

Sunday Night Worship

ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

April 12, 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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**TOUGH
QUESTIONS**
CHRISTIANS FACE

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

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

Here at Second we have some amazing musicians who serve the Lord and us in corporate worship. When a beautiful composition like Handel's "Messiah" is placed before a group of musicians, what is their appointed task when playing it? Their task is to work it out – to give it sound and expression and beauty as they apply their skills to the composition. When they do this, the composition reaches its completed purpose and thrills the hearts of the listeners. Handel's masterpiece of music is his gift to musicians who learn it and heartfully perform his beautiful work of art.

The above serves as a simple illustration of the wonderful truths of Philippians 2 that we'll study tonight in our sermon as we look at God's role and our role in living the Christian life. We are responsible to work out what God has sovereignly worked into our hearts. We are His masterpiece in whom He is working and willing His good pleasure.

Celebrating God's Goodness

WELCOME Josh Yates
Pastoral Intern

CALL TO WORSHIP select verses from Psalm 145

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.

**They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness
and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.
The Lord is good to all,
and his mercy is over all that he has made.**

SONG OF PRAISE: "God Is So Good" TRADITIONAL

God is so good, He's so good to me!
He answers prayers, He's so good to me!

*Transition Choir
Lauren Theil, Director; Beth Fischer, Accompanist*

Remembering God's Power

✦No. 119 "I Sing the Almighty Power of God"FOREST GREEN

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦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.

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Louis and Dawn Burgess, Madelyn Carson, Georgia Cross, Alex and Kristen Griffith, Lindsay Haynes, *Brennan Jones, Jay Jones, Robby and Brittany Lane, William Quinlen, *Jaris Turner

**to be baptised*

Sharing God's Light

SONG OF JOY: "This Little Light of Mine"African American Spiritual

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

*Jr. Cherub Choir
Madelyn Carson, Director; Beth Fischer, Accompanist*

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious and almighty Father,
You are the God of peace and the Father of tender mercies.
We confess before You that we have not lived as your peacemakers
and have not let our lights shine in a dark world like we ought.
Forgive us for our inclination to anger, jealousy, and revenge;
to ambition and pride, which often give rise to discord
and bitter feelings between us and others.
May Your Holy Spirit so dwell in us
that we are transformed and others are drawn to You!
We pray through Jesus Christ, our Prince of Peace, Amen.**

✦No. 335 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me"REDHEAD 76

stanzas 1 & 2

SONG OF OBEDIENCE: "I Will Obey God's Word" Judy and Marc Roth

I will obey God's word.
I'll obey cause I can see that He knows what's best for me.

*Sr. Cherub and First Grade Choirs
Terri Theil, Director; Samuel Metzger, Accompanist*

♠No. 335 "Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me"REDHEAD 76

stanzas 3 & 4

Imitating God's Generosity

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

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

SONG OF CELEBRATION: "Ain'-a That Good News?"arr. Mark Patterson

I've got good news, good news, good news, my Lord, my Lord!
I've got a crown up in-a that kingdom, ain'-a that good news?
I'm-a gonna lay down this world, gonna shoulder up a my cross,
Gonna take it home-a to my Jesus ain'-a that good news?

I got a robe up in-a that kingdom, ain'-a that good news?
I've got a Savior in a that kingdom, ain'-a that good news?
I got a robe, I got a crown, I got a Savior in a that kingdom,
Ain'-a that good news?

*Music Makers and Spirit & Song Choirs
Terri Theil, Director; Samuel Metzger, Accompanist*

♠PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Hearing God's Word

SCRIPTURE READING Philippians 2:12-13
(page 981 in the church Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

If God Is Sovereign, Are We Really Free?

Michael Davis
Assistant Pastor
Young Adults

Committing to God's Service

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ "Before the Throne of God Above" Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook

**Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is "Love," Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands, my name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav'n He stands – no tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair, and tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died, my sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied to look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.**

**Behold Him there the risen Lamb, my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am, the King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die, my soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high, with Christ, my Savior and my God.
With Christ, my Savior and my God.**

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*

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New Members



Louis & Dawn
Burgess



Madelyn
Carson



Georgia
Cross



Alex & Kristen
Griffith



Lindsay
Haynes



Brennan
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Jay
Jones



Robby & Brittany
Lane



William
Quinlen



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Turner