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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

November 13, 2016, 8:15 a.m.

Trinity Season



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Today is Stewardship Sunday, when we heed the biblical mandate to live “as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (I Peter 4:10). Living as stewards is not natural for us because we all prefer to live as owners. However, the gospel of Jesus Christ transforms how we view and use all of our possessions.

Stewardship is much more than just how we save, spend, and give money. It is a mentality of holding with an open hand all of God’s resources: His time, His spiritual gifts, and His money. Secondly, it is a lifestyle of wisely investing those resources for His glory and for the good of others.

A key question to ask ourselves today is: “What do you have that you did not receive?” (I Corinthians 4:7b). The only right answer is *nothing*. There is nothing you have that you can properly call your own. All is received as a gift from God. Therefore, if everything you have belongs to God then you must ask: How does the Master want His resources invested to expand His work and will in this world?

Let us prepare for worship by praying for one another and ourselves:

- that we would wisely steward all of God’s resources
- that we would grow in becoming more open-hearted and open-handed in gladly investing God’s resources to serve His kingdom interests

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Praeludium in C Major” Dietrich Buxtehude
Samuel Metzger, Organist

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: “Trio Sonata in G Major” Johann Hasse
Shelly Sublett, oboe; Steve Hancock, violin

CHORAL INTROIT: “I Will Sing to Thy Name” Knut Nystedt
I will sing praise to Thy name,
O Thou most high!
*The Westminster Singers
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP Gerry A. Peak

✦ HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 94 “How Firm a Foundation” FOUNDATION
stanzas 1-4 & 6

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN T. Barton Kimbro

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

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 2017

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “How Can I Keep from Singing” arr. Taylor Davis

My life flows on in endless song above earth’s lamentations.
I hear the real, though far off hymn that hails a new creation.
Through all the tumult and strife I hear its music ringing.
It sounds an echo in my soul; how can I keep from singing?

While though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth.
And though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I’m clinging.
Since love is lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble sick with fear, and hear their death-knell ringing,
When friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?
In prison cells and dungeon vile, our thoughts to them are winging,
When friends by shame are undefiled, how can I keep from singing?

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE SLANE

**Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art—
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

EPISTLE LESSON: I Peter 4:1-19 Ethan Knight
(page 1016 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 *Clear-Minded and Self-Controlled* Sanders L. Willson

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).

◆ PROFESSION OF 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 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

**O Father whose tender mercies are over all Your works,
we humbly beseech Your forgiveness
for allowing the cares of this world,
the deceitfulness of wealth, and the desires for other things
to choke out Your word and will in our hearts;
for every failure of self-control;
for not covering the sins of others against us;
for not faithfully stewarding Your spiritual gifts;
and for being surprised when suffering comes our way.
May Your Holy Spirit so rule our hearts
that You give us the victory over these
and all the other sinful tendencies of our hearts
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. Throughout this time of communion, we invite you to join in singing the hymns below.

*"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG
(Refer to music on page 252 in the Hymnal)*

**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 blood flow mingled down:
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?**

*"Be Still, My Soul" FINLANDIA
(Refer to music on page 689 in the Hymnal)*

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
Bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
Leave to your God to order and provide;
In ev'ry change He faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
To guide the future as He has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
All now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.**

**Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
And all is darkened in the vale of tears,
Then shall you better know His love, His heart,
Who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
From His own fullness all he takes away.**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
When we shall be forever with the Lord,
When disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
Sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
All safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

"Beneath the Cross of Jesus"Keith Getty



1. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I find a place to
2. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, His fam - ily is my
3. Be - neath the cross of Je - sus, the path be - fore the



stand, and won - der at such mer - cy that
own. Once stran - gers chas - ing self - ish dreams; Now,
crown. We fol - low in His foot - steps where



calls me as I am. For hands that should dis -
one through grace a - lone. How could I now dis -
prom - ised hope is found. How great the joy be -



card me hold wounds which tell me come. Be - neath the
hon - or the ones that You have loved? Be - neath the
fore us to be His per - fect bride. Be - neath the



cross of Je - sus my un - wor - thy soul is won.
cross of Je - sus, see the child - ren called by God.
cross of Je - sus, we will glad - ly live our lives.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

◆HYMN OF COMMITMENTHAMBURG

**Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all!**

◆BENEDICTION

◆CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata Brevis"Daniel Gawthrop

◆Indicates congregation standing

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