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## 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.*

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Christians gather for worship in order to remember and respond to all that God has done in Jesus Christ to save sinners like us. The one word that summarizes this story is "gospel." Notice the distinct gospel structure to our worship service:

- **Adoration:** We adore and praise the Lord for His greatness and grace. He is the rock-solid foundation of our church and of our lives.
- **Confession:** We acknowledge our sin and need for the Lord's grace by humbling ourselves and making an honest confession of our sins.
- **Assurance:** We experience anew God's grace found in the One who delights to forgive and restore us.
- **Thanksgiving:** We respond with thanksgiving for the generosity of God's grace in Jesus by offering to Him all that we are and have.
- **Intercession:** We express our dependence upon the Lord and His grace by praying for those persons and places in the world where evil is assaulting the kingdom of God and pleading that the strong hand of God might defeat evil.
- **Instruction:** We hear the truths of God's Word read and preached so that seekers might find new life in Christ and believers might grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **Table:** At the table, we are nourished and strengthened in grace as we feed upon the Lord Jesus in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.
- **Charge and Benediction:** We are challenged to live in light of God's grace and are sent forth to serve in the strength of His grace.

As we worship today, may our Lord be enthroned in our hearts, His praises be upon our lips and His character be reflected in our lives.

### CELEBRATION: OUR FIRM FOUNDATION

#### ORGAN PRELUDE:

Festive Procession on "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" . . . . . Fred Bock  
*Samuel Metzger, Organist*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Blessed Assurance" . . . . . Duane Funderburk  
*Long Long Kang, violin*

CHORAL INTROIT: "All That Hath Life and Breath Praise the Lord! . . . . Rene Clausen  
All that hath life and breath praise the Lord.  
Shout to the Lord, Alleluia! Praise Him, laud Him, Alleluia!  
*The Chancel Choir*  
*Christy Young, Conductor*

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Michael G. Stokke

♠ HYMN OF CHRIST'S CHURCH: No. 347 "The Church's One Foundation" . . . AURELIA  
*stanzas 1-3*

♣PSALTER LESSON: Select verses from Psalm 118 . . . . . Blanche Tosh

Out of my distress I called on the Lord;  
the Lord answered me and set me free.

**The Lord is on my side; I will not fear.  
What can man do to me?**

It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in man.

**It is better to take refuge in the Lord than to trust in princes.**

The Lord is my strength and my song;  
he has become my salvation.

**I shall not die, but I shall live,  
and recount the deeds of the Lord.**

The Lord has disciplined me severely,  
but he has not given me over to death.

**The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone.**

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

**This is the day that the Lord has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

**We bless you from the house of the Lord.**

The Lord is God, and he has made his light to shine upon us.

**You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;**

you are my God; I will extol you.

**Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!**

♣CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . AURELIA

**The church shall never perish! Her dear Lord to defend,  
To guide, sustain, and cherish, is with her to the end;  
Though there be those that hate her, and false sons in her pale,  
Against or foe or traitor she ever shall prevail. Amen.**

♣PRAYER OF ADORATION

## CONFESSION: OUR GREAT PHYSICIAN

### CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, enable us to lay down the burden of our sins  
and the regret instigated by them.  
Forgive us for the things we have done that we regret,  
for the things we have failed to do that we regret,  
for the times we have believed the devil's lies,  
for the times we have acted without love,  
for the times we have reacted without thought,  
for the times we have failed to forgive,  
and for hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid.  
We come beseeching Your pardoning grace,  
since Jesus bore all of our sins in His body on the tree. Amen.**

### INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 468 "My Faith Has Found a Resting Place" . . . .LANDAS

*stanzas 1-3*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. . . . . Michael C. Davis

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Christ Hath a Garden" . . . . . K. Lee Scott  
*Text by Robert Bridges*

Christ hath a garden walled around, a paradise of fruitful ground,  
Chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world's wide wilderness.

Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand;  
By Eden's gracious streams that flow to feed their beauty where they grow.

Awake, O wind of heav'n, and bear their sweetest perfume through the air:  
Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, till the beloved Master come:

That he may come and linger yet among the trees that he hath set;  
That he may evermore be seen to walk amid the springing green.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . LANDAS

**My great Physician heals the sick, the lost He came to save;  
For me His precious blood He shed, for me His life He gave.  
I need no other argument, I need no other plea,  
It is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

### COMMUNICATION: OUR GOSPEL'S PROGRESS

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD ON WORLD MISSIONS. . . . . Preston Frazer

PRAYERS OF 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.**

EPISTLE LESSON . . . . . Colossians 1:3-8  
*(page 1016 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)*

SERMON *We Always Thank God* D. Todd Erickson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Upon This Rock". . . . . Henri Mulet  
*Upon this rock I will build my church,  
and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it. (Matthew 16:18)*

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