



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

November 3, 2013
11:00 a.m.



Praising His Name

*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:

“The Joy of the Redeemed” Clarence Dickinson
“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

✦READING FROM THE PSALMS: Psalm 67 Brandon G. Morrison

May God be gracious to us and bless us
and make his face to shine upon us,

**that your way may be known on earth,
your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,
for you judge the peoples with equity
and guide the nations upon earth.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;
let all the peoples praise you!

The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, shall bless us.

**God shall bless us;
let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE KREMSER

**We all do extol Thee, Thou leader triumphant,
And pray that Thou still our defender wilt be.
Let Thy congregation endure thro’ tribulation:
Thy Name be ever prais’d! O Lord, make us free!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Honoring His Saints

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
Wilma Hardaway	Charles Allan Long
Robert Norman McKinnon	Louise Baker Housholder
Marilyn Essary	Dorothy Ann Stroh Hays
Carol Chisholm	William Thomas Gerald
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
Mary Frances Keenan Averitt	Winifred Dean Drane
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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Justorum Animae" Charles V. Stanford

Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt, The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
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.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE VILLE DU HAVRE

**It is well with my soul;
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION Dan G. Burns

✦ GREETINGS

Hearing His Word

A TESTIMONY ON STEWARDSHIP John Alexander

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND INTERCESSION

READING FROM THE EPISTLES Ephesians 5:7-14
(page 978 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 Children of Light* Sanders L. Willson

CORPORATE PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

**Heavenly Father,
we are those whom You have transferred
from the kingdom of darkness into Your kingdom of light.
Grant us new resolve today to live as children of light.
May we be those who hate all the deeds of darkness.
Free us from living to please ourselves
and empower us to discern carefully what pleases You.
Show us how to shine Your light to others
so that they glorify and honor You, our Father.
Make us a people who live openly and transparently with others;
Make us a people who live joyfully in your presence
with nothing to fear or hide.
May You delight to do what we have asked in Jesus' name, Amen.**

✦ HYMN OF GOD'S WISDOM: No. 38 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" JOANNA

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Flourish for an Occasion" William Harris

✦ *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.