



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

December 30, 2018
Christmastide



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Worshipping the King who sacrificed all to rescue us from sin, death and hell always involves sacrifice. Today, we offer up the sacrifice of praise, which is “the fruit of lips that acknowledge His name” (Hebrews 13:15). In Matthew 2, the Magi from the East demonstrate for us what this type of worship looks like. Take a moment to prepare your heart for worship by meditating on the following:

*Like the magi, our duty is to adore King Jesus in a spiritual manner:
For the lawful and reasonable worship which He demands
is that we consecrate first ourselves, and then all we have, to His service.*

John Calvin

SEEK AND WORSHIP THE KING

ORGAN PRELUDE: “He Is Born” Mary McDonald
Kathy Priestly, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Brandon Terry

I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near:
a star shall come out of Jacob, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel;
it shall crush the forehead of Moab
and break down all the sons of Sheth. (*Numbers 24:17*)

**Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.** (*Isaiah 60:1*)

A multitude of camels shall cover you,
the young camels of Midian and Ephah;
all those from Sheba shall come.
They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord. (*Isaiah 60:6*)

**May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!** (*Psalms 72:11*)

Jesus Christ is our light and life

In His name and in His power, let us worship God!

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 226 “As with Gladness Men of Old”DIX

♠INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

♠PSALTER LESSON: Select verses from Psalm 27.Rusty Shappley (8:15)
Don Batchelor (11:00)

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

**The Lord is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?**

One thing have I asked of the Lord, that will I seek after:

**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord
and to inquire in his temple.**

For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble;

**he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;
he will lift me high upon a rock.**

You have said, "See my face."
My heart says to you, "Your face, Lord, do I seek."
I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the Lord
in the land of the living!

**Wait for the Lord;
be strong, and let your heart take courage;
wait for the Lord!**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE VENI EMMANUEL

**Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.**

RECEIVE THE GRACE OF THE KING

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace and truth,
in Jesus Christ You came among us as light shining in darkness.
We confess that we have not welcomed the light
or trusted good news to be good.
We have failed to be Your agents of peace on earth.
We have resisted Your mighty rule in our lives.
We have been reluctant to glorify and praise You for becoming God with us.
We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst,
expecting little, and hoping for less.
Forgive our doubt and renew our hope,
so that we may receive the fullness of Your grace
and live in the truth of Christ the Lord.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. John 3:16-17

*For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son,
that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.
For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world,
but in order that the world might be saved through him.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Be Unto Your Name" Lynn DeShazo, Gary Sadler

We are a moment; You are forever, Lord of the ages, God before time.
We are a vapor; You are eternal, love everlasting, reigning on high.
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, worthy is the Lamb who was slain!
Highest praises, honor and glory be unto Your name, be unto Your name.
We are the broken; You are the Healer, Jesus Redeemer, mighty to save.
You are the love song we'll sing forever, bowing before You, blessing Your name!
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, be unto Your name.

Vocal Ensemble

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING. Jon McGuirt

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

OFFER YOUR OBEDIENCE TO THE KING

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (*please stand*)

**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.**

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 200 "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear" CAROL

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 24:1-21
(*page 933 in the pew Bible*)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. (*Isaiah 40:8*)

SERMON

From Cowards to Conquerors

George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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

✦BENEDICTION (*please raise hands*)

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Another Year Is Dawning" Mary McDonald

✦Indicates congregation standing

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**Gospel
Priorities**
Luke 4:18-19

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Getting Connected at Second

A pastor will be available after the service to pray for you in the Gathering Room, located on the left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary. To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, or for help with specific concerns, you may contact a member of our pastoral team listed below by calling (901) 454-0034 or emailing firstname.lastname@2pc.org.

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I. Confirmation

First Tier: Damascus

Second Tier: Pisidian Antioch

Third Tier: Jerusalem

Fourth Tier: Before Felix

Fifth Tier: Before Festus

Sixth Tier: Before King Agrippa

Seventh Tier: Before Caesar

II. Transformation

Intellectual Assent

Personal Appropriation

Spiritual Abandonment