



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

October 20, 2013


Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worshipping Our Loving God

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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

You are invited to pray, perhaps including the following prayer, as you prepare for worship.

Almighty and everlasting God,
in Christ You have revealed Your glory among the nations:
Preserve the works of your mercy,
that Your Church throughout the world
may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of Your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

ORGAN IMPROVISATION: "How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" . . .arr. L. Morrow

Lenora Morrow, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Andante from Flute Sonata No. 1" J.S. Bach

Dee Walker, flute

CHORAL INTROIT: "God Is There"Schultz

In a song that's lifted upward, in a prayer that's whispered low,
In this place of holy worship we can feel and sense and know:
God is here! God is here in the people gathered near.
In this place of holy worship God is here.

In a mother's strength and wisdom, in a father's gentle care,
In our families, each one different, we discover God is there.
God is there! God is there in our homes, no matter where.
In our families, each one different, God is there.

In the love we show our neighbors, in the friendship that we share,
In a simple act of kindness we reveal that God is there.
God is there! God is there in our loving and our care.
In a simple act of kindness God is there.

*Music Makers and Spirit and Song Choirs
Terri Theil, Director
Molly Johnson, Accompanist*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 59:16-17 D. Todd Erickson

I will sing of your strength;
I will sing aloud of your steadfast love in the morning.
For you have been to me a fortress
and a refuge in the day of my distress.

**O my Strength,
I will sing praises to you,
for you, O God, are my fortress,
the God who shows me steadfast love.**

✦HYMN OF GOD'S LOVE: No. 703 "Loved with Everlasting Love" . . . EVERLASTING LOVE

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15 a.m.

*Katherine Elizabeth Thompson, born June 25, 2013, daughter of Margaret and A Thompson
Treadwell Blakesley Thompson, Jr., born August 22, 2013, son of Chancey and Tread Thompson*

11:00 a.m.

*Heloise Eliza Humphreys, born May 16, 2013, daughter of Courtney and McKee Humphreys
Elanor Marie Neill, born December 29, 2012, daughter of Delana and Blake Neill
Harrison Parker Rhett, born April 28, 2013, son of Libby and Parker Rhett
Macy Sheridan Hibbard, born March 6, 2013, daughter of Lacey and Sheridan Hibbard*

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.**

Walking in the Love of God

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and gracious Father,
the highest court in the universe
has declared us completely forgiven,
totally accepted, and forever loved.
Yet today we ask Your forgiveness
for not living in the security of Your love.
We confess that too often fear and pride
drive many of our decisions;
that disappointments and difficulties
have caused us to doubt Your love and care.
Grant us renewed faith to trust Your loving heart,
for we pray in Jesus’ name, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

HYMN OF CHRIST’S LOVE:

No. 647 “How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” ST. PETER
stanzas 1-2

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. T. Barton Kimbro

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Put on Love” Lee Dengler
Text from Colossians 3:12-17

As God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved,
Clothe yourselves with compassion,
Kindness, humility, gentleness, and patience.
Bear with each other and forgive as God forgave you.
Over all these virtues put on love, put on love,
Which binds them all together, which binds them together in unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.
Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
Sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs
With gratitude in your hearts,
With gratitude in your hearts for God, for God.

Whatever you do, whether in word or deed,
Do it all in the name of Jesus,
Giving thanks to God, giving thanks to God.
Amen.

*The Youth Choir
Ginger Statom, Director*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ST. PETER

**Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.**

**Till when I would Thy love proclaim
With every fleeting breath;
And may the music of Thy name
Refresh my soul in death.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

Hearing the Love of God

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Lee Taylor

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.**

READING FROM THE EPISTLES: Ephesians 5:1-2 Jennifer W. Thompson (8:15)
(page 978 in pew Bible) Blanche P. Tosh (11:00)

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 *Imitating God* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF COMMITMENT:
No. 644 “May the Mind of Christ My Savior” ST. LEONARDS

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Praise Him with Drums and Cymbals” Sigfrid Karg-Elert

✦ *Indicates congregation standing* CCLI License #252778

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.