



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

February 14, 2016
11:00 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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION T. Barton Kimbro

GOSPEL LESSON: John 15:18-16:4a Marjorie A. Bowman
(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 Chancel Choir
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. An elder will serve gluten free communion bread to those who raise their hands.

✦ 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 GREATOR EX

**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!**

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

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

LITANY OF PRAISE

Lift up your hearts.

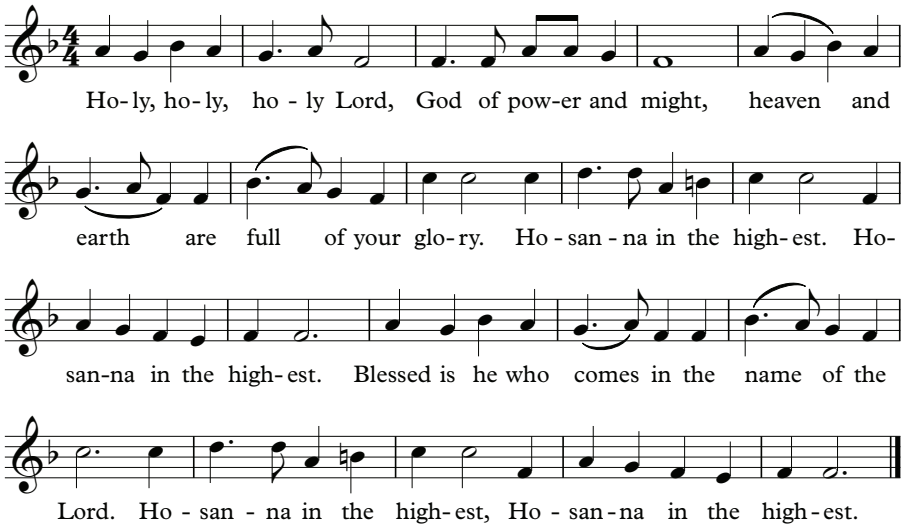
We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our joyful duty, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto You, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God. And we praise You for Jesus Christ our Lord, Who has come to bring us light and life;

**Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify Your glorious Name;
evermore praising You and saying:**



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven and
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho-
san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, Ho - san-na in the high-est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION: "Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide" . . . EVENTIDE

*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.*

*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.*

SHARING OF THE CUP

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?"

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦HYMN OF SALVATION: No. 460 "Amazing Grace!" AMAZING GRACE
stanzas 1-5

✦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

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

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.

Pastoral Care

One of our pastors 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. You may also contact a member of our pastoral team directly using the information below.

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