



ORDER FOR THE  
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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April 22, 2018  
*Season of Eastertide*

  
**Second**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

What truly matters at church is what matters to God, and what matters to God is the continual gathering of new people into His flock. The entire Bible traces the journey from the original creation to new creation, from humanity's great rebellion against the Creator to God's even greater provision of redemption in the person and work of the Lord Jesus Christ. The story of the Bible is therefore the story of God's mission to bring sinful humanity back into communion with Himself!

However, an important question we must ask for those whom God has called into a saving, covenant relationship with Himself is, "what now?" Are we meant to sit on the sidelines and wait for Jesus to finish His mission? To that question, the Bible answers with a resounding "no!" God in His wisdom and grace chooses to dignify His people by calling them into His mission.

As we have seen in the book of Acts, after Jesus ascended, God gave the Spirit to all believers so that they may serve as His witnesses. In Ephesians, Paul says we have been saved for the good works of the Kingdom (Eph. 2:8-10). He told the Corinthians that as new creations, we have been given the ministry of reconciliation, tasked with bringing the Kingdom of God and its ethic of love to bear in this world (2 Cor. 5: 16-21). There is no greater purpose that could be given than the call the Church has received to be laborers for the Lord's harvest.

Let us now joyfully worship the Lord who has made us a part of His flock and calls us to labor with Him in His mission of redemption!

## GIVING GLORY TO GOD

### ORGAN PRELUDE:

*"Andante larghetto et staccato" from Concerto in G Minor . . . . . G. F. Handel  
Samuel Metzger, organ*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: *"The King of Love My Shepherd Is" . . . . Charles Callahan  
Betty Eubank, viola*

A WORD ON WORSHIP . . . . . George W. Robertson

CHORAL INTROIT: *"This Is the Day" . . . . . John Wilson*

This is the day that the Lord hath made;  
Let us rejoice and be glad!

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)  
Calvin Ellis, Associate Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . T. Barton Kimbro

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 441 "Jesus Shall Reign" . . . . . DUKE STREET

✦INVOCATION *(Please lift hands)*

✦PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 67 . . . . . Marjorie Bowman (8:15)  
Haley Overcast (11:00)

May God be gracious to us and bless us  
and make his face to shine upon us,

**that your way may be known on earth,  
your saving power among all nations.**

Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!

**Let the nations be glad and sing for joy,**

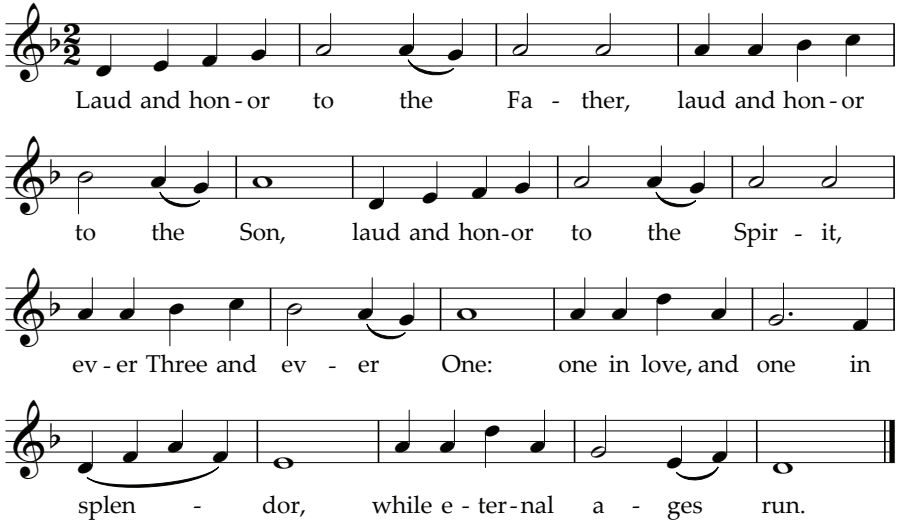
for you judge the peoples with equity  
and guide the nations upon earth.

**Let the peoples praise you, O God;  
let all the peoples praise you!**

The earth has yielded its increase;  
God, our God, shall bless us.

**God shall bless us;  
let all the ends of the earth fear him!**

♠ DOXOLOGY ..... PICARDY



Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or  
to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,  
ev - er Three and ev - er One: one in love, and one in  
splen - dor, while e - ter - nal a - ges run.

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15 a.m.

*Stewart Fair Fisher, born January 30, 2018, son of Emily and Andrew Fisher*

11:00 a.m.

*Andrew Yancey Green, born January 22, 2018, son of Sara and Justin Green*

*James Bailey Allen, born December 21, 2017, son of Sara and Daniel Allen*

*Harry Wellford Fletcher, born June 21, 2017, son of Liza and Richie Fletcher*

*Cora Reece Blocker, born July 8, 2017, daughter of Gray and Tyler Blocker*

*Nathaniel Quinn Shappley, born June 15, 2017, son of Rebekah and Rusty Shappley*

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.**

RECEIVING THE GRACE OF GOD

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of the nations, we praise You!  
For in King Jesus the barriers which have separated us  
from You and each other are torn down.  
Yet we confess that our hearts toward You have often been divided  
and we have been slow to open our hearts and minds  
to people of other lands, tongues, and ethnicities.  
Jesus sat with outcasts and sinners like us,  
yet we often ignore the needy,  
show indifference to the lonely,  
and reject those who seem different from us.**

**Forgive us, we pray.  
Stir up our affections for You and our neighbor.  
Deliver us from fear and prejudice.  
Empower us to reach out to others in love  
as we have been loved by You.  
In Your mercy, move us in haste to the day  
when we all are truly one in Christ.  
We pray this in His holy name.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. . . . . Ephesians 1:7

*In him we have redemption through his blood,  
the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD . . . . . Michael G. Stokke

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "The Majesty and Glory of Your Name" . . . . . Tom Fettke

When I gaze into the night skies and see the work of your fingers;  
The moon and stars suspended in space.  
Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?  
You have given man a crown of glory and honor,  
And have made him a little lower than the angels.  
You have put him in charge of all creation: beasts of the field,  
The birds of the air, the fish of the sea.  
But, what is man? Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?  
O Lord, our God, the majesty and glory of your name  
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.  
O Lord, our God, little children praise You perfectly, and so would we.  
And so would we. Alleluia! Alleluia! The majesty and glory of Your name.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) . . . . . Lynn L. Erickson

ANSWERING THE CALL OF GOD

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *(please stand)*

**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.**

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 621 "Sometimes a Light Surprises" . . . . . BENTLEY

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON. . . . . Acts 10:1-23  
*(page 918 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 *Discerning God's Call, Part 1* George W. Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✠HYMN OF COMMITMENT: "The Church's One Foundation" . . . . . AURELIA

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord:  
She is His new creation by water and the Word:  
From heav'n He came and sought her to be His holy bride;  
With His own blood He bought her, and for her life He died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,  
Her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;  
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,  
And to one hope she presses, with ev'ry grace endued.**

**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.**

✠BENEDICTION (*please raise hands*)

✠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccatà" from *Suite Gothique* . . . . . Léon Boëllmann

✠Indicates congregation standing

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**Discerning God's Call, Part 1 | George Robertson**

**April 22, 2018**

I. We Must Tune Our Senses to Understand  
by the Means of Grace. (Acts 10:1-4, 9)

A. Word

B. Prayer

C. Ministry

II. We Must Humble our Wills to Obey by Trusting Him. (Acts 10:5-23)

A. Incomplete Details

B. Fear