

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

May 13, 2012 8:15 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: "Allegro from Concerto in D"	1
A WORD ON WORSHIP Filled with the Spirit Sanders L. Willson	
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CHORAL INTROIT: "I Will Sing with the Spirit"	•
And I will sing with the understanding also, Alleluia, alleluia.	
The Westminster Singers, Youth Choir, and Children's Choir Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music	
CALL TO WORSHIP Darrin S. Anthony	7
♦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 301 "Join All the Glorious Names"	_
*EPISTLE READING: Colossians 1:15-20	ı
He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation.	
For by him all things were created, in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—all things were created through him and for him.	
And he is before all things, and in him all things hold together.	
And he is the head of the body, the church. He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in everything he might be preeminent.	
For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,	
and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, making peace by the blood of his cross.	
*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE	
We worship You, O Christ, our Savior and our King; To You our highest praise adoringly we bring. You are the Lord! You conquered sin and death and hell forevermore. Amen.	
♦PRAYER OF ADORATION	
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS	
OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Be Thou My Vision"	r
Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, Be all else but naught to me, save that Thou art; Be Thou my best thought in the day and the night, Both waking and sleeping, Thy presence my light.	
Be Thou my wisdom, be Thou my true word, Be Thou ever with me, and I with Thee, Lord; Be Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son; Be Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.	
Be Thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight; Be Thou my whole armour, be Thou my true might; Be Thou my soul's shelter, be Thou my strong tower; O raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.	

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise; Be Thou mine inheritance now and always; Be Thou and Thou only the first in my heart: O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, Thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys after vict'ry is won; Great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

♦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.

†GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

A PRAYER FOR OUR MOTHERS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, by Your gracious Spirit, open our eyes, that we may behold wondrous things in Your Word; open our ears, that we may hear Your lovely voice; open our minds, that we may believe and understand; open our hearts, that we may love You; open our hands, that we may serve You; open our mouths, that we may declare Your praise; for the honor and glory of Jesus Christ. Amen.

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 Talitha Cumi 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,		

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!

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ,

to Whom belongs the highest praise,

and Who calls us to be Your faithful servants and worshipers,

we acknowledge with great sorrow that we have failed You: we have put ourselves and our wishes above Your glory,

we have selfishly placed our needs above those of our neighbor,

and we have acted as though we had done no wrong.

Please forgive our sinful ways.

We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.

Restore to us a passion for Your glorious Name

and a desire and power to live for Your pleasure,

that You may be forever praised,

with the Father and the Spirit, one God, through all eternity. 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.

HARP MEDITATION: "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder" ALL SAINTS OLD

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's Name! He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame: He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us, pitied us when enemies, Called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes: He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down! For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown: He Who washed us with His blood soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store; When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more: He Who washed us with His blood has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high; Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky: "You have washed us with Your blood; You are worthy, Lamb of God!"

At the Lamb's high feast we sing praise to our victorious King, Who has washed us in the tide flowing from His pierced side; Praise we Him Whose love divine gives His sacred blood for wine, Gives His body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured, death's dark angel sheathes his sword; Israel's hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe. Praise we Christ, Whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread; With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

Mighty Victim from the sky, pow'rs of hell beneath Thee lie; Death is conquered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light: Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to Thee we raise; Holy Father, praise to Thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

"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 will 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: when dearest friends depart, And all is darkened in the vale of tears, Then shall you better know His love, His heart, Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears. Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay from His own fullness all He takes away.

†HYMN OF COMFORT FINLANDIA

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.

†BENEDICTION

†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Finale from Symphony 1" Louis Vierne

♦ Indicates congregation standing

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Instrumentalists: Jeanne Simmons, flute; Shelly Sublett, oboe; Rena Feller, clarinet; Lacolian Washington, bassoon; Sam Compton, horn; Marian Shaffer, harp; Paul Turnbow and Amy Mantooth, violin; Betty Eubank, viola; Milena Albrecht, cello; David Troupe, bass; Molly Johnson, guest organist/summer music intern

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.