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Christian Life Conference

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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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Praising Our Faithful God

*We gather as God's people to offer joyful praise to our King.
We convene with reverence and awe, preparing ourselves to join with the communion of saints.*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ
and proclaim to all people the Good News of His salvation,
that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of His marvelous works;
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

ORGAN IMPROVISATION: "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"MADRID
Lenora Morrow, organ

BRASS PRELUDE: "Carillon"Robert J. Powell

CHORAL INTROIT: "Sing to the Lord, Alleluia" Stan Pethel

O give thanks to the Lord and bless God's holy name.
Make known God's deeds among the people.
Sing to the Lord, sing praises.
Glory in God's name. Alleluia.

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

✦CALL TO WORSHIP.A. Mitchell Moore

✦HYMN OF EXALTATION: No. 302 "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"MADRID

✦PSALTER LESSON: Selected Verses from Psalm 95 Courtney T. Humphreys (8:15)
Candace C. Willis (11:00)

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.**

Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

Today, if you hear his voice,
do not harden your hearts, as at Meribah,

**as on the day at Massah in the wilderness,
when your fathers put me to the test
and put me to the proof, though they had seen my work.**

For forty years I loathed that generation
and said, "They are a people who go astray in their heart,
and they have not known my ways."

**Therefore I swore in my wrath,
"They shall not enter my rest."**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSEMADRID

**Come praise the risen Lamb, Alleluia! Amen!
He died to ransom man, Alleluia! Amen!
On that triumphant day, He took our sins away!
Death could not bid him stay, Alleluia! Amen!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

Acknowledging Our Faithlessness

*Our faith is renewed as we publicly confess the truth of God,
joining our hearts and voices in prayers and hymns of praise to Him.*

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Father, You are a faithful God who keeps Your promises.
Yet we are those who tend to go astray in our hearts
and not guard our spirits.
We ask Your forgiveness for not keeping our promises
and following too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
Dissolve our hard hearts and make us repentant and contrite
by assuring us of Your unfailing love and Your great compassion
so that we might cultivate faithfulness and live for Your praise alone.
For we make our prayer in the name of the One
who is the fulfillment of all of Your promises,
Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Sanders L. Willson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Festive Praise" Allen Pote

Sing to the Lord a song of praise, a wonderful, marvelous song.
Sing to the Lord with joy in your heart, a wonderful, marvelous song.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.

Come, come rejoice, as you sing
You will lift up your voices in praise and thanksgiving to God.
Sing all of the heavens, sing of the glory of God.
Sing all of the earth, rejoice!
Sing of the glory, the marvelous glory of God.

Sing to the Lord a song of praise, a wonderful, marvelous song.
Sing a new song with the lute and the harp.
Make melody with the sound of the lyre.
It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
Sing praises, O rejoice and be glad for the Lord is our God.

Sing to the Lord a song of praise, a wonderful, marvelous song.
Sing to the Lord with joy in your heart,
A wonderful, marvelous song. Alleluia!

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYFRYDOL

**Praise the Lord! Ye heavens adore Him;
Praise Him angels in the height;
Sun and moon, rejoice before Him;
Praise Him, all ye stars of light.
Praise the Lord! for He hath spoken;
Worlds His mighty voice obeyed;
Laws which never shall be broken
For their guidance He hath made.**

**Praise the Lord! for He is glorious;
Never shall His promise fail;
God hath made His saints victorious;
Sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation!
Hosts on high, His power proclaim;
Heaven and earth, and all creation,
Laud and magnify His Name.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

Heeding His Call to Faithfulness

*God speaks through the reading and preaching of the Holy Scriptures,
and we respond with grateful submission and loving service.*

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) T. Barton Kimbro

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.**

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 19:1-9
(page 824 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)*

SERMON *Marriage, Divorce, and Remarriage* D. Todd Erickson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦SENDING HYMN: No. 53 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Fugue in C" J.S. Bach

✦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.

Christian Life Conference

During our Sunday School hour today (9:45-10:45 a.m.),
the following topics will be presented:

Homosexuality and the Christian
Led by Sandy Willson in the Sanctuary

Rearing Children in a Sexualized Society
Led by Dick Cain in the Fellowship Hall

The Power of the Gospel in Healing the Sexual Psyche
Led by Brent Stenberg in the Chapel

Being Who You Are in Jesus
Youth Session, led by Andrew Keasling in the Youth Lounge

We invite you to worship this evening for the final session
of our Christian Life Conference at 6 p.m. in the Sanctuary.
Sandy Willson will speak on Sexual Politics: The Christian and Public Policy.