



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

November 8, 2015
Commitment Sunday



Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church.
May our worship open our hearts to God's love, our eyes to God's beauty,
our minds to God's truth, and our will to God's service.

A WORD ON WORSHIP

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

Henry Lyte incorporates the beautiful imagery of Psalm 103 in writing our opening hymn, "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven." This hymn text explains why we should joyfully praise our heavenly King. What might happen if we woke up regularly with these words on our lips: "Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore His praises sing?"

Why not begin your Lord's Day worship by reflecting on this statement from Lyte's hymn: Our heavenly King comes to "rescue us from all our foes." Jesus Christ defends us against the world, the flesh, and the devil. Therefore, let us worship Him with humble, grateful, and joyful hearts, and, as a result of our time in worship, may the Holy Spirit empower us:

- to delight in our King who first comes humbly to serve and save and who will one day come in great glory to judge and make all things new.
- to search our hearts for the rival kings who reign there and expel these idols.
- to surrender anew to our Lord as we gaze upon the fair beauty of our King who is worthy of our worship, our lives, and our all!

ADORE OUR KING'S GREATNESS

ORGAN AND BRASS PRELUDE:

"Processional on Praise My Soul the King of Heaven"arr. David Cherwein

*Samuel Metzger, organ
Scott Moore and Susan Enger, trumpets*

CHORAL INTROIT: "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" . . .arr. Duane Funderburk

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the everlasting King!

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP David A. Bowen

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 76 "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" . . . LAUDA ANIMA

✦AFFIRMATION OF CHRIST'S KINGSHIP Westminster Shorter Catechism
Question 26, (1647 AD)

How does Christ execute the office of a king?

**Christ executes the office of a king,
in subduing us to himself, in ruling and defending us,
and in restraining and conquering all his and our enemies.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LAUDA ANIMA

**We acclaim your life, O Jesus,
Now we sing Your victory;
Sin or hell may seek to seize us,
But Your conquest keeps us free.
He has conquered, He has conquered,
Worship Christ, the reigning King!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

ACKNOWLEDGE OUR KING'S SUPREMACY

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious heavenly Father,
You sent the King of heaven, Jesus Christ our Lord,
to subdue our restless hearts
and defend us against all that would bring us spiritual harm.
Yet we confess that our hearts
remain more apathetic than active, more isolated than involved,
more callous than compassionate, more obstinate than obedient,
and more legalistic than loving.
We acknowledge that our idolatrous hearts
lead us to a tight-fisted grip
on our lives, our careers, our plans, and our money.
Have mercy upon us and forgive us.
We pray this for our King's glory and for our good. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

♠HYMN OF ASSURANCEKINGSFOLD



1. The head that once was crowned with thorns is crowned with glo-ry now;
2. The joy of all who dwell a - bove, the joy of all be - low,
3. They suf - fer with their Lord be - low; they reign with Him a - bove;



a roy - al di - a - dem a - dorns the migh - ty vic - tor's brow.
to whom He man - i - fests His love and grants His name to know.
Their pro - fit and their joy to know the mys - t'ry of His love.



The high - est place that heav'n af - fords is His by so - vereign right,
To them the cross with all its shame, with all its grace, is giv'n;
The cross He bore is life and health, though shame and death to Him;



the King of kings and Lord of lords, and heav'n's e - ter - nal - Light:
Their name an e - ver - las - ting name, their joy the joy of Heav'n.
His peo - ple's hope, His peo - ple's wealth, their e - ver - last - ing theme.

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS FOR 2016

HYMN OF MEDITATION SLANE

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

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.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
AND OUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARDS FOR 2016

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Glory and Honor" G. F. Handel
Coronation Anthem No. 1

Glory and honor, praise, adoration
To Christ our God and our King!
And all the people rejoiced:
King of kings, Lord of lords,
Christ is the King, Christ the King reigns forever!
Amen, alleluia, amen!

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE O QUANTA QUALIA

**Blessing and honor and glory and power,
Wisdom and riches and strength evermore
Give ye to Him who our battle hath won,
Whose are the kingdom, the crown, and the throne.**

**Give we the glory and praise to the Lamb;
Take we the robe and the harp and the palm;
Sing we the song of the Lamb that was slain,
Dying in weakness, but rising to reign.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION Dan G. Burns

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Margaret S. Stephens

WELCOME OUR KING'S COMING

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.**

GOSPEL LESSON: John 12:9-19 Grace Knight (8:15)
(page 898 in pew Bible) Brandon Morrison (11:00)

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 *The World's King* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 101 "Come, Thou Almighty King" TRINITY

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Sinfonia "We Praise Thee, O God" . . . J.S. Bach; arr. Marcel Dupré

✦ Indicates congregation standing

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