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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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November 9, 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 sermon focuses on the most beloved verse in the Bible (John 3:16). God generously sends us a Savior to rescue underserving sinners like us from eternal peril. As we grow as believers, we discover that another one of His purposes in sending His Son was to create joyful and generous givers. God values generosity so greatly that He gave His beloved Son to create it in His people. It is our privilege and delight to offer ourselves and His resources to the Lord during corporate worship.

Giving has served as a part of worship throughout biblical history. Abel gave his offering in worship (Genesis 4:3). Offering sacrifices was a major part of Old Testament worship (Leviticus 1-5). King David declares, "I will not offer to the Lord that which costs me nothing" (II Samuel 24:24). The Apostle Paul reminds us that our giving is "a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God" (Philippians 4:18).

James Denney offers us this challenge: "Ordinary charity is but the crumbs from the rich man's table; but if we catch Christ's spirit, it will carry us far beyond that." Let us pray that we might catch Christ's spirit of generosity and become more open-handed with all of His resources.

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

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

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Festive Alleluias" . . . . . Dan Miller  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Amazing Grace" . . . . . arr. Jeff Cranfill  
*Emily Hancock, clarinet*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Richard G. Cain

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 164 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" . . . . . AZMON

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

EPISTLE LESSON: II Corinthians 8:8-9 . . . . . William R. Jorgensen  
*(page 968 in the church Bible)*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . BEECH SPRING

**God, whose giving knows no ending,  
All our life is from Your store;  
Nature's wonder, Jesus' wisdom,  
Costly cross, grave's shattered door.  
Gifted by You, turn we to You,  
Offering up ourselves in praise;  
Thankful song shall rise forever,  
Gracious Donor of our days.**

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS FOR 2015

MUSICAL MEDITATION: "Take My Life, and Let It Be" . . . . . HENDON

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT.....BEECH SPRING

**Skills and time are ours for pressing  
Toward the goals of Christ, Your Son—  
Men at peace in health and freedom,  
Races joined, the Church made one.  
Now direct our daily labor,  
Lest we strive for self alone;  
Born with talents, make us servants,  
Fit to answer at Your throne.**

**Treasure, too, You have entrusted,  
Gain through powers Your grace conferred;  
Ours to use for home and kindred,  
And to spread the gospel word.  
Open wide our hands in sharing,  
As we heed Christ’s ageless call,  
Healing, teaching, and reclaiming,  
Serving You who cares for all.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS  
AND OUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARDS FOR 2015

SOLO OFFERTORY: “The King of Love My Shepherd Is” ..... ST. COLUMBA

The King of love my Shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing lack if I am His, and He is mine forever.

Where streams of living waters flow, my ransomed soul He leadeth;  
And where the verdant pastures grow with food celestial feedeth.

In death’s dark vale I fear no ill, with Thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still, Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread’st a table in my sight; Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And oh, what transport of delight from Thy pure chalice floweth!

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed, but yet in love He sought me;  
And gently on His shoulder laid, and home, rejoicing, brought me.

And so through all the length of days, Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise within Thy house forever.

*Amy Stanfill, soloist*

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ..... ST. COLUMBA

**The King of love my Shepherd is,  
Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am His  
and He is mine forever.**

**And so through all the length of days,  
Thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing Thy praise  
Within Thy house forever.**

✦PRAYER OF COMMITMENT ..... Dan G. Burns

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN.....Michael C. Davis

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

GOSPEL LESSON ..... John 3:16-18  
(page 888 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)

HOMILY *The Greatest Gift Ever* 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 ..... 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!**

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.*

"Behold the Lamb" . . . . . Keith Getty



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

"Take My Life, and Let It Be" ..... HENDON  
Reference page 585 in the hymnal for music.

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise,  
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of Thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for Thee,  
Swift and beautiful for Thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing, always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from Thee,  
Filled with messages from Thee.

Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold  
Take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,  
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it Thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be Thy royal throne  
It shall be Thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.

"Give Me Jesus" ..... arr. Moses Hogan

In the morning, when I rise,  
In the morning, when I rise,  
In the morning, when I rise,  
Give me Jesus.

*Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.  
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus*

And when I am alone,  
Oh and when I am alone,  
And when I am alone,  
Give me Jesus.

*Chorus*

And when I come to die,  
Oh and when I come to die,  
And when I come to die,  
Give me Jesus.

Give me Jesus, give me Jesus.  
You can have all this world,  
You can have all this world,  
You can have all this world,  
But give me Jesus.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✠DOXOLOGY..... OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠BENEDICTION

✠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Carillon de Longmont" ..... Louis Vierne

✠Indicates congregation standing

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