

January 3, 2016

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.

# **PHILIPPIANS** All About the Gospel

# God Calls Us Into His Presence and Receives Our Praises

# God Calls Us to Offer Ourselves to Him

#### WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

"The Love of God" ...... Frederick Martin Lehman

The love of God is greater far Than tongue or pen can ever tell. It goes beyond the highest star And reaches to the lowest hell. The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win; His erring child He reconciled And pardoned from his sin.

Chorus: O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong! It shall forevermore endure– The saints' and angels' song. When hoary time shall pass away, And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall; When men who here refuse to pray, On rocks and hills and mountains call; God's love, so sure, shall still endure, All measureless and strong; Redeeming grace to Adam's race– The saints' and agnels' song.

Chorus

Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made; Were every stalk on earth a quill, And every man a scribe by trade; To write the love of God above Would drain the ocean dry; Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Though stretched from sky to sky.

Chorus

#### **†**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 READING	Philippians 1:1-8
	(page 980 in the church Bible)
This is the Word of the Lord.	
Thanks be to God.	

SERMON	Live in the Gospel's Love: Be Thankful for It	Todd Erickson
	Associate Pastor,	Pastoral Executive

# God Invites Us to His 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 tonight. Non-communing worshipers are encouraged to contemplate the love of Jesus Christ during this time. We encourage 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 bread is offered in the center aisle.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

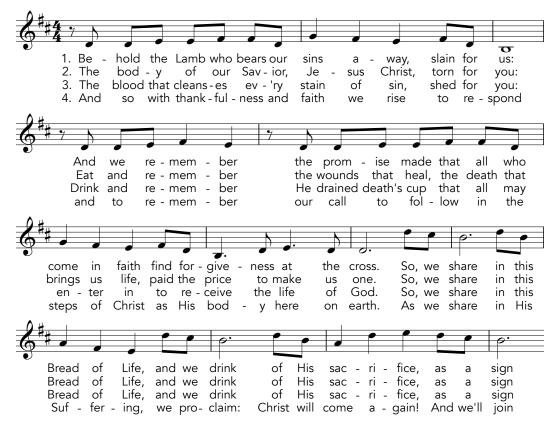
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PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SONGS FOR THE TABLE

"Behold the Lamb (Communion Hymn)" ..... Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend





"The Wonderful Cross".....Chris Tomlin, Isaac Watts

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and blood flow mingled down: Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Chorus:

O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross Bids me come and die and find that I may truly live. O the wonderful cross, O the wonderful cross All who gather here, by grace draw near And bless Your name.

Were the whole realm of Nature mine, That were an offering far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!

Chorus

Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all!

## God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out to Serve

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

**♦**BENEDICTION

**†**Indicates congregation standing

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Worship Leaders: Michael Parsons, Brad Jones, Robb Roaten, Kurt Ruleman, Christy Young, Lizzie Young

## SERMON NOTES

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.



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



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