



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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Trinity Season



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Today is Worldwide Communion Sunday. Christians in every culture break the bread and pour the cup to remember Christ's death. We also affirm that He alone is the Lord and Head of His Church. Whether the Lord's Supper is shared in a grand sanctuary, a mud hut, outside on a hilltop, or in a storefront, this meal teaches us that "we who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread" (I Corinthians 10:17).

During communion, we not only take time to look back and reflect on our crucified Savior's love, but we also look ahead and anticipate a coming Savior's glory. This frees us from despair as we face hostility, adversity, and heartache.

Participating in the Lord's Supper should awaken in us a longing for another feast — the ultimate feast, when our Lord will make all things new. He will swallow up death forever. He will wipe away tears from all faces and we will forever rejoice in our Lord's salvation.

Why not prepare your heart for worship by meditating on Isaiah 25:6-9 which speaks of this consummation?

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE:

"Andante larghetto et staccato" from *Concerto in B flat Major* . . . G. F. Handel; arr. Metzger
Samuel Metzger, organ

ORCHESTRAL PRELUDE: "Adagio" from *Organ Concerto in F Major* G.F. Handel

CALL TO WORSHIP Ronald G. Sadlow

✦HYMN OF THE CHURCH: No. 347 "The Church's One Foundation" AURELIA
stanzas 1-5

✦FIRST EPISTLE LESSON: Ephesians 2:14-22 Ginni Fischer

For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one
and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility

by abolishing the law of commandments expressed in ordinances,

that he might create in himself one new man in place of the two,
so making peace, and might reconcile us both
to God in one body through the cross, thereby killing the hostility.

**And he came and preached peace to you who were far off
and peace to those who were near.**

For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father.

**So then you are no longer strangers and aliens,
but you are fellow citizens
with the saints and members of the household of God,
built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets,**

Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone,
in whom the whole structure, being joined together,
grows into a holy temple in the Lord.

**In him you also are being built together
into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AURELIA

**Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
And mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we,
Like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with Thee. Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦ GREETINGS Dan G. Burns

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Pleni Sunt Caeli" Ola Gjeilo

*Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.
Osanna, Osanna in excelsis.
Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini.
Benedictus qui venit. Osanna, Osanna in excelsis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,
Dona nobis pacem.*

Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.
Blessed is He who comes. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,
Lamb of God, grant us peace.

*The Westminster Singers
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE AURELIA

**God is my strong salvation; what foe have I to fear?
In darkness and temptation my light, my help is near.
His might your heart shall strengthen; His love your joy increase;
Mercy your days shall lengthen; the Lord will give you peace.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SECOND EPISTLE LESSON I Peter 1:1-12
(page 1014 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 *Living Hope* David A. Bowen

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 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

**Most holy and merciful Father,
we confess that our lives are marked more
by discouragement than by hope.
Forgive us for failing to live
in the confident assurance of Jesus' resurrection.
Trials and difficulties have caused us
to doubt Your goodness, power, and care.
Yet, You are with us in every storm
and Your voice still commands the winds and waves.
Accept our repentance, Lord,
and strengthen our capacity to trust You.
For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

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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.

“O Sacra Convivium” Olivier Messiaen

*O sacrum convivium, in quo Christus sumitur;
Recolitur memoria passionis ejus;
Mens impletur gratia;
Et futurae gloriae nobis pignus datur. Alleluia.*

O sacred banquet, wherein Christ is received;
The memorial of his passion is renewed;
The soul is filled with grace;
And a pledge of future glory is given to us. Alleluia.

“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” OLIVET
Reference page 528 in the Hymnal for music.

**My faith looks up to Thee,
Thou Lamb of Calvary, Savior divine:
Now hear me while I pray, take all my guilt away,
O let me from this day be wholly Thine.**

**May Thy rich grace impart
Strength to my fainting heart, my zeal inspire;
As Thou hast died for me, O may my love to Thee
Pure, warm, and changeless be, a living fire.**

**While life’s dark maze I tread,
And griefs around me spread, be Thou my guide;
Bid darkness turn to day, wipe sorrow’s tears away,
Nor let me ever stray from Thee aside.**

**When ends life’s transient dream,
When death’s cold, sullen stream shall o’er me roll,
Blest Savior, then, in love, fear and distrust remove;
O bear me safe above, a ransomed soul.**

“How Sweet and Awesome Is the Place” ST. COLUMBA
Reference page 469 in the Hymnal for music.

**How sweet and awesome is the place with Christ within the doors,
While everlasting love displays the choicest of her stores.**

**While all our hearts and all our songs join to admire the feast,
Each of us cries, with thankful tongue, “Lord, why was I a guest?”**

**“Why was I made to hear Your voice and enter while there’s room,
When thousands make a wretched choice, and rather starve than come?”**

**‘Twas the same love that spread the feast that sweetly drew us in;
Else we had still refused to taste, and perished in our sin.**

**Pity the nations, O our God, constrain the earth to come;
Send Your victorious Word abroad, and bring the strangers home.**

“In Christ Alone” Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, Who took on flesh,
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
Scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay,
Light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day,
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory,
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine,
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” Albert Travis

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*

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