



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

January 25, 2015
Christian Life Conference



WELCOME TO SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*May our worship open our hearts to God's love, our eyes to God's beauty,
our minds to God's truth, and our will to God's service.*

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

The chief part of corporate worship lies in prayer. John Newton reminds us that when we come to worship God we must remember the greatness of the One to whom we come. He concisely spells out our duty:

*Thou art coming to a King, large petitions with thee bring;
For His grace and power are such, none can ever ask too much.*

It is incumbent upon us to treat our King well by acknowledging how great and generous He is. We do so by turning our hymns, scripture readings, and sermon into big prayers to a big God. Therefore, let us prepare our hearts and frame our minds as those who are entering in to a personal conversation with our heavenly King.

*Almighty and everlasting God,
whose will it is to restore all things
in Your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords:
Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth,
divided and enslaved by sin,
may be freed and brought together under His most gracious rule;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

EXTOLLING THE KING

BRASS AND ORGAN PRELUDE: "Canzona Francese" Thomas Crecquillon
"Gaudeamus!" (Let Us Rejoice) Richard Proulx

CHORAL INTROIT: "Sing to the Lord" Allen Pote
Based on Psalm 92

Sing to the Lord a song of praise,
A wonderful, marvelous song.
Sing to the Lord with joy in your heart, Alleluia, Amen!

Come, rejoice, as you sing,
You will lift up your voices in praise and thanksgiving to God.
Sing all the heavens, sing of the glory of God.
Sing all the earth, rejoice!

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP T. Barton Kimbro

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

♠PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 145:1-8 Shelley Hill (8:15)
Candace Willis (11:00)

I will extol you, my God and King,
and bless your name forever and ever.

**Every day I will bless you
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised,
and his greatness is unsearchable.

**One generation shall commend your works to another,
and shall declare your mighty acts.**

On the glorious splendor of your majesty,
and on your wondrous works, I will meditate.

**They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds,
and I will declare your greatness.**

They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.

**The Lord is gracious and merciful,
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**

♠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LYONS

**Sing praise to the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
To Him be outpoured all ages along!
For love in creation, for heaven restored,
For grace of salvation, sing praise to the Lord!**

♠ PRAYER OF ADORATION

RECEIVING HIS GRACE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our heavenly Father, we confess to You
how powerless we are to lay aside the deeds of darkness:
Impurity, sensuality, immorality, idolatry,
enmity, strife, jealousy, anger, rivalries,
dissensions, divisions, and envy.
Send King Jesus to subdue our restless hearts
and transform us so that we delight to do what You command.
May Your Spirit produce in us
love, joy, peace, patience,
kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
For we make our prayer in Jesus' name, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

♠ HYMN OF ASSURANCE:

“Before the Throne of God Above” Charity Bancock/Vicki Cook



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair And tells me
3. Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, My per - fect



strong and per - fect plea; A great High Priest whose name is
of the guilt with - in, Up - ward I look and see Him
spot - less right - eous - ness, The great un - change - a - ble I



Love, Who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is grav - en
there, Who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less
AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace. One with Him - self I



on His hands, My name is writ - ten on His heart. I know that
 Sav - ior died My sin - ful soul is count - ed free; For God the
 can - not die; My soul is pur - chased by His blood. My life is



while in heav'n He stands No tongue can bid me thence de -
 just is sat - is - fied, To look on Him and par - don
 hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Sav - ior and my



part, No tongue can bid me thence de - part.
 me, To look on Him and par - don me.
 God, With Christ, my Sav - ior and my God!

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Sanders L. Willson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "One Faith, One Hope, One Lord" Craig Courtney
 Text from Ephesians 4:4-6, 13

One faith, one hope, one Lord, one church for which He died,
 One voice, one song we lift in praise to Him who was and is and shall be evermore.
 There is one body, one Spirit, as you were called to one hope.
 One Lord, baptism and faith, one God and Father of all, who is in you all.
 Though we be many people, diverse with various gifts,
 We are given to each other for the unity of faith,
 That we grow in the knowledge of the Son of God, in the fullness of Christ.

✦ DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFRUEN

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, alleluia!
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

OBEYING HIS WORD

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

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.**

PROPHETIC LESSON Habakkuk 1:1-7
(page 785 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 *A Faith Where It Counts* Carl Ellis

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦SENDING HYMN: No. 691 "It Is Well with My Soul" VILLE DU HAVRE

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Rise Up O Church of God" Robert Hebble
Samuel Metzger, organ

✦Indicates congregation standing *CCLI License #252778*

Carl Ellis

In 1969, Carl Ellis began his ministry as a Senior Campus Minister with the Tom Skinner Associates in New York. From 1979 to 1989, he served as the Assistant Pastor of Forest Park Community Church in Baltimore, served on faculty at Chesapeake Theological Seminary, and was a seminar instructor for Prison Fellowship where he developed and taught "in-prison" and "in-community" seminars for inmates and community volunteers.

Between 1986 and 2009, Carl served as an adjunct faculty member at the Center for Urban Theological Studies (C.U.T.S.) and as Dean of Intercultural Studies at Westminster Theological Seminary in Philadelphia. He continues to serve at C.U.T.S., and is also on the faculty at Redeemer Seminary in Dallas.

Ellis studied under Francis Schaeffer in Switzerland, completed his Masters in Theology at Westminster Theological Seminary, and holds a D.Phil from Oxford Graduate School. He and his wife, Karen, have the privilege and pleasure of working as a team, traveling and teaching together worldwide.

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During our Sunday School hour today (9:45-10:45 a.m.), all CCs will meet in the Sanctuary to hear from one of our CLC speakers, David Dockery. David will also speak at the CLC closing session tonight at 6:00 in the Sanctuary. We invite you to worship with us.