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March 3, 2013 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.

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Prayer of St. Gregory" Alan Hovahness

Lenora Morrow, organ; John Schuesselin, trumpet

Trumpets resound! Let all wisdom sing praise to the Lord, exalting the Lord. Trumpets resound! Let all knowledge sing praise to the Lord, exalting the Lord. Trumpets resound! Let all silence sing praise to the Lord, exalting the Lord.

O sing a new song to the Lord. Sing to the Lord! And then let all creation break forth into glorious praise to the Lord!

> Youth Choir Ginger Statom, Director

†HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 53 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERRENstanzas 1-4

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,

bless his holy name!

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,

who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,

who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy,

who satisfies you with good so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Bless the Lord, O you his angels, you mighty ones who do his word, obeying the voice of his word!

Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

Bless the Lord, all his works, in all places of his dominion.

Bless the Lord, O my soul!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him! All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him! Let the amen sound from his people again; Gladly fore'er we adore Him!

†PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

O Christ, Who spared not any cost, Nor any grace withheld, But poured forth Your redeeming blood In love unparalleled; What would You have me offer, Lord?

What must I count as loss That I may taste the fellowship That brings me near the cross? Why should I cling to gifts You give? Why grasp in foolish pride What You Who gave Yourself for me Now bid me lay aside?

To know You is my highest gain, Worth any sacrifice, A treasure worthy to possess At any earthly price. Yet if behind my open hands, My heart shrinks from the cost, Teach me nothing offered You is ever truly lost.

A hundred-fold reward awaits In one glimpse of Your face, My sacrifice forgotten In the riches of Your grace.

Lizzie Young, soloist

In heavenly love abiding, no change my heart shall fear; And safe is such confiding, for nothing changes here. The storm may roar around me, my heart may low be laid; But God is round about me, and can I be dismayed?

Green pastures are before me, which yet I have not seen; Bright skies will soon be o'er me where darkest clouds have been; My hope I cannot measure, my path to life is free; My Savior has my treasure, and He will walk with me.

♦PRAYER OF DEDICATION.......Ronald G. Sadlow

†GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(page 849 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)

HOMILY An Upside Down, Right Side Up Gospel: Lose Control T. Barton Kimbro

The Liturgy 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.

Gluten free communion bread is available upon request from the elder at the east side of the transverse aisle (opposite from the door leading to the Connector).

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

Dear God,

Who graciously reached down into our brokenness and became one of us through the advent of Your Son in order that we may have redemption, we confess with humility and saddened hearts that we have continued to rebel against You and have continued to try to maintain control and live by our own authority.

Please forgive us for all our sins, for we are truly sorry and earnestly repent.

Renew us by Your grace and enable us by Your Spirit to live unto You, enjoy You, and glorify Your matchless Name.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer we pray, Amen.

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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.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul, To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
To God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on!

"Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus".....LEMMEL

O soul, are you weary and troubled? No light in the darkness you see? There's light for a look at the Savior, And life more abundant and free!

> Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face; And the things of earth Will grow strangely dim In the light of His glory and grace.

Through death into life everlasting He passed, And we follow Him there; Over us sin no more hath dominion— For more than conqu'rors we are!

His Word shall not fail you— He promised; Believe Him and all will be well: Then go to a world that is dying, His perfect salvation to tell!



"Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross"........................NEAR THE CROSS

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain, Free to all— a healing stream— flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever; Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me; There the Bright and Morning Star shed its beams around me.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me; Help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever, Till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man! Glory and honor, praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be thine.

†BENEDICTION

†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Postlude on 'Dunedin'" William H. Bates

♦ 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.