



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

March 26, 2017
Season of Lent


Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Every Lord's Day, we gather to worship our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and to grow in our understanding of who He is and what He has done. Our joint celebration of our living Lord is designed not just to inform our minds but also to transform our lives.

Biblical passages such as our sermon text, Colossians 1:15-20, and Philippians 2:5-11 are Spirit-inspired hymns in the New Testament. They play a significant role in formulating the doctrine of the deity of Jesus Christ. They also serve as strong motivation for us to guard the unity of our church since we worship and serve a common Lord who rightfully deserves the place of preeminence in our lives, relationships, and church.

Colossians 1:15-20 is called the "Christ Hymn" because it celebrates the role of Jesus in creation, as well as His role in the new creation of the church. Since He is the risen Lord and the head of the church, He is the sole object worthy of our worship. May our Lord use our worship today to unveil His beauty to our sight so that He might become the ultimate vision of our hearts that we treasure and adore both now and for all eternity.

EXALT OUR HEAVENLY KING

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Festive Alleluias" Dan Miller
"Largo from Lute Concerto" Antonio Vivaldi; arr. Metzger
Samuel Metzger, Organist

CHORAL INTROIT: "Let Us Make a Joyful Noise" Douglas Wagner
Let us make a joyful noise unto the Lord.
Praise, O praise the Lord!
And make a joyful noise evermore!
The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Steven Hancock, Director

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP Joshua D. Yates

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 76 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" LAUDA ANIMA
stanzas 1-4

♠PSALTER LESSON: Select Verses from Psalm 89 Courtney Humphreys (8:15)
Shayla Johnson (11:00)

You have said, "I have made a covenant with my chosen one;
I have sworn to David my servant:

**"I will establish your offspring forever,
and build your throne for all generations."**

Of old you spoke in a vision to your godly one, and said:

**"I have granted help to one who is mighty;
I have exalted one chosen from the people.**

My faithfulness and my steadfast love shall be with him,
and in my name shall his horn be exalted.

**I will set his hand on the sea
and his right hand on the rivers.**

He shall cry to me, 'You are my Father,
my God, and the Rock of my salvation.'

**And I will make him the firstborn,
the highest of the kings of the earth.**

My steadfast love I will keep for him forever,
and my covenant will stand firm for him.

**I will establish his offspring forever
and his throne as the days of the heavens."**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LAUDA ANIMA

**Angels, help us to adore Him; you behold Him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before Him, dwellers all in time and space,
Praise Him, praise Him, praise Him, praise Him,
Praise with us the God of grace. Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

EMBRACE OUR VICTORIOUS KING

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious heavenly Father,
You sent the King of heaven, Jesus Christ,
to subdue our restless hearts
and to defend us against all spiritual harm.
Yet we confess that we pursue with greater zeal
the cares and riches of this world
than You and Your kingdom.
Our divided hearts have served other tyrannical masters
instead of Your Son,
whom to serve is perfect freedom
because His yoke is easy and His burden is light.
So rule us by Your Word and Spirit
that Jesus Christ alone reigns unrivaled in our hearts.
For we pray in His mighty name, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦ HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 642 "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

stanzas 1-4

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Gerry A. Peak

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" Tom Fettke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of Your fingers;
The moon and stars suspended in space.

O, what is man, that You are mindful of him?
You have given man a crown of glory and honor,
And have made him a little lower than the angels.
You have put him in charge of all creation:
The beasts of the field, the birds of the air, the fish of the sea.
But what is man? O, what is man that You are mindful of him?

O Lord our God, the majesty and glory of Your name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.

O Lord our God, little children praise You perfectly,
And so would we. Alleluia! Alleluia!
The majesty and glory of Your name.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE SLANE

**High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

ENTHRONE OUR HIGH KING

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Kevin McQuillen

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00) T. Barton Kimbro

Natalie and Louis Amagliani III, Drew Barry, Mark Crosby, Shannon Davis, Jessica Harrison, Madeleine and Aaron Haynes, Carol Hendrian, Chris Hill, Hannah Johnson, Lisa and Mike Langley, Nancy and Kevin McQuillen, Madison Mirandi, Leslie and Jared Moffett, Elle Parker, Bill Patterson, Carol and Ferren Paulson, Mark Pierce, Rebecca and Ryan Quinn, Austin Smith, Tiana Tauiliili*

**to be baptized*

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now promise and resolve, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to serve Christ in His church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this church session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the church?

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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.**

EPISTLE LESSON Colossians 1:18-19
(page 983 in 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)*

SERMON *Christ Is Preeminent* D. Todd Erickson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF OBEDIENCE: No. 565 "All for Jesus!" WYCLIFF

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Allegro vivace assai" from *Sonata No. 1* Felix Mendelssohn

✦*Indicates congregation standing*

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