



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

January 12, 2014



Adoring Our Heavenly Bridegroom

*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, perhaps including the following prayer, as you prepare for worship.

O, Heavenly Bridegroom, Who has graciously and winsomely called us to be Your bride, enable us to enter into Your presence with joy; enlarge our hearts that we may return Your love; and seal us forever upon Your heart. Amen.

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Prelude sur l'Introit de l'Ephiphanie" Maurice Durufle
Lenora Morrow, organ

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION: "Adagio" from *Violin Sonata No. 1* J.S. Bach
Long Long Kang, violin

CALL TO WORSHIP Gerry A. Peak

READING FROM THE PSALMS Psalm 45:10, 11

Hear, O daughter, and consider, and incline your ear:

**forget your people and your father's house,
and the king will desire your beauty.**

Since he is your lord, bow to him.

✦HYMN OF LOVE: No. 170 "Fairest Lord Jesus" CRUSADER'S HYMN

✦READING FROM THE PROPHETS:

Isaiah 61:10-11; 62:3-5 Albert L. Throckmorton (8:15)
Marjorie A. Bowman (11:00)

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord; my soul shall exult in my God,
for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation;

**he has covered me with the robe of righteousness,
as a bridegroom decks himself like a priest with a beautiful headdress,
and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.**

For as the earth brings forth its sprouts,
and as a garden causes what is sown in it to sprout up,

**so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise
to sprout up before all the nations.**

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.

**You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate,**

but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;

**for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.**

For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your sons marry you,

**and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CARITAS

**My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Enjoying His Love

READING FROM THE SONG OF SOLOMON

The Song of Solomon is a powerful love poem, illustrating the beauty of human romance and the loving relationship between Christ and His redeemed people.

Behold, you are beautiful, my love;
behold, you are beautiful.

Behold, you are beautiful, my beloved, truly delightful.

As a lily among brambles,
so is my love among the young women.

**As an apple tree among the trees of the forest,
so is my beloved among the young men.
With great delight I sat in his shadow,
and his fruit was sweet to my taste.**

You have captivated my heart, my sister, my bride.

I am my beloved's and my beloved is mine.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord Jesus Christ, faithful Bridegroom to Your people,
Who has laid down Your life for us that we might be holy,
please forgive us for our failure to love You as we ought:
we have neglected Your tender invitation to intimacy
and have flagrantly violated Your holy will.
Please forgive us
and restore us to Your loving fellowship
that we may, once again, enjoy the privileges
and resume the obligations of our covenant with You,
for the everlasting honor and glory of Your Name. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

CHORAL RESPONSE: "I Sat Down"Edward Bairstow
text from Song of Solomon 2:3-4

I sat down under His shadow with great delight,
And His fruit was sweet to my taste.

He brought me to the banqueting house,
And His banner over me was love.

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "As the Bridegroom to His Chosen" John Rutter

*These words were penned by Johannes Tauler,
a fourteenth century Dominican friar and mystic,
who preached often on the necessity of a personal relationship with God
beyond mere religious ritual.*

As the bridegroom to his chosen, as the king unto his realm,
As the keeper to the castle, as the pilot to the helm.
As the captain to his soldiers, as the shepherd to his lambs,
So, Lord, art Thou to me.

As the fountain in the garden, as the candle in the dark,
As the treasure in the coffer, as the manna in the ark,
As the firelight in the winter, as the sunlight in the spring
So, Lord, art Thou to me.

As the music at the banquet, as the stamp unto the seal,
As refreshment to the fainting, as the winecup at the meal,
As the singing on the feast day, as the amen to the prayer,
So, Lord, art Thou to me.

As the ruby in the setting, as the honey in the comb
As the light within the lantern, as the father in the home,
As the eagle in the mountains, as the sparrow in the nest,
So, Lord, art Thou to me.

As the sunshine in the heavens, as the image in the glass,
As the fruit unto the fig tree, as the dew unto the grass,
As the rainbow on the hilltop, as the river in the plain,
So, Lord, art Thou to me.

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CARITAS

**I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

✠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION Ronald G. Sadlow

✠ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Andrew E. Keasling

Seeking His Will

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS. . . . J. Robert Coleman
Clerk of Session

(8:15) Deacons:

*Drew Baker, *David Brown, Ted Davis, *Mike Donoghue, Margaret Donato,
Troy Graham, *Brandon Hammons, Pete Hastings, *Shelley Hill, *Chad Jackson,
*Joel Kaye, *Gregg Meeks, *Virginia Pilcher, *Pam Taylor, Steve Threlkeld,
*Craig Willingham

(11:00) Elders:

Howard Graham, John Ivy, *Tim Jewett, Bill Martin, *Mike McSwain, Olin Morris,
Wilson Orr, *Ben Scott, *Vivion Sisuse, *Gordon Thompson, John Wepfer

**to be ordained*

Officers' Vows

Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your own personal Lord and Savior?

Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be uniquely and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, and the supreme and final authority in all matters on which they speak?

With any exception that you have stated to the Session, do you sincerely receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?

Do you promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the essentials of the faith you will, on your own initiative, make known to your church Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?

Do you affirm and adopt the "Essentials of Our Faith" without exception?

Do you subscribe to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church?

Do you promise subjection to your fellow Presbyters in the Lord?

Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to accept the office of deacon/ruling elder from love of God and sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?

Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise to you on that account?

Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as deacon/elder whether personal or relative, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before this congregation of which God will make you an officer?

Are you now willing to take responsibility in the life of this congregation as a deacon/elder and will you seek to discharge your duties, relying upon the grace of God, in such a way that the entire church of Jesus Christ will be blessed?

Congregational Vow

Do you, the members of this congregation, receive these persons as officers in our church, and do you promise to yield them and all your officers all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their ordination as officers entitles them, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church?

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Charge to Officers and Congregation

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PRAYERS FOR THE BRIDE OF CHRIST C. Miner



1. Je - sus with Thy church a - bide, be her sa - vior, Lord and Guide,
2. May she guide the poor and blind, seek the lost un - til she find,
3. May her lamp of truth be bright, bid her bear a - loft its light
4. Arm her sol - diers with the cross, brave to suf - fer toil or loss,
5. May she ho - ly tri - umphs win, o - ver - throw the hosts of sin,



while on earth her faith is tried:
and the bro - ken - heart - ed find:
through the realms of dar - kened night: We be - seech Thee, hear us.
count - ing earth - ly gain but dross:
ga - ther all the na - tions in:

READING FROM THE EPISTLES. Ephesians 5:22-24
(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 Christian Bride

Sanders L. Willson

PRAYERS OF SUPPLICATION 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.**

◆HYMN OF SUPPLICATION: No. 719 "A Christian Home" FINLANDIA
stanzas 1 & 3

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING


ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Final" from *Symphony No. 1* Louis Vierne

✦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.

 Please leave your bulletin in the pew if you'd like it to be recycled.

Getting Connected at Second

To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Todd Erickson at (901) 312-9890 or todd.erickson@2pc.org.