



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

May 4, 2014
8:15 a.m.



STRENGTHENED BY HIS WORSHIP

*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 the following prayer as you prepare for worship.

O God, whose blessed Son
made Himself known to His disciples in the breaking of bread:
Open the eyes of our faith,
that we may behold Him in all His redeeming work;
Who lives and reigns with You, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Sonata for Trumpet and Organ" Henry Purcell
John Schusslein, trumpet; Samuel Metzger, organ

CHORAL INTROIT: "Alleluia" Paul Basler
*The Westminster Singers
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP Gerry A. Peak

✦HYMN OF CHRIST: No. 274 "Thine Be the Glory" MACCABAEUS

✦APOCALYPTIC LESSON: Revelation 12:7-12. Jennifer W. Thompson

Now war arose in heaven,
Michael and his angels fighting against the dragon.
And the dragon and his angels fought back,

**but he was defeated,
and there was no longer any place for them in heaven.**

And the great dragon was thrown down,
that ancient serpent, who is called the devil and Satan,
the deceiver of the whole world—
he was thrown down to the earth,
and his angels were thrown down with him.

**And I heard a loud voice in heaven, saying,
"Now the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God
and the authority of his Christ have come,**

For the accuser of our brothers has been thrown down,
who accuses them day and night before our God.

**And they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb
and by the word of their testimony,
for they loved not their lives even unto death.**

Therefore, rejoice, O heavens and you who dwell in them!
But woe to you, O earth and sea,

**For the devil has come down to you in great wrath,
because he knows that his time is short!"**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MACCABAEUS

**Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

STRENGTHENED BY HIS WORD

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 6:10-20
(page 979 in the 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)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS..... T. Barton Kimbro

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "The Armor of God"K. Lee Scott

Give me, O Christ, the strength that is in Thee,
That I may stand in every evil hour;
Faints my poor heart except to Thee I flee,
Resting my weakness in Thy perfect power.

Give me to see the foes that I must fight,
Powers of the darkness throned where Thou shouldst reign;
Read the directings of Thy wrath aright,
Lest, striking flesh and blood, I strike in vain.

Give me to wear the armor that can guard,
Over my breast Thy blood-bought righteousness;
Faith for my shield, when fiery darts rain hard,
Girded with truth, and shod with zeal to bless.

Give me to wield the weapon that is sure,
Taking through prayer Thy sword into my hand,
Word of Thy wisdom, peaceable and pure, so,
Christ my Conqueror, I shall conqueror stand.

Yes, having all things done,
O Christ my Conqueror, I shall stand!

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE WEBB

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, ye soldiers of the cross;
Lift high His royal banner, it must not suffer loss:
From vict'ry unto vict'ry His army He shall lead,
Till ev'ry foe is vanquished, and Christ is Lord indeed.**

**Stand up, stand up for Jesus, the trumpet call obey;
Forth to the mighty conflict in this His glorious day:
Ye that are men now serve Him against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger, and strength to strength oppose.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN..... MJ Keasling

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

HOMILY *Put on the Whole Armor* Sanders L. Willson

STRENGTHENED AT HIS 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 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

**Gracious heavenly Father,
we confess that we put on airs
more often than we put on Your armor.
Forgive us for our self-promotion,
self-protection and self-reliance.
Pardon us for not cherishing and trusting in Your gifts
of righteousness, faith, and salvation
during times of temptation and spiritual conflict.
Transform us by Your Spirit
so that we live as good soldiers of Jesus Christ.
For we pray in His strong name,
Who is our strength and our defender. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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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.

"Soldiers of Christ, Arise" DIADEMATA
Reference page 575 in the hymnal for music. Text by John Wesley

**Soldiers of Christ, arise, and put your armor on,
Strong in the strength which God supplies through His eternal Son.
Strong in the Lord of hosts, and in His mighty power,
Who in the strength of Jesus trusts is more than conqueror.**

**Stand then in His great might, with all His strength endued,
But take, to arm you for the fight, the panoply of God;
That, having all things done, and all your conflicts passed,
Ye may o'ercome through Christ alone and stand entire at last.**

**Stand then against your foes, in close and firm array;
Legions of wily fiends oppose throughout the evil day.
But meet the sons of night, and mock their vain design,
Armed in the arms of heavenly light, of righteousness divine.**

**Leave no unguarded place, no weakness of the soul,
Take every virtue, every grace, and fortify the whole;
Indissolubly joined, to battle all proceed;
But arm yourselves with all the mind that was in Christ, your Head.**

**Jesus has died for you! What can His love withstand?
Believe, hold fast your shield, and who shall pluck you from His hand?
Believe that Jesus reigns; all power to Him is giv'n:
Believe, till freed from sin's remains; believe yourselves to Heav'n.**

**To keep your armor bright, attend with constant care,
Still walking in your Captain's sight, and watching unto prayer.
Ready for all alarms, steadfastly set your face,
And always exercise your arms, and use your every grace.**

**Pour out your souls to God, and bow them with your knees,
And spread your hearts and hands abroad, and pray for Zion's peace;
Your guides and brethren bear for ever on your mind;
Extend the arms of mighty prayer, in grasping all mankind.**

"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" PALESTRINA
Reference page 275 in the hymnal for music.

**The strife is o'er, the battle done;
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!**

**The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed:
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!**

**The three sad days have quickly sped;
He rises glorious from the dead:
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!**

**He closed the yawning gates of hell;
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell:
Let hymns of praise His triumphs tell. Alleluia!**

**Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dead sting Thy servants free,
That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia!**

"Lead On, O King Eternal" LANCASHIRE
Reference page 580 in the hymnal for music.

**Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;
Henceforth in fields of conquest Thy tents shall be our home:
Through days of preparation Thy grace has made us strong,
And now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.**

**Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,
And holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;
For not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,
But deeds of love and mercy, the heav'nly kingdom comes.**

**Lead on, O King eternal: we follow, not with fears;
For gladness breaks like morning where e'er Thy face appears;
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:
The crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦SENDING HYMN DIADEMATA

**From strength to strength go on, wrestle and fight and pray,
Tread all the powers of darkness down and win the well fought day.
Still let the Spirit cry in all His soldiers, "Come!"
Till Christ the Lord descends from high and takes the conquerors home.**

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE:
Toccata on "Victimae Paschali Laudes" (Praise to the Paschal Lamb) . . . Denis Bédard

✦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.