

Order for the Public Worship of God

The Seventeenth Day of July Two Thousand and Eleven

Season of Trinity

8:15 a.m. • The Sanctuary

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.
Please silence your mobile devices.*

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Help Us, Holy Spirit" J.S. Bach

CALL TO WORSHIP T. Barton Kimbro

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 181 "We Come, O Christ, to You" DARWALL
stanzas 1-4

✦READING FROM THE GOSPELS: John 14:1-14 Kathy B. Hammond

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me.

**In my Father's house are many rooms.
If it were not so, would I have told you
that I go to prepare a place for you?**

And if I go and prepare a place for you,
I will come again and will take you to myself,
that where I am you may be also.

And you know the way to where I am going."

Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going.
How can we know the way?"

**Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life.
No one comes to the Father except through me.
If you had known me, you would have known my Father also.
From now on you do know him and have seen him."**

Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is enough for us."

**Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long,
and you still do not know me, Philip?**

Whoever has seen me has seen the Father.
How can you say, 'Show us the Father'?
Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me?

**The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own authority,
but the Father who dwells in me does his works.
Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me,
or else believe on account of the works themselves.**

Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever believes in me
will also do the works that I do; and greater works than these will he do,
because I am going to the Father.

**Whatever you ask in my name, this I will do,
that the Father may be glorified in the Son.
If you ask me anything in my name, I will do it."**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DARWALL

**We worship You, Lord Christ, our Savior and our King,
To You our youth and strength adoringly we bring:
So fill our hearts, that all may view Your life in us, and turn to You.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "The Power of the Cross" Getty

O, to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us;
Took the blame, bore the wrath— we stand forgiven at the cross.*

O, to see the pain written on Your face, bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

O, to see my name written in the wounds, for through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, won through Your selfless love.

Katherine Moore, soloist

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Getty/Townend

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✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION Michael R. Gatliff

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE EPISTLES Colossians 1:15-20
(page 983 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 *How Big is Jesus?* Darrin S. Anthony

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 GREATorex

**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

**O God, You have shown us the way of life
through Your Son, Jesus Christ.
We confess with sorrow our slowness to learn of Him,
our failure to follow Him, and our reluctance to bear the cross.
We confess the poverty of our worship,
our neglect of fellowship and of the means of grace,
our unwillingness to carry the Gospel to others,
and our apathy in serving others.
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us.
For we cry out to You in Jesus' Name. 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.

**God of creation, all-pow'rful, all-wise,
Lord of the universe, rich with surprise,
Maker, Sustainer, and Ruler of all,
We are Your children— You hear when we call.**

**God of the ages, through time's troubled years,
You are the one in Whom hist'ry coheres;
Nations and empires Your purpose fulfill,
Moving in freedom, yet working Your will.**

**God of redemption, Who wrought our rebirth,
Called out Your church from the ends of the earth,
Still You are Savior, put darkness to flight;
Overcome sin by salvation's pure light.**

**God of Your people, Your Word still stands fast;
Do for us now as You've done in the past!
Yours is the kingdom, Your triumph we claim,
Challenging evil in Jesus' strong name.**

**God of our now, all our trust is in You,
Covenant God, ever faithful and true;
Sov'reign Creator, Redeemer, and Lord,
Now and forever Your name be adored!**

**INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"
"Be Thou My Vision" arr. Anne McKinley**

"... They called the man who had been blind and said to him, 'Give glory to God.'"

"He answered, '... Though I was blind, now I see.'"

*"Jesus heard that they had cast him out, and having found him he said,
'Do you believe in the Son of Man?' He answered, 'And who is he, sir,
that I may believe in him?' Jesus said to him, 'You have seen him,
and it is he who is speaking to you.'*

He said, 'Lord I believe,' and he worshiped him."

Verses from John 9

SOLO MEDITATION: "To Be With Christ" arr. Paul Jones

This world is beautiful and bright, O scarce one cloud has dimmed my sky,
And yet no gloomy shades of night are gathering 'round me though I die;
Yet there is a lovelier land of light, illumined by Bethlehem's beaming Star;
Even now it bursts upon my sight, to be with Christ is better far.

True, life is sweet and friends are dear, and youth and health are pleasant things;
Yet, leave I all, without a tear, no sad regret my bosom wrings.
The ties of earth are broken all, my chainless soul above yon star,
Shall wing its way beyond recall, to be with Christ is better far.

And is this death? My soul is calm, no sting is here, the strife is done;
Glory to God and to the Lamb! Sweet triumph! I have won, I've won!
A crown immortal, robes of white, for me, for me in waiting are;
Arrayed in glory, clothed in light, to be with Christ is better far.

Katherine Moore, soloist

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

♠HYMN OF SALVATION: "In Christ Alone" Getty/Townend

**In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.**

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied—
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Come, Thou Almighty King" Richard Proulx

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Instrumentalists: Lenora Morrow, organ; Lenore McIntyre, violin; Chris Langston, cello

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.