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The Liturgy of the Word

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

WORSHIP REFLECTIONAdapted from C.S. Lewis, Mere Christianity
We invite you to use the words below to prepare your heart for worship.
Do not imagine that if you meet a really humble man he will be what most people call "humble" nowadays. He will not be a sort of greasy, smarmy person, who is always telling you that, of course, he is nobody. Probably all you will think about him is that he seemed a cheerful, intelligent chap who took a real interest in what you said to him. If anyone would like to acquire humility, I can, I think, tell him the first step. The first step is to realize that one is proud. And a biggish step, too. At least, nothing whatever can be done before it. If you think you are not proud, it means you are very proud indeed.
ORGAN PRELUDE: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"arr. Samuel Metzger "Andante Sostenuto" from <i>Symphonie Gothique</i> Charles-Marie Widor
Samuel Metzger, organ
CHORAL INTROIT: "O Be Joyful in the Lord" Charles Villiers Stanford text based on Psalm 100
O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before His presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord He is God: it is He that had made us, and not we ourselves; We are His people and the sheep of His pasture. Amen.
<i>The Westminster Singers</i> <i>Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music</i>
CALL TO WORSHIPD. Todd Erickson
♥HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 165 "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" LYONS
◆EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11Shelley Hill
Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men.
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PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "A Debtor to Mercy Alone"arr. John Hudson text by Augustus M. Toplady		
A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing; Nor fear, with Thy righteousness on, my person and off'ring to bring. The terrors of law and of God with me can have nothing to do; My Savior's obedience and blood hide all my transgressions from view.		
The work which His goodness began, the arm of His strength will complete; His promise is Yea and Amen, and never forfeited yet. Things future, nor things that are now, nor all things below or above, Can make Him His purpose forgo, or sever my soul from His love.		
My name from the palms of His hands eternity will not erase; Impressed on His heart it remains, in marks of indelible grace. Yes, I to the end shall endure, as sure as the earnest is giv'n. A debtor to mercy alone, of covenant mercy I sing.		
♦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE		
Amazing grace! how sweet the sound — that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.		
*PRAYER OF DEDICATION Michael G. Stokke		
†GREETINGS		
A WORD TO THE CHILDREN		
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION		
GOSPEL LESSON		
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. (<i>Isaiah 40:6b, 8</i>)		
HOMILY Facing Pride: The Disciples at the Last Supper 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).

PROFESSION OF FAITH	The Apostles' Creed
I believe in God the Father Almigh Maker of heaven and earth;	nty,
 and in Jesus Christ His only Son o Who was conceived by the Hol born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried He descended into hell; The third day He rose again fro He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand o from thence He shall come to j 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 	ly Ghost, ; om the dead; f God the Father Almighty; udge the quick and the dead;
♥GLORIA PATRI	GREATOREX
Glory be to the Father, and to the S As it was in the beginning, is now World without end. Amen, Amen!	
CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION	
Lord Jesus, in Your lowliness of he You humbled Yourself to the point Yet the weed of pride often grows Pardon us for the ways that we cor We acknowledge the evidences of in our lovelessness, prayerlessness stubbornness, defensiveness, and Grace our lives with Your blessed so that we live to make Your name For we make our prayer in Your st	of death on a cross. unchecked in the soil of our hearts. ntend for supremacy with You. pride divisiveness, discontentedness. gift of self-forgetfulness great and not our own.
INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION	1
ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON	

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.

"Communion Hymn" PICARDY text by St. Thomas Aquinas

That last night, at supper lying, 'mid the twelve, His chosen band, Jesus, with the law complying, keeps the feast its rites demand; Then, more precious food supplying, gives Himself with His own hand.

Word made flesh, true bread He maketh, by His word His flesh to be, Wine His blood; which whoso taketh must from carnal thoughts be free: Faith alone, though sight forsaketh, shows true hearts the mystery.

"How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place" ST. COLUMBA Reference page 469 in the hymnal for music.

How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors, While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.

While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast, Each of us cries, with thankful tongue, "Lord, why was I a guest?"

"Why was I made to hear Your voice, and enter while there's room, When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?"

'Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in; Else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.

Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come; Send Your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.

We long to see Your churches full, that all the chosen race May, with one voice and heart and soul, sing Your redeeming grace.

"The Power of the Cross" Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

O, to see the dawn of the darkest day— Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then Nailed to a cross of wood.

This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us; Took the blame, bore the wrath— We stand forgiven at the cross.

O, to see the pain written on Your face, Bearing the awesome weight of sin. Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Chorus

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath Quakes as its Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us. What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

O, to see my name written in the wounds, For through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love.

Chorus

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"
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 I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.
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?
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING
+HYMN OF WONDER.
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.
♦ BENEDICTION

†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"arr. Al Travis

†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.