



ORDER FOR THE  
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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February 4, 2018, 11:00 a.m.

*PDS Sunday*



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Scripture saturates every part of our worship services:

- We call one another to the awesome task of worshipping God with Scripture.
- We sing God's praise with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs in order to make God's Word memorable and vivid.
- The Spirit uses God's Word to convict us of sin and to show us our need of His forgiveness and grace.
- We use the precious promises of God's Word to assure us of His pardon.
- We give attention to reading His Scriptures because faith comes by hearing the Word of God.
- His Word equips us to live for Christ and to make an impact for His kingdom during the perilous times in which we live.
- Lastly, God sends us out with His blessing to serve a needy world.

Why do we make such a big deal about the Word saturating all of our worship? It is because I Peter 1:24 tells us, "All flesh is like grass, and all its glory like the flower of grass. The grass withers, and the flower falls, but the word of the Lord remains forever."

Therefore let us prepare to give our undivided attention to the reading, hearing, and singing of God's Word!

## ENTER HIS PRESENCE WITH GLADNESS

ORGAN PRELUDE: Improvisation on "Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee" . . Richard Elliott  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE:  
"Andante non troppo" from *Violin Concerto No. 2* . . . . . Henri Wieniawski  
*Clay Hancock, violin*

A WORD ON WORSHIP . . . . . George W. Robertson

CHORAL INTROIT: "Introit" . . . . . Shirley McRae

God our loving Father, let us now adore You.  
All the earth keep silence before You.  
Love we bring. Praise we sing.  
We, who come confessing, ask Your holy blessing.

*Presbyterian Day School Choir  
Dawn Southerland, Director*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Parks Christian Applegate

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 302 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" . . . . . MADRID

♣PSALTER LESSON: Select Verses from Psalm 95 . . . . . John Davidson Alexander

Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord;  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving;  
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth;  
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;  
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture  
and the sheep of his hand.**

♠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!**

♠INVOCATION (*please raise hands*)..... Nathaniel Kirksey Griffin

### RECEIVE HIS GRACE WITH THANKSGIVING

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION..... Braxton Dale Brady  
*Chaplain, Presbyterian Day School*

Merciful God,  
we humbly confess our sins and ask for Your mercy.  
We confess we have not loved You with a pure heart.  
Rather than being wholly devoted to You,  
we have neglected Your ways out of fear of man.  
We also confess that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.  
Rather than be Your witnesses to the world,  
in cowardice, we have chosen to become like the world.  
Lord, heal us and forgive us.  
Set us free to love You and our neighbor.  
Empower us to serve You in our city and the world,  
that we may boldly proclaim Your life-giving gospel of grace.  
For this we pray in the matchless name of Jesus, Amen.

### INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

♠HYMN OF ASSURANCE:  
"My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness" ..... Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

1. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who bore my pain,  
2. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who walks be - side,  
3. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who reigns a - bove,  
who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain,  
who floods my weak-ness - es and strengths and caus - es fear to fly,  
whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is love,

who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me in his light,  
 whose ev - 'ry prom - ise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take,  
 for ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the King.

and wrote his law of righ - teous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.  
 sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.  
 So I will give my life, my all to love and fol - low him.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. . . . . Hayes Dougan Graham

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Psalm 67" . . . . . John D. Horman

Let the people praise You! The people praise You!  
 O Lord, let all the people praise You!

Be gracious unto us and bless us. Make Your face shine on us today!  
 That all the nations shall know Your pow'r and all the earth shall follow in Your way.

Your power is just, Your way is fair as You guide all the nations of the earth.  
 Your love makes us glad and fills our hearts with songs of happiness, joy and mirth!

You give us a bountiful harvest and bless us in uncountable ways.  
 May others know of Your goodness and love and honor Your name to the end of all days.

✦ DOXOLOGY . . . . . OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION . . . . . William Wesley Hess

✦ GREETINGS . . . . . Joshua D. Yates

A WORD FROM THE PDS HEADMASTER. . . . . Steven Eric Hancock

## RESPOND TO HIS WORD WITH FAITHFULNESS

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.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ..... Acts 5:17-42  
(page 913 in 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                      *Swimming Upstream, Part 1*                      George W. Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT:

No. 457 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ..... NETTLETON

✦BENEDICTION (*please raise hands*)

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Amazing Grace" ..... Christopher Pardini

✦Indicates congregation standing    CCLI License #252778

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**I. Cowardice v. Courage (Acts 5:17-24)**

A. Intimidating People and Circumstances

B. Changed People and Circumstances

**II. Man's Word v. God's Word (Acts 5:25-32)**

A. Only Empty Words

B. Only Word

**III. Disgrace v. Joy (Acts 5:33-42)**

A. Passive

B. Active