



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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Epiphany Season



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

The Lord does some amazing things while His people worship. At Antioch long ago, the Lord set apart and called specific men to a specific work. The Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them" (Acts 13:2, NASB).

The Holy Spirit is still in the calling business. For every church in every generation, worship always leads to mission. A missional church like ours is a unified, worshipping body of believers intent on being God's missionary presence to their community and world.

Therefore, let us prepare our hearts for worship by praying through these two requests:

- Ask the Lord to show you specifically what your particular role is in helping to bring His salvation to others. How is the Lord calling you to adopt the posture, thinking, and practices of a missionary in order to engage others with the Gospel?
- Ask the Lord of the harvest to send out workers into his harvest field. John Calvin declared back in the 1500s: "There never was greater necessity for offering this prayer than during the fearful desolation of the church which we now see everywhere around us."

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Hymn to Joy" Michael Burkhardt
Samuel Metzger, organist

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE:
"Largo from Concerto for 2 Violins in D minor" J. S. Bach
Clay and Steve Hancock, violins

CALL TO WORSHIP Michael C. Davis

✦HYMN OF GOD'S LOVE: No. 81 "O Love of God, How Strong and True"... JERUSALEM

✦OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Deuteronomy 6:4-9 Shelley Hill

Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one.

**You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart and with all your soul
and with all your might.**

And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.

**You shall teach them diligently to your children,
and shall talk of them when you sit in your house,
and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down,
and when you rise**

You shall bind them as a sign on your hand,
and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

**You shall write them on the doorposts of your house
and on your gates.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE JERUSALEM

**The love of God is greater far than tongue or pen can ever tell.
It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell.
O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and true and strong!
It shall forevermore endure — the saints' and all the angels' songs. Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN Gerry A. Peak

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

SOLO OFFERTORY: "Loved with Everlasting Love" arr. Ron Boud

Loved with everlasting love, led by grace that love to know.
Spirit breathing from above, You have taught me it is so.
O what full and perfect peace, joy and wonder all divine.
In a love which cannot cease, I am His, and He is mine.

His forever, His alone; who the Lord from me shall part.
With what joy and peace unknown, Christ can fill the loving heart.
Heav'n and earth may pass away, sun and stars in gloom decline
But of Christ I still shall say, I am His and He is mine.

Terri Theil, soloist

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CARITAS

**My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

**I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Matthew 9:35-38
(page 814 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 *Memphis Through Jesus' Eyes* 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 OUR 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

**Gracious heavenly Father,
You are compassionate to helpless and harassed people.
You sent Your Son to seek and save wandering sheep like us.
Yet, we confess our reluctance to personally engage with His mission.
We beseech Your forgiveness by acknowledging that at times
we are more apathetic than active, isolated than involved,
callous than compassionate, and legalistic than loving.
Pardon our tight-fisted grip on our careers,
our children, and our resources.
By the power of Your Spirit, remove all obstacles
that prevent us from living as Your ambassadors.
This 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 printed in bold below.

*“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” ST. CHRISTOPHER
Reference page 251 in the Hymnal for music.*

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.
Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me:
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess,
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.
I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.**

*“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.**

“In Christ Alone” Keith Getty

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
 This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
 'Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
 For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
 Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
 And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
 From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
 No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
 'Till He returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

"The Power of the Cross" Keith Getty

O, to see the dawn of the darkest day
 Christ on the road to Calvary.
 Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then
 Nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
 Took the blame, bore the wrath — we stand forgiven at the cross.*

O, to see the pain written on Your face,
 Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
 Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed
 Crowning Your bloodstained brow. *Chorus*

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath
 Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
 Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life;
 "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God, slain for us.
 What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

O, to see my name written in the wounds,
 For through Your suffering I am free.
 Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live,
 Won through Your selfless love. *Chorus*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦HYMN OF LOVE FOR CHRISTCARITAS

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death;
 And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
 And say, when the death-dew lies cold on my brow:
 If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
 I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
 I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
 If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Final from Sonata No. 1"Alexandre Guilmant

✦Indicates congregation standing

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