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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

September 9, 2012, 8:15 a.m.



The Liturgy of the Word

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

PIANO PRELUDE: "Sinfonia" from *Partita in C Minor* J.S. Bach
David Dennis, piano

A WORD ON WORSHIP *Reverent Amazement* Sanders L. Willson

CHORAL INTROIT: "Jesus Loves Me" arr. Doris Nelson

Jesus loves me! This I know, for the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong. They are weak, but He is strong.

Yes, Jesus loves me. The Bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He will stay close beside me, all the way.
If I love Him when I die, He will take me home on high.

*Laudis Domini Vocal Ensemble
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP A. Mitchell Moore

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 535 "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" EBENEZER

✦EPISTLE READING: Romans 5:1, 6-10 Albert L. Throckmorton

Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**For while we were still weak,
at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.**

For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—
though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—

**but God shows his love for us in that
while we were still sinners,
Christ died for us.**

Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood,
much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.

**For if while we were enemies
we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son,
much more, now that we are reconciled,
shall we be saved by his life.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE EBENEZER

**O what wonder! how amazing! Jesus, glorious King of kings,
Deigns to call us His beloved, lets us rest beneath His wings.**

**Let our hands perform His bidding, let our feet run in His ways:
Let our eyes see Jesus only, let our lips speak forth His praise.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "God So Loved the World" John Stainer
John 3:16, 17

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,
That whoso believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.
For God sent not His Son into the world to condemn the world,
but that the world through Him might be saved.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYFRYDOL

**Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heav'n, to earth come down:
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown:
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter ev'ry trembling heart.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION Timothy L. Russell

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN W. Brian Lewis

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

GOSPEL READING Mark 9:2-13
(page 844 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 *Up and Down the Mountain* 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 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 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, Who loved us and gave Yourself for us,
and Who bids us come and follow You,
we confess that we have not always believed Your love
and have followed after other lords and lusts.
Please forgive us for our foolish and shameful ways,
for we are truly sorry,
and we humbly repent of everything that grieves You.
Restore us to intimate fellowship with You,
and grant that we may glorify You in every thought, word, and deed,
that all the nations may know
that You are the Lord and Savior of the world. 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 printed in bold below.

“The Love of God” LOVE OF GOD

Stanza 3 was penciled on the wall of a narrow room in an insane asylum by a man said to have been demented. The lines were discovered when they laid him in his coffin.

Soloist:

The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care,
God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled
And pardoned from his sin.

*O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
The saints’ and angels’ song.*

Choir:

When hoary time shall pass away,
And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men who here refuse to pray,
On rocks and hills and mountains call,
God’s love so sure, shall still endure,
All measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam’s race—
The saints’ and angels’ song.

Refrain

Congregation:

Could we with ink the ocean fill
And were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill
And every man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above
Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole,
Though stretched from sky to sky.

O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure—
The saints' and angels' song.

"Just As I Am, without One Plea" WOODWORTH

Just as I am, without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bidst me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee Whose blood can cleanse each spot,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about
With many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thy love unknown
Hath broken every barrier down;
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

"Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners!" HYFRYDOL

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul;
Friends may fail me, foes assail me,
He, my Savior, makes me whole.

*Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
He is with me to the end.*

Jesus! what a Strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him.
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
He, my Strength, my victory wins.

Jesus! what a Help in sorrow!
While the billows over me roll,
Even when my heart is breaking,
He, my Comfort, helps my soul.

**Jesus! what a Guide and Keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
Storms about me, night overtakes me,
He, my Pilot, hears my cry.**

**Jesus! I do now receive Him,
More than all in Him I find.
He hath granted me forgiveness,
I am His, and He is mine.**

“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.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

♣HYMN TO CHRIST: No. 170 “Fairest Lord Jesus” CRUSADER’S HYMN

♣BENEDICTION

♣CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Finale” from *Symphony No. 1* Louis Vierne
Molly Johnson, organ

♣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.

Sunday Night Worship - 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary

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.