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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

April 15, 2012, 11:00 a.m.



Fellowship of the Word

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

Please silence your mobile devices.

ORCHESTRAL PRELUDE: "Sonata in D" G. Torelli

A WORD ON WORSHIP *Doubt No More* Sanders L. Willson

CHORAL INTROIT: "This Joyful Eastertide" Charles Wood

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!

My Love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.

Had Christ, that once was slain, ne'er burst His three-day prison,

Our faith had been in vain: but now has Christ arisen, arisen, arisen, arisen!

The Westminster Singers

Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music

CALL TO WORSHIP T. Barton Kimbro

♠HYMN OF RESURRECTION: No. 274 "Thine Be the Glory" MACCABAEUS

♠EPISTLE READING: I Corinthians 15:50-57 Albert L. Throckmorton

I tell you this, brothers: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God,

nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable.

Behold! I tell you a mystery.

We shall not all sleep, but we shall all be changed,

in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.

For the trumpet will sound,

and the dead will be raised imperishable,

and we shall be changed.

**For this perishable body must put on the imperishable,
and this mortal body must put on immortality.**

When the perishable puts on the imperishable,

and the mortal puts on immortality,

then shall come to pass the saying that is written:

"Death is swallowed up in victory."

"O death, where is your victory?

O death, where is your sting?"

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law.

**But thanks be to God,
who gives us the victory
through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

♠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MACCABAEUS

Sing, choirs of angels,

Sweet the notes employ;

Sing the paschal vict'ry,

Shout with holy joy.

For the Lion of Judah

Crushed the Serpent's head;

Conquered sin and evil,

Freed the imprison'd dead.

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son,

Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.

♠PRAYER OF DEVOTION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Timothy L. Russell

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "The Trumpet Shall Sound" G.F. Handel
Text from I Corinthians 15:51-52

Behold, I tell you a mystery; we shall not all sleep,
But we shall all be changed in a moment,
In the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet.
The trumpet shall sound, and the dead shall be raised incorruptible,
And we shall all be changed.

Brett Trimble, bass

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE VILLE DU HAVRE

**O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll,
The trump shall resound and the Lord shall descend,
"Even so" — it is well with my soul.
It is well with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

GOSPEL READING Mark 4:1-20
(page 839 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 *Let the Word of God Dwell Richly* Sanders L. Willson

Fellowship 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.

✦ 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.**

**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 by Your Resurrection has abolished death
and brought life and immortality to light in the gospel,
we humbly bow before Your Divine Majesty
to acknowledge that we have sinned against Your holiness and grace
by failing to trust Your promises and obey Your commandments,
thereby dishonoring Your glorious Name.
We are truly sorry and do earnestly repent of our sins.
Please forgive all that has grieved You,
and restore us to grateful service in Your Kingdom
and faithful obedience to Your Word
that we may hereafter please and honor You,
our faithful Savior. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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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.

"Worship Christ, the Risen King!" REGENT SQUARE

**Rise, O church, and lift your voices, Christ has conquered death and hell.
Sing as all the earth rejoices; resurrection anthems swell.
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!
See the tomb where death has laid Him, empty now, its mouth declares:
"Death and I could not contain Him, for the throne of life He shares."
Come and worship, come and worship, worship Christ, the risen King!
Hear the earth protest and tremble, see the stone removed with pow'r,
All hell's minions may assemble, but cannot withstand His hour.
He has conquered, He has conquered, Christ the Lord, the risen King!
Doubt may lift its head to murmur, scoffers mock and sinners jeer;
But the truth proclaims a wonder thoughtful hearts receive with cheer.
He is risen, He is rise, now receive the risen King!
We acclaim Your life, O Jesus, now we sing Your victory;
Sin or hell may seek to seize us, but You conquest keeps us free.
Stand in triumph, stand in triumph, worship Christ, the risen King!**

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.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise:
He Who on the cross a victim, for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance at His second coming yield:
Then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before Him wave,
Ripened by His glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.

Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, Who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.

God of light, Thy Word unfailing,
Lights the darkness of our way.
Over fear and doubt prevailing
Leading to th'eternal Day.
Through the swiftly rolling ages,
Thou hast shown Thy will to men,
Speaking through Thy saints and sages,
Writing with immortal pen.

Lord, Thy Word is still revealing
Of Thy holiness and grace,
And to hearts which seek Thy healing,
Sweet compassion from Thy face.
To the world Thou still art sending
Words of grace to every clan,
That we all, with voices blending,
Praise Thy wondrous gift to man.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦HYMN OF DEVOTION ODE TO JOY

**May we now with souls enchanted
Open hearts and minds to Thee,
That the Word which Thou implanted
Grow and flourish bountif'ly.
Make of us Thy chosen vessels
Serving Thee from shore to shore,
And to Father, Son, and Spirit,
Be Ye praise forevermore.**

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Fugue from Sonata II" Felix Mendelssohn

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Instrumentalists: Molly Johnson, organ; Gabriel Statom, harpsichord; Long Long Kang and Rebecca Yu, violin; Beth Luscombe, viola; Milena Albrecht, cello; John Schuesselin, trumpet

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.

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

We gather each Sunday evening for an informal service 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.