

A WORD ON WORSHIP

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

Today, we have the privilege of celebrating the Lord’s Supper. In this meal, Jesus gives Himself to us and would have us yield ourselves fully to Him. The lessons of the Supper are multiple. It is a feast of remembrance, covenant and love.

During communion, we participate in an activity that commemorates a past event and looks forward to a future consummation. It is a memorial of faith and a declaration of hope that Christ has died, Christ has risen, and Christ will come again. It calls us to meditate on a crucified Savior’s love, a living Savior’s intercession, and a coming Savior’s glory.

We come to the Lord’s Table not because we are strong, but because we are weak. We come because we need God’s mercy and help. We come because we love the Lord and want to experience more of His love.

Therefore, we lift up our hearts and minds above our cares and fears and let this bread and wine be to us the token and pledge of the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God the Father, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, all meant for us if we will receive them in humble faith.

*Adapted from a communion worship service printed in
Worship Now, from the Iona Community, Church of Scotland*

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: “This Is My Father’s World” Michael Burkhardt
Samuel Metzger, organ

CHORAL INTROIT: “Glory Be to the Father” Charles Stanford
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. Amen.
*The Westminster Singers
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP David A. Bowen

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 55 “To God Be the Glory” TO GOD BE THE GLORY

✦PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 8 Shelley Hill

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**Out of the mouth of babies and infants,
you have established strength because of your foes,
to still the enemy and the avenger.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,

**what is man that you are mindful of him,
and the son of man that you care for him?**

Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.

**You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet,**

all sheep and oxen, and also the beasts of the field,
the birds of the heavens, and the fish of the sea,
whatever passes along the paths of the seas.

**O Lord, our Lord,
how majestic is your name in all the earth!**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TO GOD BE THE GLORY

**Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the earth hear His voice!
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father thro’ Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory, great things He has done!**

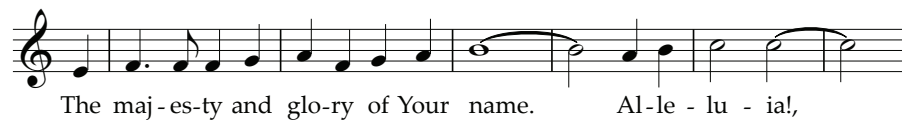
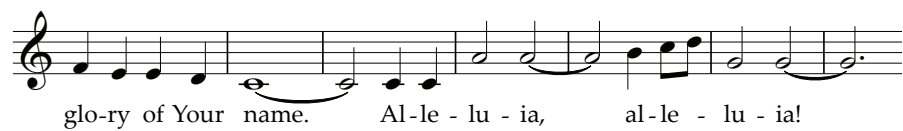
✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “The Majesty and Glory of Your Name” Tom Fettke
Text Based on Psalm 8

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;
The moon and stars suspended in space.
Oh, 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: beasts of the field,
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea.
But, what is man? Oh, 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. And so would we. Alleluia! Alleluia!
The majesty and glory of Your name. Alleluia! Alleluia!

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Tom Fettke



✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION Michael G. Stokke

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

GOSPEL LESSON John 11:1-16
(page 897 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 Purpose of Death* 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 OUR 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 GREATOREX

**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

**King Jesus,
in dying and rising again,
You have shattered the power of sin and death.
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.
Forgive us our many sins...
We are slow to appeal to You in our time of need.
We do not gladly submit to Your providential care.
We center our lives more on our comfort rather than Your glory.
We forget Your love, complain of Your timing,
and wander from Your ways.
Cleanse, renew, and transform us
so that we experience the joy of Your abundant, eternal life. 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 printed in bold below.

“Let Us Break Bread Together” arr. William Lawrence

**Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us praise God together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy, if You please.**

“Abide with Me: Fast Falls the Eventide” EVENTIDE
Reference page 402 in the Hymnal for music.

**Abide with me: fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life’s little day;
Earth’s joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O Thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**I need Thy presence every passing hour;
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter’s pow’r?
Who like ThyselF my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.**

**I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless:
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death’s sting? Where, grave, Thy victory?
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me.**

**Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heav’n’s morning breaks, and earth’s vain shadows flee:
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.**

“My Jesus, I Love Thee” CARITAS
Reference page 648 in the Hymnal for music.

**My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.**

**I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.**

I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death;
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say, when the deathdew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

“Jesus, I Come” William True Sleeper, Greg Thompson

**Out of my bondage, sorrow and night, Jesus, I come; Jesus I come.
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself, Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of my shameful failure and loss, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm,
Out of distress into jubilant psalm, Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of unrest and arrogant pride, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into Thy blessed will to abide, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward forever on wings like a dove, Jesus, I come to Thee.**

**Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come.
Into the joy and light of Thy home, Jesus, I come to Thee.
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold, Jesus, I come to Thee.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: alleluia, alleluia,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Allegro Giocoso” from *Sonata in E Flat*. Edward Bairstow

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

Sunday Night Worship

We gather each Sunday at 6:00 p.m. for a service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God's Word. Tonight, we continue our series on Malachi with chapter 2, verses 1-9. We invite you to worship with us.

