



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

September 28, 2014


Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

The Psalms have advantages which no fresh compositions, however finely executed, can possibly have; since besides their incomparable fitness to express our sentiments, they are at the same time, memorials of and appeals to former mercies and deliverances; they are acknowledgements of prophecies accomplished; they point out the connection between old and new dispensations, thereby teaching us to admire the wisdom of God displayed in both, and furnishing while we read or sing them, an inexhaustible variety of the noblest matter that can engage the contemplations of man.

George Horne, 1771

This morning's liturgy incorporates two unique psalm texts. Psalm 34 is a psalm of praise, and Psalm 121 is a psalm of ascent, which were the songs that worshippers sang up the hill to Jerusalem for the major festivals of the church. The psalms are certainly the church's "book of worship," as they express all range of emotions to our God — praise, thanksgiving and lament. They communicate the same sentiments today as they did 2,000 years ago, and we join with the psalmists and the church universal by singing and reading the Word of God.

JESUS CHRIST BE PRAISED

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Trumpet Tune" Henry Purcell; arr. Marcel Dupré
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" arr. Dan Miller
Samuel Metzger, organ

CHORAL INTROIT: "Oh, I Will Praise the Lord" Georg Philipp Telemann
Based on Psalm 34:1

Oh, I will praise the Lord at all times.
God's praise shall be upon my lips continually.

*The Youth Choir
Ginger Statom, Director
Dee Walker, flute*

CALL TO WORSHIP Richard G. Cain

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 167 "When Morning Gilds the Skies" LAUDES DOMINI
stanzas 1-4

✦PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 34:1-9 Jennifer W. Thompson (8:15)
Marjorie A. Bowman (11:00)

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.**

Oh, magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together!

**I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.**

Those who look to him are radiant,
and their faces shall never be ashamed.

**This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him
and saved him out of all his troubles.**

The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good!

Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

**Oh, fear the Lord, you his saints,
for those who fear him have no lack!**

**Let earth's wide circle round
In joyful notes resound:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Let air and sea and sky,
From depth to height, reply:
May Jesus Christ be praised.**

**Be this, while life is mine,
My canticle divine:
May Jesus Christ be praised.
Be this th'eternal song,
Through all the ages on:
May Jesus Christ be praised.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

JESUS CHRIST BE TRUSTED

MUSICAL MEDITATION:

*"We See the Mountains Lifted High Before Us" arr. Hal Hopson
Text based on Psalm 121
Music: Londonderry Air*

We see the mountains lifted high before us,
And some may ask, "From where does our help come?"
I tell you this, our help comes from the Lord;
The God who made all heavens, all the earth.

God calls us back when on the road we lose our way;
The Lord who keeps us never, never sleeps.
The God of all, the very God of Israel
Will hold us fast and bring us home again.

The Lord will be a light to guide us;
The Lord will be a constant shade.
Our going out, our coming in are guarded forevermore.
God calls us back when on the road we lose our way.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and gracious God,
we praise You for helping lost and weary travelers like us.
As the Maker of heaven and earth, You are strong enough to help.
As our Covenant Lord, You care enough to help.
Yet, too often the storms of life cause us to doubt Your power and love.
Forgive us for accusing You of being inattentive to our plight!
Pardon our fearful and anxious hearts.
Grant us a renewed capacity to trust Your Son,
for He lived, died, rose, ascended, and now reigns
for our good and Your glory.
Guard us in Your perfect peace through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

♠HYMN OF ASSURANCE: "O Great God"Bob Kauflin



1. O great God of high-est heav'n, oc-cu-py my low-ly heart.
2. I was blind-ed by my sin, had no ears to hear Your voice,



Own it all and reign su-preme, con-quer ev-'ry re-bel pow'r.
did not know Your love with-in, had no taste for heaven's joys.



Let no vice or sin re-main that re-sists Your ho-ly war.
Then Your Spir-it gave me life, o-pened up Your word to me;



You have loved and pur-chased me, make me Yours for-ev-er more.
through the gos-pel of Your Son, gave me end-less hope and peace.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS..... Dan G. Burns

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "City Called Heaven" Josephine Poelinitz

I am a pilgrim of sorrow,
I'm left in this wide world alone!
I ain't got no hope for tomorrow,
I'm trying to make it, make heaven my home.

Sometimes I'm tossed and I'm driven, Lord.
Sometimes I just don't know which way to turn.
Oh, I heard of a city called heaven,
I'm trying to make it, make heaven my home.

*The Westminster Singers (8:15); The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Gabriel C. Staton, Director of Music
Madelyn Carson, soloist*

♠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSEBob Kauflin

**Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace.
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face.
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed.
O great God of highest heaven,
Glorify Your Name through me.**

♠PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

♠GREETINGS

A WORD ON CITYSERVE..... Blake Neill
Co-Chair of CityServe 2014 Planning Team

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) MJ Keasling

JESUS CHRIST BE SEEN

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.**

GOSPEL LESSON John 1:43-51
 (page 887 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)

SERMON *See for Yourself* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF CHRIST'S REIGN: No. 18 "You Holy Angels Bright" DARWALL
 stanzas 1, 2, 6 & 7

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Final" from *Symphony No. 1* Louis Vierne

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

Sunday Night Worship

We gather each Sunday at 6:00 p.m. for a service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God's Word. In our fall sermon series, we are exploring how the Lord becomes our first love, the ways in which the Church is our family, and how God's Mission is our purpose. Tonight, we'll hear Paul's charge to love and serve one another in Philippians 2:1-5. We invite you to worship with us.

Getting Connected

To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or todd.erickson@2pc.org.