



ORDER FOR THE  
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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May 31, 2015  
11:00 a.m.

  
**Second**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## 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 Lefébure-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 Chancel Choir*

*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

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

# 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. An elder will serve gluten free communion bread to those who raise their hands.*

## ✦ PROFESSION OF FAITH . . . . . The Nicene Creed

**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.**

## ✦ 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

**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

LITANY OF PRAISE

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

**It is meet and right so to do.**

It is very meet, right, and our joyful duty, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto You, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God. And we praise You for Jesus Christ our Lord, Who has come to bring us light and life;

**Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we laud and magnify Your glorious Name;  
evermore praising You and saying:**

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven and  
earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho-  
san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, Ho - san-na in the high-est.

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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION

SHARING OF THE CUP

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION

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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