

Sunday Night Worship

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March 29, 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.

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QUESTIONS
CHRISTIANS FACE

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

God Prepares Us for Worship

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

All of us have inherited both a sinful tendency toward division and the social construct of race that exploits it. Thus, a truly racially diverse and unified church will never be normal or easy.

Jesus implies this in His high priestly prayer on the eve of his death. He prays three times for the Father to unite His church. He then emphasizes that this unity will serve as one of its most compelling means of evangelism (John 17:21, 23).

Unity of this magnitude is so rare that the world cannot explain it apart from the Gospel. True unity amidst diversity makes people stop, notice, and seek an explanation.

*Adapted from Cole Brown,
"Can Racially Diverse Churches Exist?"*

God Calls Us Into His Presence

✦CALL TO WORSHIP Psalm 148:1-2; 11-13

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens;
praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts!
Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

**Let us praise the name of the Lord,
for His name alone is exalted;
His majesty is above earth and heaven.**

God Receives Our Praises

♠ "All Creatures of Our God and King" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

♠ PRAYER OF ADORATION Todd Erickson
Associate Pastor, Pastoral Executive

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.

"Psalm 62" Stuart Townend, Aaron Keyes



1. My soul finds rest in God a-lone, my rock and my sal - va - tion,
2. Find rest my soul in God a-lone, a - mid the world's temp - ta-tions.
3. I'll set my gaze on God a-lone, and trust in Him com - plete-ly,



a for-tress strong a - gainst my foes, and I will not be shak - en.
When e - vil seeks to take a hold, I'll cling to my sal - va - tion.
with ev - 'ry day pour out my soul; And He will prove His mer - cy.



Though lips may bless, and hearts may curse, and lies, like ar - rows, pierce me,
Though rich - es come, and rich - es go, don't set your heart up - on them.
Though life is but a fleet - ing breath, a sigh too deep to mea - sure,



I'll fix my heart on right-eous-ness; I'll look to Him who hears me.
The fields of hope in which I sow are harv-est-ed in heav-en.
my King has crushed the curse of death, and I am His for - ev - er.

Chorus



O praise Him, hal - le - lu - jah, my De - light and my Re -



ward. Ev - er - last - ing, nev - er fail - ing; My Re - deem - er, my God.

✦ 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.....Acts 10
(page 918 in the church Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Why Is Our Church Not More Racially Diverse?

Sandy Willson
Senior Pastor

God Invites Us to His Table

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Gluten free bread is offered in the transverse aisle in the back of the Sanctuary.

SONGS FOR THE TABLE

"My Jesus, I Love Thee" CARITAS

**My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**I love Thee because Thou has first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death,
 And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
 And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow,
 If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
 I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
 I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow;
 If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

"Jesus Loves the Little Children" C. Herbert Woolston, George F. Root

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world.
 Red and yellow, black and white, all are precious in His sight,
 Jesus loves the little children of the world.

"In the Presence" Mark Altrogge

Chorus

And I cry ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, how awe - some is Your name,
 ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly God, how ma - jes - tic is Your
 reign; And I am changed in the pres - ence of a ho - ly God.

Verse

1. In the pre - sence of Your in - fi - nite might I'm so small and
 2. In the pre - sence of a ho - ly God there's new mean - ing
 3. In the pre - sence of Your glo - ry all my crowns lie
 frail and weak. When I see Your pow'r and
 now to grace. You took all my sins up -
 in the dust. You are right - eous in Your
 wis - dom, Lord, I have no words left to speak.
 on Your - self; I can on - ly stand a - mazed.
 jud - gments, Lord; You are faith - ful, true, and just.

"In Christ There Is No East or West" William Dunkerley



1. In Christ there is no East or West, in
2. In Him shall true hearts ev' - ry - where their
3. Join hands then, bro - thers of the faith, what -
4. In Christ now meet both East and West; in



Him no South or North; But one great fel - low -
high com - mu - nion find; His ser - vice is the
e'er your race may be; Who serves my Fa - ther
Him meet North and South. All Christ - ly souls are



ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
gol - den cord close bin - ding all man - kind.
as a son is sure - ly kin to me.
one in Him through - out the whole wide earth.

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out to Serve

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦BENEDICTION

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Getting Connected at Second

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.



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