

# ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

November 18, 2012 Thanksgiving Sunday



# Thanking the Lord

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

Please silence your mobile devices.

ORCHESTRAL PRELUDE: "This Is My Father's World" ...... arr. Wilberg/Statom

A WORD ON WORSHIP

With Thankful Hearts and Voices

Sanders L. Willson

CHORAL INTROIT: "Praise and Thanksgiving" . . . . Gaelic Melody/arr. Jack Schrader

Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer For all things living, You have made good: Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard, Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

God bless the labor we bring to serve You; That with our neighbor we may be fed. Sowing or tilling, we would work with You; Harvesting, milling for daily bread.

Then will Your blessing reach every people, All lands confessing Your gracious hand. Where You are reigning no one will hunger, Your love sustaining, fruitful the land.

> The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00) Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music

♦HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 98 "Now Thank We All Our God"...NUN DANKET

OLD TESTAMENT READING: I Chronicles 16:8-13, 28-34... William R. Jorgensen (8:15)Brandon G. Morrison (11:00)

Oh give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make known his deeds among the peoples!

Sing to him; sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works!

Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice!

Seek the Lord and his strength; seek his presence continually!

Remember the wondrous works that he has done.

his miracles and the judgments he uttered, O offspring of Israel his servant, sons of Jacob, his chosen ones!

Ascribe to the Lord, O clans of the peoples, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering and come before him!

Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness; tremble before him, all the earth;

yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved.

Let the heavens be glad, and let the earth rejoice, and let them say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!"

Let the sea roar, and all that fills it; let the field exult, and everything in it!

Then shall the trees of the forest sing for joy before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!

O God, our faithful God, true fountain ever flowing, Without Whom nothing is, all perfect gifts bestowing: For all Your wondrous deeds, we sing with thankful hearts; We raise our voices high for all Your grace imparts.

**PRAYER OF ADORATION** 

# **Receiving His Grace**

#### CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Kind and merciful God, from Whose hand has come very good things and Who calls us to thank You for Your many mercies: We confess with great sorrow that we have not thanked You as we ought, but rather have wrongly grumbled and complained against Your providence. Please forgive our foolish ways, and restore us to grateful praise and humble trust that Your glorious and majestic Name may be forever honored, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

**†HYMN OF ASSURANCE:** 

No. 496 "Kind and Merciful God" ..... ELFAKER

stanzas 1, 4 & 5

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS......A. Mitchell Moore

A special offering will be taken today for World Relief Malawi, Calvary Rescue Mission, and Memphis Union Mission. If you wish to participate, please mark your checks "for Thanksgiving Offering" or use the special Thanksgiving Offering envelopes in the pew racks.

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;

The moon and stars suspended in space.

O, what is man, that You are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor,

And have made him a little lower than the angels.

You have put him in charge of all creation:

The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea;

But what is man, O, what is man

That You are mindful of him?

O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of Your name

Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.

O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly,

And so would we.

Alleluia. The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia.

O worship the King all glorious above,

O gratefully sing His pow'r and His love; Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days, Pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise. O measureless Might! Ineffable Love! While angels delight to hymn You above, The humbler creation, though feeble their lays. With true adoration shall lisp to Your praise.

**†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION** 

*<del>†</del>GREETINGS* 

# **Hearing His Word**

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

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.

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 What Do You Want? Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

- ♦HYMN OF CONSECRATION: No. 164 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"... AZMON
- **†BENEDICTION**
- **†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN**

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata on Old Hundredth" .................. John Ferguson

♦ *Indicates congregation standing* 

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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 - 6:00 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.