



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

January 10, 2016
8:15 a.m.



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

When we gather for worship, we regularly profess our faith by reciting creeds like the Apostles' Creed. This creed summarizes God's plan for rescuing sinners which is the greatest story.

The Apostles' Creed is not primarily written for us to profess our faith but to equip us to live what we say we believe. The Holy Spirit uses the Creed to teach us how to live in a way that honors our Lord:

- Our lives are lived best with the triune God at the center: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Our lives are lived best knowing that history is going someplace very significant. Our small lives are connected to a larger, cosmic story which teaches us that the best is yet to come.
- Our lives are lived best relationally. Notice the various relationships (both vertically and horizontally) mentioned in the Creed.
- Our lives are lived best connected to the cross and resurrection of Jesus. Suffering and death do not have the final word. Our earthly journey is indeed filled with suffering and sorrows. Yet, the final word for worshippers of Jesus is life. Let us joyfully worship Him today and resolve to live in such a way that others throughout our city experience His gift of "life everlasting."

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "The Old Year is Passed Away Dear Lord" J.S. Bach
Samuel Metzger, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Ronald G. Sadlow

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 38 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" JOANNA

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "How Dazzling Fair" Charles Wood

How dazzling fair art Thou, my Life, my Light!
How comely is Thy countenance, how bright!
Sun uncreate, how keen is the enjoyment
That saints and angels find in Thine employment!
In view thereof sing I, by day and night,
How dazzling fair art Thou, my Life my Light!

My soul, O Lord, is sore athirst for Thee:
My heart doth yearn Thy seemly face to see:
Dim is my sight; but one ray of Thy kindness
Should quickly skill to cure mine eyes of blindness:
Meanwhile my song and my complaint shall be,
"My soul, O Lord, is sore athirst for Thee."

When shall I come to hear that angel song?
Nay, swell the chorus of the heav'nly throng?
Then join the noble company of sages,
Who chant Thee lauds through everlasting ages?
Now ev'ry day methinks and all day long,
"When shall I come to hear that angel song?" Amen.

*The Westminster Singers
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

✦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 DEDICATION..... Michael G. Stokke

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

GOSPEL LESSON: John 13:18-35 Amanda Coop
(page 900 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 *Cleansed for Relationships* Sanders L. Willson

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.**

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

Holy Father, since You are the covenant Lord
who delights to rescue us from sin's bondage,
we confess not making every effort to show the members of our families
all the love, consideration, and respect that we can.
We confess thinking unkindly of others
and harboring malice, ill-will, and bitterness toward them.
We confess the impurity of our minds, eyes, ears, and mouths.
We confess envying and taking from others
time, services, money, and goods to which we do not have a right.
We confess not walking with integrity,
for we have broken our promises and not spoken truthfully.
We confess being drawn away from contentedly loving
and serving You where You have placed us.
Grant us repentant hearts
that delight to please You in all things.
For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

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.

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. Throughout this time of communion, we invite you to join in singing
the hymns below.*

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus!" EBENEZER
Reference page 535 in the hymnal for music.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore;
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

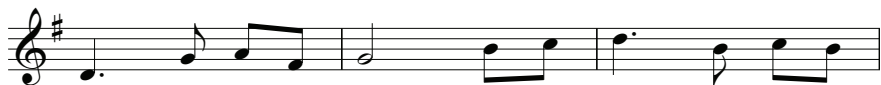
"Here Is Love".....William Rees



1. Here is love vast as the o-ccean, lov - ing kind - ness as the
 2. On the mount of cru-ci - fix-ion foun-tains o - pened deep and



flood: When the Prince of life, our ran-som, shed for
 wide. Through the flood - gates of God's mer - cy flowed a



us His pre-cious blood. Who His love will not re -
 vast and gra-cious tide. Grace and love like might-y



mem-ber? Who can cease to sing His praise? He will nev - er
 riv - ers poured in - ces - sant from a - bove. Heav-en's peace and



be for - got - ten through-out heav'n's e - ter - nal days.
 per-fect just - ice kissed a guilt - y world in love.

"O Love of God, How Strong and True"JERUSALEM

Reference page 81 in the hymnal for music.

**O love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new,
 Uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought!
 O love of God, how deep and great, far deeper than man's deepest hate;
 Self-fed, self-kindled like the light, changeless, eternal, infinite.**

**O heav'nly love, how precious still, in days of weariness and ill,
 In nights of pain and helplessness, to heal, to comfort, and to bless!
 O wide-embracing, wondrous love! We read You in the sky above,
 We read You in the earth below, in seas that swell, and streams that flow.**

**We read You best in Him who came to bear for us the cross of shame;
 Sent by the Father from on high, our life to live, our death to die.
 We read Your pow'r to bless and save, e'en in the darkness of the grave;
 Still more in resurrection light we read the fulness of Your might.**

**O love of God, our shield and stay through all the perils of our way!
 Eternal love, in You we rest, forever safe, forever blest.
 We will exalt You, God and King, and we will ever praise Your name;
 We will extol You ev'ry day, and evermore Your praise proclaim.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✠SENDING HYMN.....HYMN TO JOY

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
 Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
 Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;
 Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

✠BENEDICTION

✠BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYMN TO JOY

**Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward in the triumph song of life.**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Improvisation on "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" . . .Richard Elliott

✠Indicates congregation standing

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