

ORDER *for the* PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

The Fourth Day of September, Two Thousand and Eleven
8:15 and 11:00 a.m. · The Sanctuary

SEASON *of* TRINITY

ENTERING HIS PRESENCE WITH REVERENCE

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" arr. Paul S. Jones

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.
Please silence your mobile devices.*

CALL TO CONFESSION: Hosea 14:1, 3-5, 9 Andrew P. Wells

Return, O Israel, to the Lord your God,
for you have stumbled because of your iniquity.

**Assyria shall not save us; we will not ride on horses;
and we will say no more, 'Our God,' to the work of our hands.
In you the orphan finds mercy."**

I will heal their apostasy; I will love them freely,
for my anger has turned from them.
I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily;
he shall take root like the trees of Lebanon;

**Whoever is wise, let him understand these things;
whoever is discerning, let him know them;
for the ways of the Lord are right,
and the upright walk in them,
but transgressors stumble in them.**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God,
You have called us to walk before You in righteousness and peace,
yet we have stumbled because of our iniquity:
we have trusted in things that are not God;
we have worshipped the work of our own hands.
Forgive us, kind and merciful God.
We are truly sorry,
and we humbly repent.
Be to us as the dew to Israel
that we may blossom anew as the lily,
and glorify Your Name now and forever,
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

SONG OF FORGIVENESS ELFAKER

Solo:
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.

Choir:

Kind and merciful God, in Christ's death on the cross
You provided a cleansing from sin;
Speak the words that forgive that henceforth
We may live by the might of Your Spirit within.

Congregation:

**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 pow'r of Your pardon and peace.**

SINGING HIS PRAISE WITH REJOICING

DECLARATION OF HIS GLORY Psalm 103:1-5

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.

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 76 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" LAUDA ANIMA

Latecomers will be seated at this time.

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

SCRIPTURE READING: Daniel 3. Bill C. Weber (8:15)
(page 739 in pew Bible) David T. Popwell (11:00)

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*)

✦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!

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO GOD T. Barton Kimbro

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel?" Evelyn Larter

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel?

Didn't my Lord deliver Daniel, and why not every man?

He delivered Daniel from the lion's den,

Jonah from the belly of the whale,

And the Hebrew children from the fiery furnace,

So why not every man?

I set my foot on the Gospel ship,

And the ship began to sail;

It landed me over on Canaan's shore,

And I'll never come back no more!

*Mary Edwards and John Beckham, soloists
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE FOUNDATION

**How firm a foundation, you saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent Word!
What more can He say than to you He has said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?**

**“When through fiery trials your pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be your supply;
The flame shall not hurt you; I only design
Your dross to consume and your gold to refine.”**

**“The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to His foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I’ll never, no never, no never forsake.”**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

HEARING HIS WORD WITH REPENTANCE AND FAITH

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Lance E. Stockton

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.**

SERMON *Fourth Man in the Fire* Sanders L. Willson

Text: Daniel 3:25

“He answered and said, ‘But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods.’”

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF LOVE: No. 498 “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!” HYFRYDOL

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Festive Processional” B. Marcello

✦ *Indicates congregation standing* CCLI License #252778

Instrumentalists: Jeanne Simmons, flute; Griffin Browne, cello

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.