



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

November 9, 2014
11:00 a.m.



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.

PRAISE GOD'S GLORIES

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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

♣LESSON FROM THE ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: Acts 3:6-10; 4:11-12.Blanche P. Tosh

But Peter said, "I have no silver and gold,
but what I do have I give to you.

**In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth,
rise up and walk!"**

And he took him by the right hand and raised him up,
and immediately his feet and ankles were made strong.

**And leaping up he stood and began to walk,
and entered the temple with them,
walking and leaping and praising God.**

And all the people saw him walking and praising God,
and recognized him as the one who sat at the Beautiful Gate of the temple,
asking for alms.

**And they were filled with wonder and amazement
at what had happened to him.**

This Jesus is the stone that was rejected by you,
the builders, which has become the cornerstone.

**And there is salvation in no one else,
for there is no other name under heaven given among men
by which we must be saved."**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AZMON

**Glory to God, and praise and love
Be ever, ever given,
By saints below and saints above,
The church in earth and heaven.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

IMITATE GOD’S GENEROSITY

EPISTLE LESSON II Corinthians 8:8-9
(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

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" . . . arr. Edward Bairstow

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.

*The Chancel Choir
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

✦ 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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Aubrey Adams, Beth Beene, Brynn Benak, Emily* and Chris Coats, Chris Cunningham, Aurelia Dimo, Ginni Fischer, Shelley and Michael Gabel, Joy and Frank Gilliam, Christy Gookin, Rachel Harkins, Brook Heavener, Harvey Kay, Nicki and Matthew King, Mark Parry, Melanie* and Doug Schrank, Elizabeth Smith, Emily and John* Vanderpool, Adele Wellford, Farrann Wilkinson, and Webb Wilson

To be received at the evening service on November 9: Heather and Jeffrey Griffin

**to be baptized*

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now promise and resolve, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to serve Christ in His church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this church session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the church?

