

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

October 19, 2014



Preparation for Worship

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

Our service today confirms that the Psalms play a vital role in Christian worship. Availing ourselves of the Psalter promotes spiritual development and health. This morning, we'll sing Psalm 72 ("Jesus Shall Reign"), 51 ("God Be Merciful to Me"), and 139. We'll also read responsively Psalm 72 and pray through a portion of Psalm 51.

Why such an abundant use of Psalms? To nurture our spiritual health. Spiritual health consists in: Knowing intimately, loving fervently, and treasuring deeply the Lord who is our Creator, Redeemer, Savior, and King.

The Psalms assist us in developing a right knowledge of ourselves. Based upon Psalm 51, our prayer of confession disabuses us of any thought of our innate goodness, alienates us from faith in ourselves, and reminds us that no one is beyond the reach of God's mercy.

Lastly, the Psalms allow Scripture, rather than our own hearts, to set the agenda for prayer. Using the words of Scripture to structure our prayers helps us escape the danger of disorder and confusion when we pray.

Jesus Reigns the Earth

Dee Walker, flute; Samuel Metzger, piano CHORAL INTROIT: "Tune My Heart"......James Brighton Tune my heart, Lord. Teach my heart to sing a song of praise. Tune my heart, Lord. Fill my soul with joy! Teach me Your love each day. As I lift up my voice, my heart will rejoice, and I'll learn to praise You more. Tune my heart, O Lord. Help me hear the whisper of Your still, small voice When You speak in quiet corners of the night. In the rolling thunder of a mighty storm, Teach my heart to hear Your voice that echoes near. Teach me Lord to listen for Your song. Music Makers and Spirit and Song Choirs

Terri Theil, Director Molly Johnson, Accompanist

CALL TO WORSHIP

stanzas 1-4

Brandon G. Morrison (11:00)

Give the king your justice, O God,

and your righteousness to the royal son!

May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice!

Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness!

May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,

give deliverance to the children of the needy, and crush the oppressor!

May they fear you while the sun endures,

and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth!

In his days may the righteous flourish, and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

May he have dominion from sea to sea, and from the River to the ends of the earth!

May desert tribes bow down before him, and his enemies lick the dust!

May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands render him tribute; may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts!

May all kings fall down before him, all nations serve him!

Let every creature rise and bring Peculiar honors to our King; Angels descend with songs again, And earth repeat the loud amen!

†PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15:

Adam Judah Harkins, born May 2, 2014, son of Julia and Seth Harkins Aniyah Grace O'Kelley, born February 26, 2014, daughter of Kacie and Robert O'Kelley Andrew Kennon Scott, born February 27, 2014, son of Lauren and Ben Scott

11:00:

Palmer Gassaway Brown, born May 23, 2014, son of Noel and Chip Brown Anna Reed Holman, born April 22, 2014, daughter of Mary Helen and Ben Holman Margaret Elizabeth Turnage, born May 9, 2014, daughter of Susan and Andy Turnage Addison Quinn Biggs, born March 12, 2014, daughter of Mandy and Robert Biggs

PARENTAL VOWS

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the sacred Scriptures, and that you will strive, by all the means that God provides you, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you undertake the responsibility to assist these parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so; Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.

Jesus Forgives the Unrighteous

HYMN OF REPENTANCE: No. 486 "God, Be Merciful to Me" REDHEAD 76 stanzas 1-3
CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSIONbased on Psalm 51
Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your unfailing love. Blot out our transgressions according to Your great compassion. We have sinned against You and You alone and have done what is evil in Your sight. Cleanse us, and we shall be clean; wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow. Create in us a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of our salvation and grant us a willing spirit. For we pray in the name of our beloved Savior Who is a friend of sinners like us, Amen.
INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION
ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON
HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 486 "God, Be Merciful to Me" REDHEAD 76
stanzas 4 & 6
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Ronald G. Sadlow
OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Psalm 139"
Lord, You have searched me and known me, You know everything I do. When I rise up, when I lie down, You are with me through and through. Before a word is on my tongue, You know what I will say, Your presence follows me day by day.
Where can I flee from Your Spirit? Where can I go to run away? If I go to heaven, or live in hell, You are there, You are there. Lord, You have searched me and known me, O Lord, You know everything I do. When I rise up, when I lie down, You are with me through and through. Before a word is on my tongue, You know what I will say, Your presence follows me day by day.
Search me, O God, and know me, try me and know my heart. See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.
Youth Choir Ginger Statom, Director
CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
Gracious God, my heart renew, make my spirit right and true; Cast me not away from Thee, let Thy Spirit dwell in me; Thy salvation's joy impart, steadfast make my willing heart.
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION
GREETINGS
A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

JESUS SPEAKS TO HIS DISCIPLES

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.

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

The Zeal of Jesus

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen. (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

†HYMN OF TRUTH IN CHRIST:

stanzas 1 & 5

†BENEDICTION

SERMON

†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Allegro Giocoso" Denis Bédard

♦Indicates congregation standing

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Gathering on the Grounds

This afternoon at 5:00, bring your lawn chairs and a picnic and join your church family on the Poplar football field for a time of fellowship and music, followed by evening worship outdoors.

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.