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February 14, 2016
8:15 a.m.



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Today marks the first Sunday in the season of Lent. Lent is a 40-day season of spiritual preparation that occurs right before our celebration of Easter.

The early Christians observed this season with great devotion and care. For example, those recently converted to Christ were prepared for baptism. Also, persons who had committed sins and had separated themselves from the community of faith were reconciled by repentance and forgiveness, and restored to active participation in the life of the church. In this way the whole congregation was reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we all have to renew our faith.

We invite you, therefore, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to observe this forty-day period of preparation: by careful self-examination and thorough repentance; by actively seeking the Lord in prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by focused reading and meditating on the Word. Through it all, may we come to find our rest, joy, and delight in our faithful Savior who was tempted forty days and nights in the wilderness before He began His life-giving mission.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE:

Sinfonia "We Thank Thee, O God" from *Cantata 29* J.S. Bach; arr. Dupré
"More Love to Thee, O Christ" arr. Albert Travis
Samuel Metzger, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP D. Todd Erickson

✦HYMN OF CHRIST'S PRAISE:

No. 76 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" LAUDA ANIMA

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN Gabriel C. Statom

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION. T. Barton Kimbro

GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:18-16:4a. Shelley Hill
(page 902 in the pew 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)*

HOMILY *On Account of His Name* Sanders L. Willson

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Cantique de Jean Racine" Gabriel Fauré
Translation by Harold Heiberg

O Redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation,
Eternal light of the earth and the sky,
We kneel in adoration.
O Savior, turn on us Thy loving eye!
Send down on us the fire of Thy grace all-consuming,
Whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of hell,
And rouse our slumbering souls with Thy radiance,
That they may waken Thy mercy to tell.
O Christ, bestow Thy blessing on us, we implore Thee,
Who here are gathered on penitent knee.
Accept the hymns we chant to Thine eternal glory
And these Thy gifts we return unto Thee!

*The Westminster Singers
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music
Daniel Pollorena, Music Intern, Conducting*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ADORE THEE

Christ, we do all a - dore Thee, and we do praise Thee for - e - ver;

Christ, we do all a - dore Thee, and we do praise Thee for - e - ver,

For on the ho - ly cross Thou hast the world from sin re - deem - ed.

Christ, we do all a - dore Thee, and we do praise Thee for - e - ver.

Christ, we do all a - dore Thee.

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

✦ INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All those who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church as a communing member are warmly welcomed to receive communion today. Non-communing worshipers are encouraged to contemplate the love of Jesus Christ during this time. At Second Presbyterian, we encourage our children not to take communion until they have joined the church as communicant members.

We do, however, encourage non-communing children to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. Those wishing to be served communion together as a group or family, please stand together in front of the two serving elders before taking the elements.

Gluten-free communion bread is available upon request from the elder at the east side of the transverse aisle (opposite from the door leading to the Connector).

✦PROFESSION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

✦GLORIA PATRI GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen!**

CHORAL MEDITATION: "Cast Thy Burden Upon the Lord" Felix Mendelssohn

Cast thy burden upon the Lord,
And He shall sustain thee.
He never will suffer the righteous to fall;
He is at thy right hand.
Thy mercy, Lord, is great
And far above the heav'ns.
Let none be made ashamed
That wait upon Thee.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful Father,
Your Son declares that we are blessed if we are persecuted for His sake.
Forgive us for retreating from a hostile world
that bullies us to keep quiet about the very best news.
Pardon us for allowing the fear of others to dictate our decisions.
Have mercy upon us for regarding rejection for righteousness
as a burden to be borne, rather than an honor to be received.
Send Your Spirit to renew us so that we might faithfully bear witness
to the transforming power of the Gospel of Your Son, our Savior.
For we pray in His blessed name, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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PRAYER OF CONSECRATION 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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

For those unable to come forward for communion, please raise your hand and an elder will serve you in your seat. During this time of communion, we invite you to join in singing the hymns below.

"Be Thou My Vision" SLANE
Reference page 642 in the hymnal for music.

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.**

**Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r:
Raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.**

**Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High king of heaven, my treasure Thou art.**

**High king of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.**

"Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide" EVENTIDE
Reference page 402 in the hymnal for music.

**Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou Who changest not, abide with me.**

**I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like Thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, Thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.**

**Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee:
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

CHORAL MEDITATION: "Like as the Hart" Herbert Howells
Text from Psalm 42:1-3

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks,
So longeth my soul after Thee, O God.
My soul is athirst for God,
Yea, even for the living God.
When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
My tears have been my food day and night,
While they daily say unto me,
"Where is now thy God?"

"Amazing Grace!" AMAZING GRACE
Reference page 460 in the hymnal for music.

**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.**
**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!**
**Thro' many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**
**The Lord has promised good to me, His Word my hope secures;
He will my shield and portion be, as long as life endures.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦HYMN OF SALVATION. AMAZING GRACE

**And when this flesh and heart shall fail, and mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil a life of joy and peace.**

✦BENEDICTION

✦BENEDICTION RESPONSE AMAZING GRACE

**When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we've first begun.**

ORGAN POSTLUDE "Toccatà" from *Suite Gothique*. Léon Boëllmann

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Getting Connected
To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Pastor Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or todd.erickson@2pc.org.

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