouraged to come to church prepared to stay in their pew throughout the service.

One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you or to offer helpful direction regarding your spiritual life. He will be in the Gathering Room, which is the first room on your left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary (closest to the pulpit). You may also send your confidential email to pastor@2pc.org with questions about your spiritual life.

New Song Choir

The New Song Choir, directed by Louise Copland, is a music and drama ministry sponsored by Geneva College. For 34 years New Song has traveled widely across the United States and Canada and has traveled twice to mainland China. Nine students are chosen each January for the group that begins their service in the summer following.

Sunday Night Worship - 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

We gather each Sunday evening for an informal worship service — a time of prayer, praise, and teaching from God’s Word. Our morning and evening services frame our weekly Lord’s Day worship. We invite you to worship with us.