



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

January 20, 2013



Praising His Name

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

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "All Creatures of Our God and King" . . arr. Harold Owen

CHORAL INTROIT: "We Are God's People" SYMPHONY

We are God's people, the chosen of the Lord,
Born of His Spirit, established by His Word;
Our cornerstone is Christ alone, and strong in Him we stand:
O let us give our hearts to God, and so shall His work on earth be done.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP D. Todd Erickson

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 342 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" . . REGENT SQUARE
stanzas 1-4

♠EPISTLE READING: Ephesians 2:14-22 Courtney T. Humphreys (8:15)
Grace J. Knight (11:00)

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one
and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility
by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances,
that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two,
so making peace,

**and might reconcile us both to God
in one body through the cross,
thereby killing the hostility.**

And he came and preached peace to you who were far off
and peace to those who were near.

**For through him we both have access
in one Spirit to the Father.**

So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,
but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members
of the household of God,

**built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,**

in whom the whole structure, being joined together,
grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

**In him you also are being built together
into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.**

♠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE REGENT SQUARE

**Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.**

♠PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15

Gordon Biggs Poore, born August 18, 2012, son of Meredith and Scott Poore

11:00

*Chloe Liliana Greer, born August 18, 2012, daughter of Sonia and Jacob Greer
Andrew Clark Fisher Jr., born March 9, 2012, son of Emily and Andrew Fisher*

PARENTAL VOWS

Do you acknowledge your child’s need of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God’s covenant promises on his/her behalf, and do you look to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the sacred Scriptures, and that you will strive, by all the means that God provides you, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you undertake the responsibility to assist these parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: “Jesus Loves You” JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.**

Celebrating His Grace

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God, Who in Your grace
built Your church on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,
Christ Jesus Himself being the Cornerstone,
and Who calls us to love Your Church and engage her mission,
we confess with contrite hearts that we have failed to obey You
in thought, word, and deed,
both in what we have done
and also in what we have left undone.
Please forgive our grievous ways,
and renew our hearts
that we may hereafter devote ourselves to Your purposes
and, with heartfelt affection, serve Your people
and the advancement of Your Kingdom,
through Jesus Christ, the glorious Head of the Church. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦HYMN OF REJOICING: No. 474 “Blow Ye the Trumpet, Blow!” LENOX
stanzas 1,2,3 & 6

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Timothy L. Russell

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Christ is Our Cornerstone” Malcolm Archer

Christ is our cornerstone, on Him alone we build;
With His true saints alone the courts of heaven are filled;
On His great love our hopes we place
Of present grace and joys above.

O then with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring:
Our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing;
And thus proclaim in joyful song,
Both loud and long, that glorious name.

Here, gracious God, do Thou forevermore draw nigh;
Accept each faithful vow, and mark each suppliant sigh;
In copious shower on all who pray
Each holy day Thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from heaven the grace we implore;
And may that grace, once given,
Be with us evermore until that day
When all the blest to endless rest are called away. Amen.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AURELIA

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
She is His new creation by water and the Word:
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.**

**O'er ev'ry foe victorious, He on His throne shall rest,
From age to age more glorious, all blessing and all blessed;
The tide of time shall never His covenant remove;
His name shall stand forever—that name to us is Love.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

Hearing His Word

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) W. Lee Taylor

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.**

GOSPEL READING Mark 11:27-12:12
(page 848 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 *The Church's Cornerstone* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF FAITH: No. 345 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken" . . . AUSTRIAN HYMN

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata" Eugene Gigout
Lenora Morrow, Organist

✦ *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.