

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

November 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.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

You are invited to pray and reflect on the following prayer as you prepare for worship.

O God, whose blessed Son came into the world

that He might destroy the works of the devil

and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life:

Grant that, having this hope, we may purify ourselves as He is pure;

that, when He comes again with power and great glory,

we may be made like Him in His eternal and glorious kingdom;

where He lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

ORGAN PRELUDE:

"Improvisation on 'We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator" ... arr. L. Morrow

Lenora Morrow, organ

CHORAL INTROIT: "I Was Glad"...... Henry Purcell Text from Psalm 122:1-4

I was glad when they said unto me: we will go into the house of the Lord.

For thither the tribes go up, e'en the tribes of the Lord,

To testify unto Israel, and to give thanks unto the name of the Lord. For there is the seat of judgment: e'en the seat of the house of David.

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.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Michael G. Stokke

†HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 97 "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator" . . . KREMSER

PRAYER OF ADORATION

READING FROM THE APOCALYPSE Revelation 14:13

And I heard a voice from heaven saying,

"Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on."

"Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

These Saints have entered the Church Triumphant during the past year:

Donald Joseph Bellott, Jr. James Leary Graham McLain Griffith Marcia Swett Baker

R. William Skinner Josephine Louise Milani Brooks Sammons

Virginia Dunlap Gaston Sue Ann Alley Frick Fay Tullos Sanford Lorraine K. Gordon Carlton Hatch Power David Gordon Colby Marsha Keys Dayton Jo Ann Hawkes Johnson

Edgar Hull Bailey Mary Josephine Hastings Phillips

Charles Allan Long Wilma Hardaway Robert Norman McKinnon Louise Baker Housholder Dorothy Ann Stroh Hays William Thomas Geralds Marilyn Essary Carol Chisholm Sherman Douglas Hixson Walter Leroy Jarratt Howard Leon Cleveland Mary Jane Archer Wilkes

Edward Charles Leonard Sara Dew Misner

Virginia O. Campbell Janet Stewart Blake Wright Winifred Dean Drane Mary Frances Keenan Averitt Clinton Ray Pearson Barbara Brown Whipple William Sherman Craddock Henry Clay Pitts, Jr. John Leflar Robert Edwin Tooms

Gladys Johnson Streicher Edward F. Williams III

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

Eternal God,

your Word declares that the life that is laid down in faith will be raised and produce a great harvest.

This we celebrate as we proclaim:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We remember and praise you for the saints and martyrs of this and every age.

We name them before you now in silence.

These lives, like seeds, dropped to the ground,

yet their witness has borne fruit and enables us to say:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We pray for your church throughout the world and for that part to which we belong, that it may be ready to spend and to be spent in your service, that the love of self-preservation may be set aside, that the deaths you demand of it may be embraced joyfully, and that through all it may proclaim:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

We surrender to your will and purpose ourselves and all that we count important. For we cannot know the glory of Christ's resurrection if we do not have the fellowship of sufferings. And we cannot expect to gather the kingdom's harvest if we do not sow the kingdom's seed. In us and through us, may your Spirit proclaim:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. Amen.

♦HYMN OF TRIUMPH: No. 358 "For All the Saints"......SINE NOMINE PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS The souls of the just are in the hand of God, *Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt,* Et non tanget illos tormentum malitiae. And the torment of death shall not touch them. Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori, In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die; Illi autem sunt in pace. But they are in peace. It is well with my soul; It is well, it is well with my soul. *†GREETINGS* A WORD TO THE CHILDREN A TESTIMONY ON STEWARDSHIP.......John Alexander PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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*)

READING FROM THE EPISTLES: Ephesians 5:7-14........... Christopher M. Taylor (page 978 in pew Bible)

COMMUNION HOMILY

The Children of Light

Sanders L. Willson

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

Heavenly Father,
You call us to arise and shine
for the One who is the light of the world has come.
Yet we confess the many ways that we have not lived
according to our new identity as children of light.
For too long we have loved darkness rather than light,
because darkness hides the ugly realities of our sin.
We grieve that we have lived too much
to please ourselves rather than You.
Pardon us for the times that we have hidden Your light
and refused to shine it to others.
Forgive us for not living openly and transparently with others
and for not living joyfully in your presence
with nothing to fear or hide.
We beseech You now to hear our prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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. We invite you to join in singing the hymns printed below during this time of communion.

Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, Son of God and Son of Man! Thee will I cherish, Thee will I honor, Thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fair are the woodlands, Robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, Who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight, And all the twinkling, starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer Than all the angels heav'n can boast.

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

stand!



When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God: All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down: Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.

- **†BENEDICTION**
- **†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN**

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Flourish for an Occasion" William Harris

♦ 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 with Keith and Kristyn Getty

We invite you to worship with us tonight at 6 p.m., as we host guest worship leaders and composers of the well-known hymn, "In Christ Alone," Keith and Kristyn Getty. We expect increased attendance and hope our members will arrive early to welcome visitors and fellowship with guests from the community.

Doors will open at 5:15 p.m.