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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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September 14, 2014  
8:15 a.m.

  
**Second**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Our worship today focuses on a seemingly weak figure — a Lamb. The prophet identifies Jesus as the Lamb of God. Although once slain, this Lamb now lives and stands at the center of heaven’s throne. All of heaven’s inhabitants lavish their praise upon Him. The Lamb’s sacrifice is the subject of their song, and ours, for He was slaughtered to deliver us from eternal peril (Revelation 5:6-14).

As we worship, the Lamb comes and opens the scroll of God’s Word so that we read and preach it profitably. The Lamb is spiritually present with us as we share in His Supper strengthening us by His grace. As we eat and drink, we remember God’s final Passover Lamb (I Corinthians 5:7) and anticipate the Wedding Supper of the Lamb (Revelation 19:6-9). Lastly, the Lamb draws others to faith in Him as we lift Him up in praise for them to see. Psalm 40:3 says that “many will see and fear and put their trust in the Lord.”

Therefore, it is only fitting for us to make much of the innocent, perfect, crucified, risen, reigning, and returning Lamb of God.

## PRAISE THE LAMB OF GOD

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

### BRASS AND ORGAN PRELUDE:

“Allegro Maestoso” . . . . . Felix Mendelssohn  
“Carillon” . . . . . Robert J. Powell

*Samuel Metzger, organist, and Brass Ensemble*

CHORAL INTROIT: “O Be Joyful” . . . . . John Rutter  
*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 hath made us and not we ourselves;  
We are His people and the sheep of His pasture.

O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving  
And into His courts with praise;  
Be thankful unto Him and speak good of His Name.

For the Lord is gracious; His mercy is everlasting;  
And His truth endureth from generation to generation.

Glory be to the Father, glory be to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World without end. Amen.

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

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

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 2 “O Worship the King” . . . . . LYONS

♠PRAYER OF ADORATION

## BEHOLD THE LAMB OF GOD

GOSPEL LESSON . . . . . John 1:29-34  
*(page 886 in the church 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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "A Hymn to the Lamb" . . . . . Allen Gibbs  
Text from Revelation 4:11, 5:9-10, 13

Splendor and honor and kingly power are Yours by right, O Lord our God,  
For You created everything that is  
And by Your will they were created and have their being;  
And Yours by right, O Lamb that was slain,  
Or with Your blood You have redeemed for God,  
From every family, language, people, and nation,  
A kingdom of priests to serve our God.  
And so, to Him who sits upon the throne,  
And to Christ the Lamb, be worship and praise, dominion and splendor,  
forever, forever, and forever more.

♠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . O QUANTA QUALIA  
Words by Horatio Bonar

1. Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow - er,  
2. Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb;  
wis - dom and rich - es and strength ev - er - more  
take we the robe and the harp and the palm;  
give ye to him who our bat - tle hath won,  
sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,  
whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne.  
dy - ing in weak - ness, but ris - ing to reign.

♠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION . . . . . Michael G. Stokke

♠ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN . . . . . W. Brian Lewis

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

HOMILY *Behold, the Lamb of God* Sanders L. Willson

COME TO THE LAMB OF GOD

♠ 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

**Merciful Father, we confess that it is still all too easy for us  
to sacrifice our convictions for convenience,  
Your standards for status,  
Your principles for promotion,  
Your absolutes for our ambition,  
our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success.  
How easily we are seduced by  
power, prestige, pleasure, and possessions —  
seduced into violating our integrity  
and harming our fellowship with you.  
From earth's fullest bliss we turn to You again, unfulfilled.  
Forgive our half-hearted devotion and our double-minded spirit.  
In the name of the Lamb who was led to slaughter we pray. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON . . . . . John 1:29; Revelation 5:9-10

*Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!  
And they sang a new song, saying,  
"Worthy are You to take the book and to break its seals;  
for You were slain, and purchased for God with Your blood  
men from every tribe and tongue and people and nation.  
You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to our God;  
and they will reign upon the earth."*

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 below.

“Just As I Am” . . . . . WOODWORTH  
Reference page 501 in the hymnal for music.

**Just as I am, without one plea but that Thy blood was shed for me,  
And that Thou bidd’st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,  
To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
Yea, all I need in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;  
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, Thy love unknown hath broken every barrier down;  
Now, to be Thine, yea, Thine alone, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

“Lamb of God” . . . . . LAMB OF GOD  
Words and music by Twilla Paris



1. Your on - ly Son, no sin to hide, but You have  
2. Your gift of love, they cru - ci - fied, they laughed and  
3. I was so lost, I should have died, but You have



sent Him from Your side, to walk up - on this guilt - y  
scorned Him as He died, the hum - ble King they named a  
brought me to Your side to be led by Your staff and



sod, and to be - come the Lamb of God.  
fraud and sac - ri - ficed the Lamb of God.  
rod, and to be called a lamb of God.

*Chorus*



O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God!



O wash me in His pre-cious blood—my Je-sus Christ the Lamb of God.

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name” . . . . . HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!  
Reference page 246 in the hymnal for music.

**Man of Sorrows! what a name for the Son of God, who came  
Ruined sinners to reclaim. Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood;  
Sealed my pardon with His blood. Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**Guilty, vile, and helpless we; spotless Lamb of God was He;  
“Full atonement!” can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**Lifted up was He to die; “It is finished!” was His cry;  
Now in Heav’n exalted high. Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring,  
Then anew His song we’ll sing: Hallelujah! What a Savior!**



1. Be - hold the Lamb who bears our sins a - way  
2. The bo - dy of our Sa - viour Je - sus Christ  
3. The blood that clean - ses ev' - ry stain of sin  
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise



Slain for us and we re-mem-ber The pro - mise made that  
Torn for you eat and re-mem-ber The wounds that heal the  
Shed for you drink and re-mem-ber He drained death's cup that  
To re- spond and to re-mem-ber Our call to fol - low



all who come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross.  
death that brings us life Paid the price to make us one  
all may en - ter in To re - ceive the life of God  
in the steps of Christ As His bo - dy here on earth



So we share in this Bread of Life And we  
So we share in this Bread of Life And we  
So we share in this Bread of Life And we  
As we share in His suf - fe - ring We pro -



drink of His sac - ri - fice As a sign of our  
drink of His sac - ri - fice As a sign of our  
drink of His sac - ri - fice As a sign of our  
claim Christ will come a - gain And we'll join in the



bonds of peace A - round the ta - ble of the King  
bonds of love A - round the ta - ble of the King  
bonds of grace A - round the ta - ble of the King  
feast of heav'n A - round the ta - ble of the King

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

◆SENDING HYMN: No. 172 "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder" . . . . ALL SAINTS OLD  
stanzas 1, 4 & 5

◆BENEDICTION

◆CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" . . . . . Diane Bish

◆Indicates congregation standing

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