



ORDER FOR THE  
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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May 31, 2015  
8:15 a.m.



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Today we celebrate Trinity Sunday. Our service focuses explicitly on the beauty, power, and work of the triune God. Think for a moment about your own salvation. The Father purposed your salvation before the worlds were made. The Son secured your salvation by His cross and resurrection. The Spirit applies salvation to your life by opening your heart to believe.

Then, how would you answer the question: What is a Christian? The question can be answered in many ways, but possibly the richest answer is that a Christian is one who has God for his Father, Jesus for his Savior and Lord, and the Holy Spirit for his helper and constant companion.

Therefore, God is never more glorious than in His triune conspiracy to enthrone Christ in someone's heart — and what an immense favor He shows to the one He lovingly overtakes. We see Him doing this in the life of Nicodemus in our sermon text this morning. May He do it in our lives as well!

### Prayer of Preparation

Praise be to You, O God the Father:

You created all things by your power and wisdom  
and so loved the world that you gave your Son to be our Savior.

Praise be to You, O God the Son:

You became human like us in all things, except sin,  
died for our offenses, and rose again for our justification.

Praise be to You, O God the Holy Spirit:

You lead us into all truth and spread the love of God in our hearts.

All praise and glory be to you, O God,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, forever and ever. Amen.

*Worship Sourcebook, p. 716*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Festive Alleluias" ..... Dan Miller  
"Choir of Angels" ..... Louis Lefebure-Wély

*Samuel Metzger, organ*

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Dan G. Burns

CHORAL PRAISE: "Sanctus" from *Requiem* ..... W.A. Mozart

*Sanctus, sanctus, sanctus,  
Dominus Deus Sabaoth.*

*Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.*

Holy, holy, holy,

Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.

*The Westminster Singers*

*Christy Young, Assistant Director of Music*

✦ HYMN OF THE TRINITY: No. 100 "Holy, Holy, Holy!" ..... NICAEA

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOSPEL LESSON ..... John 7:40-52  
*(page 893 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

*The Controversial Jesus*

Sanders L. Willson

OUR COMMITMENT TO THE DEEPLY ROOTED CAMPAIGN

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "An Offering" ..... Dan Forrest

O Christ, Who spared not any cost, nor any grace withheld,  
But poured forth Your redeeming blood in love unparalleled;  
What would you have me offer, Lord? What must I count as loss,  
That I may taste the fellowship that brings me near Your cross?

Why should I cling to gifts You give? Why grasp in foolish pride  
What You Who gave Yourself for me now bid me lay aside?  
To know You is my highest gain, worth any sacrifice,  
A treasure worthy to possess at any earthly price.

Yet if behind my open hands, my heart shrinks from the cost,  
Teach me that nothing offered You is ever truly lost.  
A hundredfold reward awaits in one glimpse of Your face,  
My sacrifice forgotten in the riches of Your grace.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ..... HENDON

**Take my life and let it be  
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
Let them flow in endless praise,  
Let them flow in endless praise.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour  
At Thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
Ever, only, all for Thee,  
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION ..... Michael G. Stokke

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

ORGAN INTERLUDE

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).*

**We believe in one God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,  
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,  
by Whom all things were made;  
Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man,  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;  
He suffered and was buried;  
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,  
and ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
and He shall come again with glory  
to judge both the living and the dead;  
Whose Kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;  
who spoke by the prophets;  
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;  
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;  
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. 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 and gracious Father,  
we confess that we have failed to love You  
with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength;  
and to love our neighbors as ourselves.  
Though Jesus prayed that we should be one,  
we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with You.  
We break our communion through impure thoughts,  
hostile words, and unkind actions.  
Forgive our sin and heal us  
so that we may reflect Your unity and majesty  
and serve You faithfully all of our days  
through 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. During communion, we invite you to join in singing the hymns printed below.

"Spirit of the Living God" . . . . . IVERSON  
Reference Page 726 in the Hymnal for music.

**Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.  
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.  
Break me! Melt me! Mold me! Fill me!  
Spirit of the living God, fall fresh on me.**

"There Is a Redeemer" . . . . . Melodie Green



1. There is a Re-deem - er, Je - sus, God's own Son;  
2. Je - sus, my Re-deem - er, name a - bove all names;  
3. When I stand in Glo - ry, I will see His face,



Pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, Ho - ly One.  
Pre-cious Lamb of God, Mes-si-ah, O for sin - ners slain.  
There I'll serve my King for-ev-er In that ho - ly place.

*Chorus*



Thank You, oh, my Fa - ther, for giv-ing us Your Son, and



leav - ing Your Spir - it till the work on earth is done.

"Blessed Assurance" . . . . . ASSURANCE  
Reference Page 693 in the Hymnal for music.

**Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!  
O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,  
Born of His Spirit, washed in His blood.**

*This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long;  
This is my story, this is my song,  
Praising my Savior all the day long.*

**Perfect submission, perfect delight,  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
Angels, descending, bring from above  
Echoes of mercy, whispers of love.**

*Refrain*

**Perfect submission, all is at rest,  
I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
Watching and waiting, looking above,  
Filled with His goodness, lost in His love.**

*Refrain*

"All Creatures of Our God and King" . . . . . LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
*Reference Page 115 in the Hymnal for music.*

**All creatures of our God and King  
Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
Thou silver moon with softer gleam!  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou rushing wind that art so strong  
Ye clouds that sail in Heaven along, O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou rising moon, in praise rejoice,  
Ye lights of evening, find a voice!  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
Make music for thy Lord to hear, O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Thou fire so masterful and bright,  
That givest man both warmth and light.  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And all ye men of tender heart,  
Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye! Alleluia!  
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,  
Praise God and on Him cast your care!  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Let all things their Creator bless,  
And worship Him in humbleness, O praise Him! Alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!  
O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦SENDING HYMN . . . . . OLD HUNDREDTH

**All hail, majestic Trinity! All hail, eternal unity!  
O God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, ever one.**

**O Trinity, O Unity, our God, both now and ever be;  
And with the songs that angels sing we shall rejoice, all-glorious king.**

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God" . . . . . Bach; arr. Fox

✦Indicates congregation standing

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