



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

October 23, 2016
Trinity Season


Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A WORD ON WORSHIP

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

We design our worship services to help you know the one, true, living God. The hymns we sing extol His works and words. The prayers we pray are saturated with His promises. The Word we read and preach teaches us of His character and ways.

Why do we do this? The prophet Jeremiah teaches that knowing God is what matters most (Jeremiah 9:23-24). Our Lord delights when we know Him for who He truly is. Our first hymn reminds us of one of the primary ways that we know God and His loving heart toward us: the cross of Jesus Christ. The cross demonstrates the magnitude of God's great love for us. This is why when we worship we can't stop singing and speaking about the cross.

The journey of knowing God begins at conversion. Growing in our knowledge of God doesn't stop when we die. It continues throughout eternity. Jonathan Edwards writes: "In heaven, as we increase in the knowledge of God and of the works of God, the more we will see of His excellency; the more we will love Him; and the more we love God, the more delight and happiness we will have in Him."

Prepare your heart for worship by asking the Lord to use the hymns, prayers, and Scriptures in our service today to unveil His beauty to your sight. As you behold His beauty, may you love Him more as you know Him better.

REJOICE IN A SUFFERING SAVIOR'S LOVE

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Introduction and Prayer" from *Suite Gothique* . . . Léon Boëllmann
Samuel Metzger, organ

CHORAL INTROIT: "A Prayer for Humility" Mark Patterson

Mighty God and gentle Lamb, Lord of all creation,
How we long to know You, how we strive to serve You,
Help us now to love You even more.

Give us humble hearts to praise You and list'ning ears to hear Your voice,
Willing hands to serve You, thankful spirits to rejoice.
Lord of all, we adore You, and bring this prayer before You:
Create in us humble hearts.

When our thoughts turn proud, remind us of the grace You freely give.
When we lose our way, Lord, find us, draw us close to You again. Amen.

*Spirit & Song and Music Makers Choirs
Terri Theil, Director*

CALL TO WORSHIP Michael C. Davis

◆HYMN OF THE CROSS: No. 263 "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER

◆FIRST EPISTLE LESSON: Galatians 6:14-16 Betty Eubank (8:15)
Brandon Morrison (11:00)

But far be it from me to boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ,
**by which the world has been crucified to me,
and I to the world.**

For neither circumcision counts for anything, nor uncircumcision,
but a new creation.

**And as for all who walk by this rule,
peace and mercy be upon them,
and upon the Israel of God.**

◆CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CRUCIFER

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred name. Amen.**

◆PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (8:15)

Lucas Eugene Langley, born December 18, 2015, son of Lizzy and Rob Langley

PARENTAL VOWS

Do you acknowledge your child’s need of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God’s covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the sacred Scriptures, and that you will strive, by all the means that God provides you, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you undertake the responsibility to assist these parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: “Jesus Loves You” JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.**

RECEIVE A SUFFERING SAVIOR’S PARDON

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful Father,
You made us in Your image,
with a mind to know You, a heart to love You, and a will to serve You.
Yet, we confess that our knowledge remains imperfect,
our love inconstant, and our obedience incomplete.
Forgive us our failures in growing in Your likeness.
Pardon us for the ways that we take greater delight
in our wisdom, our strength, and our riches
than in knowing You.
We beseech You for Your lavish grace and tender mercies
given through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

♣HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 308 “Jesus Paid It All” ALL TO CHRIST

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. David A. Bowen

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Psalm 139” Allen Pote

Lord, You have searched me and known me, You know ev’rything I do.
When I rise up, when I lie down, You are with me through and through.
Before a word is on my tongue, you know what I will say,
Your presence follows me day by day.

Where can I flee from Your Spirit? Where can I go to run away?
If I go to heaven, or live in hell, You are there.

Search me, O God, and know me, try me and know my heart.
See if there be any wicked way to me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

*The Youth Choir
Ginger Statom, Director*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TALLIS' CANON

1. Lord, thou hast searched me, and dost know wher - e'er I
 2. If deep - est dark - ness cov - er me, the dark - ness

rest, wher - e'er I go; thou know - est all that
 hid - eth not from Thee; to Thee both night and

I have planned, and all my ways are in Thy hand.
 day are bright, the dark - ness shin - eth as the light.

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

FOLLOW A SUFFERING SAVIOR'S EXAMPLE

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

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.**

SECOND EPISTLE LESSON I Peter 2:11-25
(page 1015 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 *Strangers and Aliens* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ SENDING HYMN: No. 598 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" CWM RHONDDA

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata" from *Suite Gothique* Léon Boëllmann

✦ Indicates congregation standing

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