

Order for the Public Worship of God

The Thirteenth Day of February, Two Thousand and Eleven

Season of Epiphany

8:15 a.m. • The Sanctuary

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.
Please turn off your cell phone.*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Sonatina from Cantata No. 106" J.S. Bach
"Sheep May Safely Graze" J.S. Bach
Gabriel C. Statom, Organist

CHORAL INTROIT: "Who Will Keep God's Lambs?" Parker/arr. Gilpin

Who will feed the little lambs for the Lord today?
Lead them to green pastures or find them when they stray?
Who will show them quiet streams with a loving hand?
Who will protect the fold of God? Who will keep God's lambs?

I will feed the little lambs for the Lord today.
Lead them to green pastures and find them when they stray.
I will show them quiet streams with a loving hand.
I will protect the fold of God. I will keep God's lambs.
Jesus said to feed His sheep while He is away.
Will you take your rod and staff, guard His sheep today?

Will you feed the little lambs for the Lord today?
Lead them to green pastures or find them when they stray?
Will you show them quiet streams with a loving hand?
Will you protect the fold of God? Will you keep God's lambs?
Who will keep, who will keep God's lambs? I will keep God's lambs.

*Music Makers and Spirit and Song choirs
Terri Theil, Director
Mary Lawrence Flinn, Accompanist*

CALL TO WORSHIP Jonathan R. Becker

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 1 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" OLD HUNDRETH

✦READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT: Psalm 23 Kathy Hammond

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.

**He makes me lie down in green pastures.
He leads me beside still waters.**

He restores my soul.
He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.**

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

✦DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Psalm 139" Allen Pote

Lord, You have searched me and known me, You know everything 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, You are there.
Lord, You have searched me and known me, O Lord, You know everything 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.
Search me, O God, and know me, try me and know my heart.
See if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting. Amen.

*Youth Choir
Ginger Statom, Director*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CRIMOND

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; he leadeth me the quiet waters by.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale, yet will I fear none ill,
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod and staff me comfort still.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION Michael R. Gatliff

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN Peggy Stephens

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT Galatians 5:13-15
(page 975 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)

COMMUNION HOMILY *The Jesus Mission:* A. Mitchell Moore
Serving Our Neighbor

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 today. Non-communing worshipers are encouraged to contemplate the love of Jesus Christ during this time. At Second Presbyterian, we encourage our 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.

✦ PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

✠GLORIA PATRI GREATOR EX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Father, we thank You for sending us our Good Shepherd,
Jesus Christ, the faithful lover of the sheep of Your fold.
We confess that we have not loved You as You have loved us.
Our independence has led us to stray from Your fold,
our lack of faith has led us to trust in imposter shepherds,
and our worship of the gods of our culture
has caused us to not hear, recognize, or listen to Your voice.
In Your mercy, O God, please forgive us our sins,
that we may dwell in your house forever.
In Jesus name we pray. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION 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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

For those unable to come forward for communion, please raise your hand and an elder will serve you in your seat.

Throughout this time of communion, we invite you to join in singing the hymns below.

"The Servant Song" BEACH SPRING

**We are trav'lers on a journey, fellow pilgrims on the road;
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
I will hold the Christ-light for you in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.**

**Sister, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.
Brother, let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant, too.**

**I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow, till we've seen this journey thro'.
When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.**

"Wonderful Merciful Savior" Dawn Rodgers/Erick Wyse

**Wonderful, merciful Savior, precious Redeemer and Friend
Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men?
O, You rescue the souls of men.**

*You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore,
You give the healing and grace our hearts always hunger for,
O, our hearts always hunger for.*

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace;
You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way,
O, we hopelessly lost the way.

Almighty, Infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own;
Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne,
O, we're falling before Your throne.

"Marvelous Grace of Our Loving Lord" MOODY

Marvelous grace of our loving Lord,
Grace that exceeds our sin and our guilt,
Yonder on Calvary's mount outpoured,
There where the blood of the Lamb was spilt.

*Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that will pardon and cleanse within;
Grace, grace, God's grace, grace that is greater than all my sin.*

Sin and despair like the sea waves cold,
Threaten the soul with infinite loss;
Grace that is greater, yes, grace untold,
Points to the refuge, the mighty cross.

Dark is the stain that we cannot hide,
What can avail to wash it away?
Look! there is flowing a crimson tide;
Whiter than snow you may be today.

"O Church Arise" Getty/Townend

O Church arise, and put your armor on;
Hear the call of Christ our Captain.
For now the weak can say that they are strong,
In the strength that God has given.
With shield of faith and belt of truth,
We'll stand against the devil's lies;
An army bold whose battle cry is Love,
Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole,
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on every side,
We know the outcome is secure.
And Christ will have the prize for which He died,
An inheritance of nations.

Come see the cross, where love and mercy meet,
As the Son of God is stricken;
Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet,
For the Conqueror has risen.
And as the stone is rolled away,
And Christ emerges from the grave,
This victory march continues till the day
Every eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come put strength in every stride,
Give grace for every hurdle;
That we may run with faith to win the prize
Of a servant good and faithful.
As saints of old still line the way,
Retelling triumphs of His grace,
We hear their calls and hunger for the day
When with Christ we stand in glory.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦HYMN OF GUIDANCE: No. 599 “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” SHEPHERD

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Toccata in C Major” Johann Pachelbel

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Instrumentalist: Dee Walker, flute

We consider it a privilege to have our children in worship with us. If your small children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the children’s room especially designed for them at the rear of the Sanctuary. They are also welcome in the nursery. Older children should also be encouraged to come to church prepared to stay in their pew throughout the service.

One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you or to offer helpful direction regarding your spiritual life. He will be in the Gathering Room, which is the first room on your left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary (closest to the pulpit). You may also send your confidential email to pastor@2pc.org with questions about your spiritual life.