Getting Connected

To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Pastor Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or todd.erickson@2pc.org.

Pastoral Care

One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you in the Gathering Room, located on the left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary. You may also contact a member of our pastoral team directly using the information below.

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Welcome

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you to Second Presbyterian. Please sign our Friendship Pad, which will be passed during the Greetings time of the service.

Our Congregational Communities (CCs), also known as Sunday School classes, offer a wide variety of options for various age groups and stages of life. Visiting a CC is the best way to get to know others and become involved. CCs meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. Visit 2pc.org/cc for a list of classes.

Children in Worship: We consider it a privilege for children to worship with us. If your small children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the Cry Room at the back of the Sanctuary. Worship bags including material specifically designed for children are available at the Welcome Desk located outside the west double doors of the Sanctuary.

During 8:15 worship, our 3-year-olds are welcome to attend Early Birds in the nursery. The Late Birds class for PK-SK children is available during the 11:00 service in the nursery.

Weekly Focus on Missions

World Missions: Tim Blaylock is a First Responder from our church who is serving with Young Life in Kyrgyzstan, a former Soviet Bloc country that continues to suffer poverty and

unrest. Muslims constitute the majority of the population. Tim arrived there in July and has been busy studying Russian, teaching English to Kyrgyzstan youth, and leading a Bible Study with Kyrgyzstan Young Life. Pray that Tim's language study would progress well and that he would feel at home in this new environment. Pray also that the young people he interacts with will seek Christ.

Mission Memphis: Our partners at Brinkley Heights Urban Academy, a private Christian school for at-risk children in Memphis, are praising God for the school's growth over the years. They now serve more than 100 students in PreK through eleventh grade. Next year, they will add a twelfth grade class and have their first group of graduating seniors! Please pray for the school's staff and the families they serve.

General News

World Communion Sunday: Today is World Communion Sunday, which is celebrated each year on the first Sunday of October. We will have communion in both morning services, joining with churches all around the world to celebrate the unity of believers under Christ.

Pipe Organ Demonstration: Understanding the inner workings of the organ isn't just a pipe dream! Don't miss your chance for a demonstration from organist Samuel Metzger, immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service today in the choir loft.

MidWeek Fall Break: MidWeek activities will not meet on October 7. We look forward to seeing you on October 14 — visit 2pc.org/midweek for a detailed list of programs and classes offered.

Gathering on the Grounds: Come enjoy the cooler weather with your church family on October 18, beginning at 5:00 p.m. Bring your lawn chairs and picnic dinners and join us for a time of fellowship and music followed by evening worship outdoors.

Bibles for Children's Big Group: Our children's ministry is in need of gently used Bibles for the 3rd-5th grade Sunday School Big Group (NIV and ESV versions are preferred). Donations may be dropped off through October 7 in the children's ministry office. Thank you!

October 3M Luncheon: All seniors are invited to our monthly 3M (More Mature Members) luncheon on October 12 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. Debbie Litch, Executive Director of Theatre Memphis, will be speaking, and we will also hear from Gerry Peak, our Pastor to Senior Adults. Please call 454-0034 by noon on October 7 if you plan to attend. The cost will be \$6.

Giving Update

July 1, 2015 through August 31, 2015

Actual: \$1,098,858

Budget: \$1,204,514

Variance: \$(105,656)

Caring Ministry

Sympathy to:

Jean Saxon and Jon Housholder on the death of their father, Charles Hobart Housholder, September 25, 2015.

Jim and Ruth Remeur on the death of their daughter, Lisa Joy Remeur, September 26, 2015.

Katie Dickinson and Mary Dicken on the death of their mother, Elizabeth Weaver Tully, September 26, 2015.

Congratulations to:

Matt and Nicki King on the birth of a son, Alfred Horace Lee King, September 23, 2015.

In the Hospital (as of 9/30/15):

Joan Moore, Allen Morgan Rehab
Elizabeth Stout, The Village
at Germantown Rehab
Ruth Boyd, Baptist

October Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary for the month of October are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: *Joanne G. Brown* by her family; *Virginia and Ralph Braden* by their family; *Sara Crump Humphreys, Blanche Crump Thompson, George W. Humphreys, and Sara Humphreys Howard* by Floyd Humphreys, Blanche Toms, May Fox, and their families; *Sam McCullough* by his wife Irma, and children, Allan McCullough and Carol and Rick Kirby; *Janice Sullins Shubert* by her daughter, Linda Shubert Courtney, and her family; and *Fred Tarkington* by his daughter, Ferrin Mavar, **and in honor of:** Caroline Crosby by Chris, Kate, and Campbell Crosby.



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OUR MISSION:

To glorify God through joyful worship, to show God's love to all people, to lead them to faith in Jesus Christ, to make them His disciples, and to call them to His service.

Our 11:00 a.m. service is broadcast live each week on WHBQ (AM 560/FM 87.7).

Our worship services can be seen every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on WREGTV WREG-TV (Channel 3). Live streaming of our Sunday morning and evening worship services is also available at www.2pc.org/live

Please leave your bulletin in the pew if you'd like it to be recycled.

October 4, 2015, 8:15 a.m.

World Communion 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.