

Sunday Night Worship

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March 22, 2015

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.



CURRENT SERMON SERIES

God Prepares Us for Worship

You are invited to reflect on the following as you prepare for worship.

Our sermon text (I Timothy 2:11-15) is not about male or female superiority. Any honest male knows that girls in his class always messed up the grading curve. This text is not about suitability for leadership. Women are more relationally oriented and more naturally empathetic. They are more intuitive about knowing where people are. They are more verbal, natural communicators.

It is about fidelity to God's Word. It is about inviting God's Word to shape the life of our church, rather than the intrusive winds of culture. It is about living out the creation order that comes from the character of God's goodness. It is about gospel and mission. If the church joyfully lives out the creation order in God's household, then the gospel will continue to go forth with power.

*Adapted from Kent Hughes, "Living Out God's Order in the Church,"
The Master's Seminary Journal, 10/1, Spring 1999, 101-111*

God Calls Us Into His Presence and Receives Our Praise

♠ "Arise, My Soul, Arise" Charles Wesley, Kevin Twit

**Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears;
The bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf appears;
Before the throne my Surety stands,
Before the throne my Surety stands,
My name is written on His hands.**

Chorus:

**Arise, arise, arise. Arise, my soul, arise.
Arise, arise, arise. Arise, my soul, arise.
Shake off your guilty fears and rise.**

**He ever lives above, for me to intercede;
His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead;
His blood atoned for every race,
His blood atoned for every race,
And sprinkles now the throne of grace.**

Chorus

Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary;
 They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me:
 "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
 "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
 "Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

Chorus

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear;
 He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear
 With confidence I now draw nigh,
 With confidence I now draw nigh,
 And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Chorus

♠ CALL TO WORSHIP Brett Wynne
Pastoral Intern

♠ "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,
 3. Help me now to live a life that's de - pen - dent on Your grace.



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 heav - en's joys.
 Keep my heart and guard my soul from the e - vils that I face.



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 are wor - thy to be praised with my ev - 'ry thought and deed.



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.
 O great God of high - est heav'n, glo - ri - fy Your name through me.

♠ PRAYER OF ADORATION

CALL TO CONFESSION: "Lord, Have Mercy" Ortega

Ho - ly God. Ho - ly and might - y. Ho - ly
im - mor - tal One, Have mer - cy, have mer - cy, on us.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our heavenly Father,
Your Son offers us all of Your blessings when He announces,
"Blessed are the poor in spirit."

Yet we are rich in pride.

"Blessed are those who mourn."

Yet we do not grieve our sin.

"Blessed are the meek."

Yet we insist upon and assert our own rights.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness."

Yet we fill our lives with desires for other things.

"Blessed are the merciful."

Yet we relate to others so harshly and impatiently.

"Blessed are the pure in heart."

Yet our lives are cluttered with impure thoughts and motives.

"Blessed are the peacemakers."

Yet we are slow to forgive and pursue reconciliation.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness."

**Yet our lives seldom challenge the ways,
priorities, and values of the world.**

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you
and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me."

**Yet we often blush to speak Your name
to make known that we are Yours.**

Have mercy upon us for Jesus' sake, Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

✦ SONG OF RESPONSE: "Give Us Clean Hands" Charlie Hall

**We bow our hearts, we bend our knees;
O Spirit, come make us humble.
We turn our eyes from evil things;
O Lord, we cast down our idols.**

**Give us clean hands,
Give us pure hearts;
Let us not lift our souls to another.**

**And O God, let us be
A generation that seeks,
That seeks Your face, O God of Jacob.**

God Calls Us to Offer Ourselves to Him

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Worshippers at the end of a row should pass the collection bag to those in the row behind them.

No. 32 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" FAITHFULNESS

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We ask that everyone, including members and visitors, write their names, addresses, and other information in the spaces provided on the attendance pad as it is passed down the row.

God Speaks to Us His Word

SCRIPTURE READING | Timothy 2:11-15
(page 991 in the church Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Why Don't We Have Women Elders and Pastors?

David A. Bowen
Assistant Pastor
Middle Adults

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out to Serve

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♠ "Speak, O Lord" LANCASHIRE



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re - ceive the food
2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence,
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights



of Your ho - ly word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and
true hu - mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the
of Your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will



fash - ion us in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be
ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your



seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord,
eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r
prom - is - es; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord,



and ful - fill in us all Your pur - pos - es, for Your glo - ry.
that can nev - er fail; Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.
till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

♠ BENEDICTION

♠ *Indicates congregation standing*

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