



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

September 20, 2015



A WORD ON WORSHIP

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

One of our main purposes of gathering corporately for worship is to proclaim the gospel of Jesus Christ. We aspire to do this throughout our whole worship service by cultivating in you three things: a dawning realization of the greatness of your God; a growing awareness of your own sinfulness; and a fresh and continual discovery of the pardoning grace of God revealed in the cross of Jesus Christ.

This is why we regularly confess our sins corporately and personally to the Lord. After our time of personal confession, we hear one of our pastors speak to us God's assurance of pardon. We can be bold in assuring people of God's pardon because His Word contains countless promises of His forgiveness.

One of the high moments of our worship service occurs when we hear right after the assurance of pardon: "...if your faith is in Jesus Christ this morning, then I assure you, based on the sure promise of the Word, that your sins are forgiven..." Oh what a blessing to know that you are completely forgiven, totally accepted and profoundly loved by our Lord!

Prepare your heart to worship our merciful Lord by reflecting on the promise of the prophet Micah: "*Who is a God like You, who pardons iniquity ... who delights in mercy...? You will subdue our iniquities; and cast all our sins into the depths of the sea.*" (Micah 7:18-19)

EXTOL OUR SAVIOR'S SUPREMACY

ORGAN PRELUDE: Fanfare "A Song of Triumph" Wilson Oliphant
"More Love To Thee O Christ" Albert Travis
Samuel Metzger, organ

CHORAL INTROIT: "O for a Closer Walk with God" Charles Stanford

O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heav'nly frame;
A light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return, sweet messenger of rest;
I hate the sins that made thee mourn, and drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
So purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP Joshua D. Yates

◆HYMN OF CHRIST'S REIGN:

No. 343 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" WESTMINSTER ABBEY
stanzas 1-4

◆EPISTLE LESSON: Colossians 1:15-23. Ethan Knight (8:15)
Brandon Morrison (11:00)

He is the image of the invisible God,
the firstborn of all creation.

**For by him all things were created,
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,**

whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—
all things were created through him and for him.

**And he is before all things,
and in him all things hold together.**

And he is the head of the body, the church.

**He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,
that in everything he might be preeminent.**

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,
and through him to reconcile to himself all things,

**whether on earth or in heaven,
making peace by the blood of his cross.**

And you, who once were alienated and hostile in mind,
doing evil deeds, he has now reconciled in his body of flesh by his death,

**in order to present you holy and blameless
and above reproach before him,**

if indeed you continue in the faith, stable and steadfast,
not shifting from the hope of the gospel that you heard,

**which has been proclaimed in all creation under heaven,
and of which I, Paul, became a minister.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE WESTMINSTER ABBEY

**Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (11:00)

Banks Blaxton Griffith, born December 18, 2013, son of Kristen and Alex Griffith

Hunt Walker Griffith, born July 6, 2015, son of Kristen and Alex Griffith

James Philip Sharpe, born December 28, 2014, son of Catherine and Andrew Sharpe

Virginia Heppel Sneed, born June 16, 2015, daughter of Ann and Craig Sneed

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.**

ENJOY OUR SAVIOR'S DELIVERANCE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful Father, we meet each other today at the foot of the cross.
We gladly come to unburden our hearts and confess our sins.
For we are a people who spurn Your love for other loves,
who put our trust in power and prestige,
who are afraid of the world's frown and displeasure,
who are preoccupied with personal peace and affluence,
who put others on trial,
who inflict wounds on one another,
and who are quick to speak, quick to be angry, and slow to listen.
Have mercy upon us and forgive us for the sake of Your Son.
For we pray in our Savior's blessed name, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 98 "Now Thank We All Our God"NUN DANKET
stanzas 1-2

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS T. Barton Kimbro

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "My Eternal King" Jane Marshall

My God, I love Thee; not just for the hope of heav'n thereby,
Nor just because who love Thee not must die eternally.

Thou, O my Jesus, Thou didst me upon the cross embrace;
For me didst bear the nails and spear, and manifold disgrace;

Why, then why, O blessed Jesus Christ, should I not love Thee well?
Not just the hope of winning heav'n, or of escaping hell;

Not just the hope of gaining aught, or seeking a reward;
But as Thyself hast loved me, O ever loving Lord!

Even so I love Thee, and will love, and in Thy praise will sing;
Gladly because Thou art my God, and my Eternal King.

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSENUN DANKET

**All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him Who reigns with them in highest heaven—
The one eternal God, Whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦GREETINGS

A WORD ON CITYSERVE Jerry Roberts

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) L. Brett Wynne

EMBRACE OUR SAVIOR'S IDENTITY

PRAYER FOR SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH FELLOWS

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.**

GOSPEL LESSON John 10:31-41
(page 897 in 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 *What to Do with Jesus* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT:
No. 296 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"CORONATION

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Amazing Grace"Grimoaldo Macchia

✦Indicates congregation standing *CCLI License #252778*