



ORDER FOR THE  
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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August 10, 2014  
8:15 a.m.



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship  
and silence your mobile devices.*

This morning, we begin a new sermon series on the Gospel of John. Our first hymn, "Of the Father's Love Begotten," is one of the oldest hymns of the Christian church. Since the 4th century, Christians have used this text to sing about the staggering mystery of God becoming man in Jesus. Our worship today will begin reflectively as we meditate on the divine mystery of Christ, our Light in a dark world.

*Grant to us, Lord, we pray,  
the spirit to think and do always those things that are right,  
that we, who cannot exist without You,  
may by You be enabled to live according to Your will;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: Variations on "Amazing Grace" . . . . . Denis Bédard

*Samuel Metzger, organ*

CHORAL INTROIT: "Eternal Light" . . . . . Leo Sowerby

*Text by Alcuin of York (1st Century)*

Eternal Light, shine into our hearts, eternal Goodness, deliver us from evil,  
Eternal Power, be our support, eternal Wisdom, scatter the darkness of our ignorance,  
Eternal Pity, have mercy upon us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

*The Westminster Singers  
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Gerry A. Peak

### ✦ PROCESSIONAL HYMN:

No. 162 "Of the Father's Love Begotten" . . . . . DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

*stanza 1: Choir*

*stanzas 2-5: Congregation*

✦ EPISTLE LESSON: Hebrews 1:1-4 . . . . . Albert L. Throckmorton

Long ago, at many times and in many ways,  
God spoke to our fathers by the prophets,  
but in these last days he has spoken to us by his Son,

**whom he appointed the heir of all things,  
through whom also he created the world.**

He is the radiance of the glory of God and the exact imprint of his nature,

**and he upholds the universe by the word of his power.**

After making purification for sins,  
he sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

**having become as much superior to angels  
as the name he has inherited is more excellent than theirs.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

**By his Word was all created; He commanded; it was done:  
Heav'n and earth and depths of ocean, universe of three in one,  
All that sees the moon's soft shining, all that breathes beneath the sun,  
Evermore and evermore!**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Lead, Kindly Light" .....arr. Mack Wilberg  
Text: John Henry Newman; Music: John B. Dykes

Lead, kindly Light, amid th'encircling gloom; lead Thou me on!  
The night is dark, and I am far from home; lead Thou me on!  
Keep Thou my feet; I do not ask to see  
The distant scene—one step enough for me.

I was not ever thus, nor pray'd that Thou shouldst lead me on.  
I loved to choose and see my path; but now, lead Thou me on!  
I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,  
Pride ruled my will. Remember not past years.

So long Thy pow'r hast blest me, sure it still will lead me on  
O'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till the night is gone.  
And with the morn those angel faces smile,  
Which I have loved long since, and lost awhile!

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ..... TALLIS' CANON



1. O gra - cious Light, Lord Je - sus Christ, In You the  
2. Now sun - set comes, but light shines forth, The lamps are



Fa - ther's glo - ry shone. Im - mor - tal, ho - ly,  
lit to pierce the night. Praise Fa - ther, Son, and



blest is He, And blest are You, His ho - ly Son.  
Spir - it, God Who dwells in the e - ter - nal light.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION .....D. Todd Erickson

✦ GREETINGS

INTRODUCTION OF NEW PDS HEADMASTER, STEVE HANCOCK

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN ..... Andrew E. Keasling

PRAYER FOR TEACHERS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

GOSPEL LESSON ..... John 1:1-5  
(page 886 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)

HOMILY

*The Beginning of Real Life*

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 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 . . . . . GREATOR EX

**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

**O God, in the beginning You spoke,  
and creation was born, the object of Your loving care.  
In the fullness of time You spoke,  
and the Word became flesh, Jesus, gift of Your love.  
We wonder at the miracle of creation;  
we stand in awe before the mystery of the incarnation.  
Forgive us earthbound creatures, feeble in faith,  
empty of hope, lacking in love.  
We wait upon You with ready hearts, O God,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## 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.*

**"Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" . . . . . ST. AGNES**  
*Reference page 645 in the hymnal for music.*

**Jesus, the very thought of Thee with sweetness fills my breast;  
But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.**

**Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the mem'ry find,  
A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.**

**O Hope of ev'ry contrite heart, O Joy of all the meek,  
To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!**

**But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show:  
The love of Jesus, what it is none but His loved ones know.**

**Jesus, our only joy be Thou, as Thou our prize wilt be;  
Jesus, be Thou our glory now, and through eternity.**

**"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies" . . . . . REDHEAD 76**

1. Christ, whose glo - ry fills the skies, Christ, the true, the  
2. Dark and cheer-less is the morn un - ac - com - pa -  
3. Vis - it, then, this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of

on - ly Light, Sun of Righ-teous - ness, a - rise,  
nied by thee; joy - less is the day's re - turn  
sin and grief; fill me, Ra - dian - cy di - vine;

tri - umph o'er the shades of night; Day-spring from on  
till thy mer - cy's beams I see; till thy in - ward  
scat - ter all my un - be - lief; more and more thy -

high, be near; Day - star, in my heart ap - pear.  
light im - part, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.  
self dis - play, shin - ing to the per - fect day.

“God of Creation, All Powerful” ..... SLANE



1. God of cre - a - tion, all - power - ful, all - wise,  
2. God of the a - ges, through time's trou - bled years  
3. God of re - demp - tion, who wrought our re - birth,



Lord of the u - ni - verse rich with sur - prise,  
you are the One in whom his - tory co - heres;  
called out your church from the ends of the earth,



Mak - er, Sus - tain - er, and Rul - er of all,  
na - tions and em - pires your pur - pose ful - fill  
still you are Sa - vior, put dark - ness to flight;



we are your chil - dren— you hear when we call.  
mo - ving in free - dom, yet wor - king your will.  
o - ver - come sin by sal - va - tion's pure light!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

♠SENDING HYMN: “God of Creation, All Powerful” ..... SLANE



4. God of your peo - ple your Word still stands fast;  
5. God of our now, all our trust is in you,



do for us now as you've done in the past!  
Cov - en - ant God, e - ver faith - ful and true;



Yours is the King - dom— your tri - umph we claim,  
So - vereign Cre - a - tor, Re - dee - mer, and Lord,



chal - leng - ing e - vil in Je - sus' strong name.  
now and for - e - ver your name be a - dored!

♠BENEDICTION

♠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on “Now Thank We All Our God” ..... Egil Hovland

♠Indicates congregation standing

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