



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

April 26, 2015



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

We worship our Lord today because He alone possesses the words of eternal life. He keeps His promise to give life to those who trust Him. We also trust His promises when we bring our children for baptism. Have you ever wondered why we baptize our children? Here are a few reasons that should ignite our hearts to adore our faithful God:

- **God's Covenant Promise.** We baptize our children because throughout the Bible God promises to be the God of our children. The Apostle Peter says at Pentecost that the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit is for "you and your children" (Acts 2:39).
- **God's Prescribed Pattern.** God established a prescribed pattern of giving the sign of entrance into the covenant to children of believers in the Old Testament, and this pattern is not set aside in the New Testament (Genesis 17:7).
- **God's New Sign.** In the New Testament, baptism replaces circumcision as the sign of the covenant (Colossians 2:11-12). Both signs remind us that God's promise continues to future generations and necessitates the shedding of blood for salvation.
- **Historical Precedence.** In the early church, entire families were baptized when an adult member professed faith in Jesus (Acts 16:15, 33).
- **A Vivid Picture.** Baptism points to what Christ's shed blood accomplishes: The washing away of sin's guilt and stain and the Spirit being poured out upon us and uniting us to Christ. We celebrate this reality when we baptize an adult who professes faith. We anticipate this reality when we baptize a child of believing parents.

BUILD ON THE HOPE OF LIFE

HANDBELL PRELUDE: "Celebrate with Ringing" Michael Mazzatenta
"Sicilienne" Margaret Tucker

SOLO MEDITATION: "I Know That My Redeemer Lives" G.F. Handel

I know that my Redeemer liveth,
And that He shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. (*Job 19:25*)

*Ginger Statom, soprano
Long Long Kang, violin*

CALL TO WORSHIP Richard G. Cain

♠HYMN OF TRUST: No. 521 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" SOLID ROCK

♠PROPHETIC LESSON: Jeremiah 17:7-8 Grace J. Knight (8:15)
Marjorie A. Bowman (11:00)

"Blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

He is like a tree planted by water,
that sends out its roots by the stream,
and does not fear when heat comes,
for its leaves remain green,
and is not anxious in the year of drought,
for it does not cease to bear fruit."

♠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE SOLID ROCK

**On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

♠PRAYER OF ADORATION

BANK ON THE PROMISE OF LIFE

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15

*Evienne Grace Echols, born February 21, 2014, daughter of Candace and Jim Echols
Lydia Catherine Mattox, born June 21, 2014, daughter of Sarah and Anthony Mattox
William Colton Schrank, born October 26, 2010, son of Melanie and Douglas Schrank
Isabel Eve Schrank, born June 20, 2012, daughter of Melanie and Douglas Schrank
John Oakley Schrank, born August 29, 2014, son of Melanie and Douglas Schrank*

11:00

*Adelyn Claire Langford, born September 29, 2014, daughter of Buffy and James Langford
Frank Leavell Mustin, born April 19, 2014, son of Sarah and Link Mustin*

PARENTAL VOWS

Do you acknowledge your child’s need of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God’s covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the sacred Scriptures, and that you will strive, by all the means that God provides you, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you undertake the responsibility to assist these parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: “Jesus Loves You” JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Michael G. Stokke

INSTRUMENTAL OFFERTORY:

“Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus/Amazing Grace” arr. Peter Leipensberger

*’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His word;
Just to rest upon His promise; just to know, “Thus saith the Lord.”
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more.*
*Amazing grace! — how sweet the sound — that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.*
*O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;
Just in simple faith to plunge me ‘neath the healing, cleansing flood!
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more.*
*’Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TRUST IN JESUS

**Yes, ‘tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!**
**I’m so glad I learned to trust Thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;
And I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.
Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er!
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! O for grace to trust Him more!**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

LAUNCH OF DEEPLY ROOTED

Catherine and Pat Nelson; Melanie and John Alexander; Libby and Jim Witherington

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, 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.**

BELIEVE IN THE WORDS OF LIFE

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 6:60-71
(page 892 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 *To Whom Shall We Go?* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF FAITH: No. 498 “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!” HYFRYDOL
stanzas 1, 2 & 5

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Now Thank We All Our God”Karg-Elert/Bock
Samuel Metzger, organ

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

Second Ringers: Jim Cantrell, Madelyn Carson, Beth Fischer, Fred Flinn, Mary Lawrence Flinn, Lily Humphreys, Molly Johnson, Annie Petzinger, Anne Thompson, Mimi Vestal, BJ Webster, Terri Theil, Director