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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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January 13, 2019  
*Season of Epiphany*

  
**Second**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

The Church has always practiced some manner of corporate profession of faith. In the Old Testament, worshipers recited the Shema: "Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one" (Deuteronomy 6:4-9; 11:13-21). Likewise, in the New Testament there are examples of possible early creeds (Colossians 1:15-20 and Philippians 2:1-12).

As we come to the Lord's Table this morning, we will be reading The Apostles' Creed, which declares the most basic and unalterable facts about the Christian faith and can be confessed by every Christian.

There are many reasons it is good to state our faith corporately. First, we are one family in this struggle called the Christian life and one army in this battle against the world, the flesh, and the devil. We declare our faith to Christ our Commander in the presence of His cosmic enemies. As we say the Creed, let us imagine standing shoulder to shoulder as soldiers in a line of defense against hell's strongholds.

Second, we use this and other creeds as encouragement, for they summarize God's great plan for saving sinners like us. Therefore, as we join together for worship and profess the Apostles' Creed corporately, let us do so boldly and joyfully! For in Christ's victory over the grave, all of His and our enemies are conquered, and we are saved!

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Come, Christians Join to Sing" . . . . .arr. Jack Jones  
*Jill Peak, organ*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE:  
Meditation on "Nearer, My God, to Thee," and "O Breath of Life" . . . . .Aaron Powell  
*Aaron Powell, violin*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Gerry Peak

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 164 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" . . . . . AZMON

♠INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

♠EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 2:14-22 . . . . . Bill Jorgensen (8:15)  
Haley Overcast (11:00)

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one  
and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility

**by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances,**

that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two,  
so making peace, and might reconcile us both  
to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

**And he came and preached peace to you who were far off  
and peace to those who were near.**

For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

**So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,  
but you are fellow citizens  
with the saints and members of the household of God,  
built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,**

Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,  
in whom the whole structure, being joined together,  
grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

**In him you also are being built together  
into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.**

✦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.**

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Brethren We Have Met to Worship” . . . . . arr. Aaron Powell

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God;  
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the Word?  
All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down;  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Brethren, see poor sinners round you slumb’ring on the brink of woe;  
Death is coming, hell is moving, can you bear to let them go?  
See our fathers and our mothers, and our children sinking down;  
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you join and help us? Moses’ sister aided him;  
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?  
Tell them all about the Savior, tell them that He will be found;  
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around!

Brethren, join your cries to help them;  
Sisters, let your prayers abound;  
Pray, O, pray that holy blessings may be scattered all around;  
Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.

*Men’s Choir  
Calvin Ellis, director  
Brad Jones, piano*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING . . . . . Tim Russell

✦GREETINGS

*At this time, parents may take children to the nursery.*

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Please stand)*

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 353 “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” . . . . . ST. THOMAS  
*stanzas 1-4*

SCRIPTURE LESSON . . . . . Acts 15:36-41  
*(pages 924 in pew Bible)*

SERMON *Gospel Priorities: Reconcilable Differences* Juan Sanchez

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 and pass by the elements. 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. All communion wafers are gluten free.*

✦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 . . . . . 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!**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious Father,  
it is Your will that Your people should be one in Christ  
and reflect the unity that exists in the Trinity.  
Yet we have selfishly chosen the way of division and dissension.  
Give us Your enabling grace to repent of our pride and disobedience  
and to submit to Your revealed will.  
We have built up walls of hostility fashioned with hatred and prejudice.  
Free us from the idolatry in our hearts  
that hinders us from godly union and peace.  
Save us from considering as normal  
that which is a scandal to the world and an offense to Your love.  
Pour out Your Spirit on us  
that we may worship you with one heart and one mind  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON . . . . . I John 1:8-9

*God shows his own love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

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 hymn printed in bold below.*

“Behold the Lamb” . . . . . Keith and Kristyn Getty; Stuart Townend

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,  
Slain for us — and we remember  
The promise made that all who come in faith  
Find forgiveness at the cross.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of peace  
Around the table of the King.**

**The body of our Savior Jesus Christ,  
Torn for you — eat and remember  
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life  
Paid the price to make us one.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of love  
Around the table of the King.**

**The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,  
Shed for you — drink and remember  
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in  
To receive the life of God.  
So we share in this bread of life,  
And we drink of His sacrifice  
As a sign of our bonds of grace  
Around the table of the King.**

**And so with thankfulness and faith we rise  
To respond — and to remember  
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ  
As His body here on earth.  
As we share in His suffering  
We proclaim Christ will come again!  
And we’ll join in the feast of heaven  
Around the table of the King.**

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” . . . . . HAMBURG

**When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.  
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God:  
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.  
See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

“More Love to Thee, O Christ” . . . . .arr. Mark Hayes

*More love to Thee, O Christ, more love to Thee!  
Hear Thou the prayer I make on bended knee;  
This is my earnest plea, more love, O Christ, to Thee,  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee!  
Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;  
Now Thee alone I seek; give what is best:  
This all my prayer shall be, more love, O Christ to Thee,  
More love to Thee, more love to Thee.*

*Jill Peak, piano*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

