

# Sunday Night Worship

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May 31, 2015

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.

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**TOUGH  
 QUESTIONS**  
 CHRISTIANS FACE

CURRENT SERMON SERIES

## God Calls Us Into His Presence

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Josh Yates  
*Pastoral Intern*

## God Receives Our Praises

♠ "Our Great God" ..... Mac Powell, Fernando Ortega



1. E - ter - nal God, un - chang - ing, mys - te - ri - ous and un - known;  
 2. Lord, we are weak and frail, help - less in the storm.  
 3. Let ev - 'ry crea - ture in the sea and ev - 'ry fly - ing bird,



Your bound - less love, un - fail - ing, grace and mer - cy shown.  
 Sur - round us with Your an - gels, hold us in Your arms.  
 Let ev - 'ry moun - tain, ev - 'ry field and val - ley of the earth;



Bright ser - a - phim in cease - less flight a - round Your glo - ri - ous throne;  
 Our cold and ruth - less en - e - my, his pleas - ure is our harm.  
 Let all the moons and all the stars in all the u - ni - verse



They raise their voic - es day and night in praise to You a - lone.  
 Rise up, O Lord, and he will flee be - fore our sov - 'reign God.  
 Sing prais - es to the liv - ing God who rules them by His Word.

Refrain



Hal - le - lu - - jah! Glo - ry be to our great God!



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♠ "Knowing You, Jesus" ..... Graham Kendrick

All I once held dear, built my life upon,  
All this world reveres and wars to own;  
All I once thought gain I have counted loss,  
Spent and worthless now compared to this.

*Chorus:*

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You  
There is no greater thing  
You're my all, You're my rest,  
You're my joy, my righteousness,  
And I love You, Lord.

Now my heart's desire is to know You more,  
To be found in You and known as Yours,  
To possess by faith what I could not earn  
All surpassing gift of righteousness.

*Chorus*

O to know the power of Your risen life,  
And to know You in Your sufferings;  
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,  
So with You to live and never die.

*Chorus*

♠ AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ..... I Timothy 3:16

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

He was manifested in the flesh,  
vindicated by the Spirit,  
seen by angels,  
proclaimed among the nations,  
believed on in the world,  
taken up in glory.

♠ PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

## God Calls Us to Offer Ourselves to Him

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Worshippers at the end of a row should pass the collection bag to those in the row behind them.*

"Speak, O Lord"..... Keith Getty



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re - ceive the food  
2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di - ence, ho - ly rev - er - ence,  
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights



of Your ho - ly word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us; Shape and  
true hu - mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes in the  
of Your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time, that will



fash - ion us in Your like - ness, that the light of Christ might be  
ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our faith to rise, cause our  
e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by grace we'll stand on Your



seen to - day in our acts of love and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord,  
eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r  
prom - is - es; And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord,



and ful - fill in us all Your pur - pos - es, for Your glo - ry.  
that can nev - er fail; Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
till Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*We ask that everyone, including members and visitors, write their names, addresses, and other information in the spaces provided on the attendance pad as it is passed down the row.*

# God Speaks to Us His Word

SCRIPTURE READINGS..... I Peter 3:13-17  
(page 1016 in the church Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

**Why Do Christians Force Their Views on Me?**

Mike Stokke  
Assistant Pastor  
Middle Adults

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♠ "Blessed Be Your Name" ..... Matt Redman

**Blessed be Your Name in the land that is plentiful,  
Where Your streams of abundance flow  
Blessed be Your Name.  
And blessed be Your Name when I'm found in the desert place,  
Though I walk through the wilderness  
Blessed be Your Name.**

*Pre-chorus:*

***Every blessing You pour out I'll  
Turn back to praise;  
And when the darkness closes in, Lord, still I will say:***

*Chorus:*

***Blessed be the Name of the Lord;  
Blessed be Your Name.  
Blessed be the Name of the Lord;  
Blessed be Your glorious Name.***

**Blessed be Your Name when the sun's shining down on me,  
When the world's "all as it should be"  
Blessed be Your Name.  
And blessed be Your Name on the road marked with suffering,  
Though there's pain in the offering  
Blessed be Your Name.**

*Pre-chorus and Chorus*

**You give and take away.  
You give and take away.  
My heart will choose to say  
Lord, blessed be Your Name.**

*Chorus*

# God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out to Serve

✦BENEDICTION

✦Indicates congregation standing

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## Getting Connected at Second

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

## Baseline Secular Cultural Narratives

(Tim Keller)

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- Identity** "You've got to be yourself."  
(expressive individualism)
- Truth** "Only I can determine what is right or wrong for me."  
(hate = you not supporting me in my value/lifestyle choices)
- Freedom** "Society must free people to live any way they want,  
as long as no one else is hurt."  
(primary virtue = choice; sin = limiting choice)
- Science/Technology**  
"Believe whatever you want, but only facts that can be tested  
and verified scientifically are real."
- History** "You are on the wrong side of history."

## Sermon Notes

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### How do we answer the question?

1. The essential purpose of the Gospel – a rescue; it saves

2. I Peter 3:15-17 – a biblical model for engaging with people



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