



Order for the
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

November 12, 2017 · 11:00 a.m.

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.

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 grace transforms would-be owners into stewards and sparing hearts into generous hearts.

Giving has served as a part of worship throughout biblical history because our money reveals where our heart's treasure really lies. Abel willingly gave his offering in worship (Genesis 4:3). Offering sacrifices was a major part of Old Testament worship (Leviticus 1-5). King David declares, "I will not offer to the Lord that which costs me nothing" (II Samuel 24:24). The Apostle Paul reminds us that our giving is "a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God" (Philippians 4:18).

As you prepare for worship, reflect on this challenge from James Denney: "Ordinary charity is but the crumbs from the rich man's table; but if we catch Christ's spirit, it will carry us far beyond that." Pray that you would wisely steward all of God's resources and that you would catch Christ's spirit of generosity and become more open-handed and open-hearted with all of His resources.

PRAISE HIM FOR HIS EXCELLENT WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Allegro" from *Concerto in F Major* G. F. Handel
Samuel Metzger, Director of Music and Organist

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE:
"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus / In Christ Alone" arr. Carol Tornquist
Jill Peak, piano

CHORAL INTROIT: "God of Grace and God of Glory" arr. Mark Nabholz
God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy pow'r.
Crown Thine ancient Church's story; bring her bud to glorious flow'r.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour.
The Chancel Choir
Christy Young, Director

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP D. Todd Erickson

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION



1. How firm a foun - da - tion, you saints of the Lord,
2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis - mayed,
3. "When through the deep wa - ters I call you to go,
4. "When through fie - ry tri - als your path - way shall lie,



is laid for your faith in his ex - cel - lent Word!
for I am your God and will still give you aid;
the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be your sup - ply;



What more can He say than to you He has said,
 I'll strength - en you, help you, and cause you to stand,
 for I will be with you, your trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt you; I on - ly de - sign



to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - ni - po - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to you your deep - est dis - tress.
 your dross to con - sume, and your gold to re - fine.”

♠SCRIPTURE READING Haley Overcast

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed,
 for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you,
 I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. *Isaiah 41:10*

**When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
 and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
 when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
 and the flame shall not consume you. *Isaiah 43:2***

But he said to me, ‘My grace is sufficient for you,
 for my power is made perfect in weakness.’
 Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses,
 so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. *II Corinthians 12:9*

**For he has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’
 So we can confidently say, ‘The Lord is my helper;
 I will not fear; what can man do to me?’ *Hebrews 13:5,6***

♠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE FOUNDATION

**The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
 I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
 That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
 I'll never, no never, no never forsake. Amen.**

♠INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

RECEIVE FROM HIM HIS GRACIOUS PARDON

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord, You have promised that if we will confess our sins,
 You are faithful and just to forgive our sins.
 We come seeking Your forgiveness that we may know afresh
 the joy of Your presence and the light of Your face.
 You alone know how often we have offended You
 and hurt the lives of others.
 Forgive us, O Lord, for every unkind thought,
 every untrue word, and every selfish act.
 Pardon us for our ingratitude and grumbling spirit,
 for our careless use of money, and our forgetfulness of our sacred vows.
 Have mercy on us, create in us clean hearts,
 and renew a right and joyful spirit within us
 for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS FOR 2018

HYMN OF MEDITATION BEECHER

**Lord, Thou lov'st the cheerful giver, who with open heart and hand
Blesses freely, as a river that refreshes all the land.**

**Grant us then the grace of giving with a spirit large and free,
That our life and all our living we may consecrate to Thee.**

**We are Thine, Thy mercy sought us, found us in death's dreadful way,
To the fold in safety brought us, nevermore from Thee to stray.
Thine own life Thou freely gavest as an off'ring on the cross
For each sinner who Thou savest from eternal shame and loss.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
AND OUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARDS FOR 2018

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "This Is the Day" arr. John Rutter

This is the day, the day which the Lord hath made:
We will rejoice and be glad in it.
This is the day, the day which the Lord hath made:
We will rejoice and be glad in it, this is the day.

O praise the Lord of heav'n: praise Him in the height.
Praise Him, all ye angels of His: praise Him, all His host.
Praise Him, sun and moon: praise Him, all ye stars and light,
Let them praise the Name of the Lord;
For He shall give His angels charge over thee: to keep thee in all thy ways.

The Lord Himself is thy keeper: the Lord is thy defense upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day: neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
Yea, it is even He that shall keep thy soul.
The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in:
From this time forth, forevermore.

He shall defend thee, He shall defend Thee under His wings.
Be strong, and He shall comfort thine heart,
Shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust, thy trust in the Lord.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE BEECHER

**Blest by Thee with gifts and graces, may we heed Thy church's call;
Gladly in all times and places give to Thee who givest all.
Thou hast bought us, and no longer can we claim to be our own;
Ever free and ever stronger, we shall serve Thee, Lord alone.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION Michael G. Stokke

IMITATE HIM IN HIS GENEROUS GRACE

✦ GREETINGS

✦ 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.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING II Corinthians 9:6-15
(page 968 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)

SERMON *Graced to Give (Part 4)* George W. Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 252 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” . . . HAMBURG

✦BENEDICTION (*Please lift hands*)

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Now Thank We All Our God” . . . Sifrid-Karg Elert; arr. Bock

✦*Indicates congregation standing*

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