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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

We live in a broken world, darkened by sin. Not only is our world darkened — our hearts are darkened as well, until the Lord shines in our hearts to give us the light of the knowledge of His glory in the face of Jesus Christ (II Corinthians 4:6).

We gather to worship our Lord Jesus as “the light of the world” (John 8:12). He came as a light shining in the darkness in an unexpected way. He came in weakness as a babe in a manger. He brought light and life through His perfect life, substitutionary death, and triumphant resurrection. Jesus himself invites us to trust Him today as our light. Hear His invitation so beautifully described by the Scottish hymn writer Horatius Bonar:

*I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s Light;
Look to Me — your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright.”
I looked to Jesus, and I found in Him my Star, my Sun;
And in that Light of life I’ll walk, till traveling days are done.*

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God, You have poured upon us
the new light of Your incarnate Word — Jesus our Savior:
Grant that this light, kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives;
for we pray in the name of the One whom the darkness could not conquer,
Jesus our Lord. Amen.

REJOICING IN THE LIGHT

ORCHESTRAL PRELUDE: “Like a River Glorious” arr. Paul Jones

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP: “The Lord Is My Light” . . Francis Allitsen; arr. Metzger

The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom, then shall I fear?
The Lord is the strength of my life. Of whom then shall I be afraid?
Though a host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid;
And though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in Him.
For in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle.
Yea, in the secret places of His dwelling shall He hide me,
And set me up upon a rock of stone.

Robert Sutton, Justin Pepper, Dan Whipple, Fred Flinn

◆HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 38 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” JOANNA

◆PROPHETIC READING: select verses from Isaiah Jennifer Thompson (8:15)
Zach Pennington (11:00)

O house of Jacob, come let us walk in the light of the Lord (2:5)

**he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel;
I will make you as a light for the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.” (49:6)**

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

**For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;
but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you. (60:2)**

The sun shall be no more your light by day,
nor for brightness shall the moon give you light; (60:19a)

**but the Lord will be your everlasting light,
and your God will be your glory. (60:19b)**

♣ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE JOANNA

**We praise You our Savior, the Light of the World
To You, great Jehovah, are praises unfurled.
O Lord God on high, us restore by Your grace,
That we ever live in the light of Your face.**

♣ PRAYER OF ADORATION D. Todd Erickson

WALKING IN THE LIGHT

CHORAL INVITATION: "Walk in the Light" Thomas Whitfield

Walk in the light, beautiful light,
Come where the dewdrops of mercy shine bright.
Oh shine all around us by day and by night,
Jesus is, Jesus is the light of the world.

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Jesus, Light of the World,
have mercy upon us, Your disciples,
who have too often walked in the darkness,
preferring the fleeting shadows of this world
to the radiant light of Your fellowship.
Please forgive us,
for we have dishonored and displaced You.
Receive us anew into the brightness of Your fellowship,
grant us the joy of Your salvation,
and move us to walk in the light of Your Word
that we may glorify You with satisfied hearts,
now and forevermore. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON I John 1:5-9

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you,
that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

**If we say we have fellowship with him
while we walk in darkness,
we lie and do not practice the truth.**

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light,
we have fellowship with one another,
and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin.

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**If we confess our sins,
he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

♠HYMN OF SUPPLICATION: "O Light That Knew No Dawn" DARWALL

1. O Light that knew no dawn, that shines to end - less
 2. Thy grace, O Fa - ther, give, that I may serve in

day, all things in earth and heav'n are lus - tred
 fear; a - bove all joys, I pray, grant me Thy

by Thy ray; no eye can set to Thy throne as -
 voice to hear; from sin set free, Thy child I

cead, nor mind Thy bright-ness com - pre - hend.
 am, and let me dwell in light with Thee.

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

INSTRUMENTAL OFFERTORY: *Adagio* from "Serenade for Strings"..... Edward Elgar

♠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DARWALL

1. A - rise, O God, and shine in all thy sa - ving
 2. To God, the on - ly wise, the one im - mor - tal

might, and pros - per each de - sign to spread thy
 King, let hal - le - lu - jahs rise from ev' - ry

glo - rious light: let heal - ing streams of mer - cy
 li - ving thing: let all that breathe, on ev' - ry

flow, that all the earth thy truth may know.
 coast, praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

♠PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

♠GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Robert C. O'Kelley

PRAYER FOR TIMOTHY JOHNSON

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.**

BELIEVING IN THE TRUE LIGHT

GOSPEL READING John 8:12-20
(page 894 in the church 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 *The Light of the World* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT:
No. 476 "The Light of the World Is Jesus" LIGHT OF THE WORLD

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Grand Chorus" Théodore Dubois
Samuel Metzger, organ

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

Tim Johnson

This morning we are introducing Tim Johnson, who will serve as the Executive Director of a new Church Planting Partnership between Second Presbyterian, Fellowship Memphis, and Hope Presbyterian. Tim was formerly the Executive Pastor of a non-denominational church in inner-city Mobile, AL, where his father serves as Senior Pastor. In his new position, Tim will be responsible for developing strategies to plant multi-ethnic churches in the city and to revitalize existing churches in under-resourced neighborhoods.

Getting Connected

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

Sunday Night Worship

We gather each Sunday at 6:00 p.m. for a service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God's Word. Tonight, we kick off our summer worship series about temptations, titled "Money, Sex, Power," by studying I Corinthians 10:13. We invite you to worship with us.