

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

April 6, 2014



Proclaim His Goodness

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.

Almighty God, You alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners:
Grant Your people grace to love what You command and desire what You promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Come, Thou Almighty King" arr. Albert Travis

Samuel Metzger, organ

HANDBELL PRELUDE: "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. Thompson Second Ringers

♦HYMN OF PRAISE: NO. 457 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

So put away all malice and all deceit and hypocrisy and envy and all slander.

Like newborn infants, long for the pure spiritual milk, that by it you may grow up into salvation— if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good.

As you come to him, a living stone rejected by men but in the sight of God chosen and precious,

you yourselves like living stones are being built up as a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

For it stands in Scripture: "Behold, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious, and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."

So the honor is for you who believe, but for those who do not believe, "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone," and "A stone of stumbling, and a rock of offense."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

O that day when freed from sinning, I shall see Thy lovely face; Covered then in blood washed linen how I'll sing Thy sovereign grace; Come, my Lord, no longer tarry, take my ransomed soul away; Send thine angels now to carry me to realms of endless day.

Pursue His Mercy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

"Honor your father and your mother."

Have I made every effort to show members of my immediate family, especially my parents, all the love, consideration and respect that I can?

"You shall not murder."

Have I harbored malice, ill-will, bitterness, or have I thought unkindly of anyone?

"You shall not commit adultery."

Have I been intimate or have I allowed my mind to indulge in desires of intimacy with anyone to whom I am not married?

"You shall not steal."

Have I envied or taken from others any time, services, money, or goods to which I did not have a right?

"You shall not bear false witness."

Have I walked with integrity this week, keeping my promises, speaking with complete honesty?

"You shall not covet."

Am I envying or grieving at the prosperity of my neighbor? Am I contentedly loving and serving God wherever in His good providence He has placed me?

HANDBELL MEDITATION FOR CONFESSION: "Kyrie"...........Cathy Moklebust Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

He that abideth in me, and I in Him, The same bringeth forth much fruit: Love, joy, peace, patience, tenderness, Goodness, faith, meekness and self control.

> Youth Choir Ginger Statom, Director

†CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE... . ST. LEONARDS



- God my Fa-ther rule my life in ev-ery-thing,
- 2. May the peace of
- May the love of Je - sus fill me as the wa-ters fill the



that I may be calm to com-fort him ex - alt - ing, self a - bas - ing, sick and sor - row - ing. this is vic - to - ry.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION D. Todd Erickson

†GREETINGS

Prize His Word

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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. (page 31 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** Facing Envy: Israel's Sons at Dothan Sanders L. Willson PRAYER OF COMMITMENT **†BENEDICTION**

♦ Indicates congregation standing

†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

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Second Ringers: Lily Humphreys, Beth Fischer, Mimi Vestal, BJ Webster, Mary Lawrence Flinn, Anne Thompson, Pam Dennis, Molly Johnson, Debbie Thomas, Fred Flinn, Jim Cantrell, Annie Petzinger

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Carillon de Longpont".....Louis Vierne

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.

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.

Sunday Night Worship

We gather each Sunday at 6:00 p.m. for a service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God's Word. Our current series, which focuses on the work of the Holy Spirit, continues tonight with "The Spirit Teaches Us to Pray," from Romans 8:26-27. We invite you to worship with us.