

Order for the Public Worship of God

BRASS PRELUDE: “Festive Fanfare & Processional” Edwin Willmington

CHORAL INTROIT: “Antiphon” Ralph Vaughan Williams
Text by George Herbert

Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

The heavens are not too high, His praise may thither fly:
The earth is not too low, His praises there may grow.

The church with Psalms must shout. No door can keep them out:
But above all, the heart must bear the longest part.

✦CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. James H. Grant, Jr.
Trinity Reformed Church

Based on Calvin’s Genevan Liturgy (1542); Psalm 103:1, 20-22

The Lord be with you!

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord!

Who made heaven and earth.

Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me,
bless his holy name!

**Bless the Lord, O you his angels,
you mighty ones who do his word,
obeying the voice of his word!**

Bless the Lord, all his hosts, his ministers, who do his will!

**Bless the Lord, all his works,
in all places of his dominion.
Bless the Lord, O my soul!**

✦HYMN No. 76: “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” LAUDA ANIMA
stanzas 1, 2, 3 & 5

✦INVOCATION/WORDS OF GREETING Rev. Sanders L. Willson
Second Presbyterian Church

Sola Scriptura

(the Scriptures alone)

GENEVA CONFESSION (1536/37), Section 1 Rev. Phil Newton
South Woods Baptist Church

First we declare that for the rule of faith and religion, we wish to follow the Scriptures alone, without mixing with it any other thing which might be fabricated by the opinion of men apart from the Word of God; and we do not pretend to receive any other doctrine for our spiritual government than that which is taught us by the same Word, without addition or reduction, according to the command of our Lord.

**“All Scripture is breathed out by God
and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction,
and for training in righteousness,
that the man of God may be competent,
equipped for every good work.”** [2 Timothy 3:16-17]

Based on Bucer's Strasbourg Liturgy (1539)

As the word trains us in righteousness, let us make confession to the Lord:

**Almighty, eternal God and Father,
we confess and acknowledge unto You
that we were conceived in unrighteousness
and are full of sin and transgression in all our life.
We do not fully believe Your Word
nor follow Your holy commandments.
Remember Your goodness, we beseech You,
and for Your Name's sake be gracious unto us,
and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great. Amen.**

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance:
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. [1 Tim. 1:15]
Let everyone, with St. Paul, truly acknowledge this in his heart
and believe in Christ and receive the forgiveness of sins.

✦HYMN No. 310: "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" DARWALL

Sola Gratia Sola Fide

(Grace alone through Faith alone)

✦HEIDELBERG CATECHISM (1563), Answer 21 Rev. Kent Moorlach
Richland Associate Presbyterian Church

True faith is not only a certain knowledge, whereby I hold for truth all that
God has revealed to us in His word, but also an assured confidence, which
the Holy Ghost works by the gospel in my heart; that not only to others, but
to me also, remission of sin, everlasting righteousness and salvation, are freely
given by God, merely of grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits.

**For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,
not a result of works, so that no one may boast.** [Ephesians 2:8-9]

Solus Christus

(through Christ alone)

WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH (1646), VIII.1
LONDON BAPTIST CONFESSION OF FAITH (1689), VIII.1 . . Rev. Randy McClendon
Trinity Reformed Baptist Church

It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His
only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest,
and King, the Head and Savior of His Church, the Heir of all things, and Judge
of the world: unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed,
and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

**For there is one God,
and there is one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all,
which is the testimony given at the proper time.** [1 Timothy 2:5-6]

♠ CHORAL RESPONSE: "In Christ Alone" Keith Getty



1. In Christ a - lone, my hope is found; He is my
 2. In Christ a - lone, Who took on flesh, full - ness of
 3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner stone, this sol - id
 God in help - less Babe; This gift of love and right-eous-
 world by dark - ness slain; Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious
 pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm; What
 ness, scorned by the ones He came to save; 'Til
 day, up from the grave He rose a - gain; And
 breath, Je - sus com-ands my des - ti - ny; No



heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when
 on that cross, as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was
 as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its
 pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er pluck me



striv - ings cease; My Com - fort - er, my All in
 sat - is - fied, for ev - 'ry sin on Him was
 grip on me; For I am His and He is
 from His hand; 'Til He re - turns or calls me



all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 laid; Here in the death of Christ I stand.
 mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER Rev. Nathan Sawyer
 Grace Church

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.

SERMON Harry Reeder
 Briarwood Presbyterian Church, Birmingham

"A Case Study in Contending for and Defending the Faith"

Acts 17:16-34

Soli Deo Gloria

(Glory to God alone)

PRESENTATION OF OFFERINGS

*The offering taken this evening will benefit World Relief,
an organization ministering to those most vulnerable here and around the world.
Please make checks payable to Second Presbyterian Church.*

INSTRUMENTAL OFFERTORY: "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" . . . arr. Eric Alexander

✦ DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

✦ CONFESSION OF FAITH (The Nicene Creed) Rev. Matt Miller
Woodland Presbyterian Church

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who, for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life;
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

✦ HYMN No. 358: "For All the Saints" SINE NOMINE

✦ BENEDICTION: Numbers 6:24-26 Rev. Cole Huffman
First Evangelical Church

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God" Egil Hovland

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*

About the Speaker

Harry Reeder serves as the Senior Pastor of Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, and is particularly passionate about addressing issues of theology, Christian manhood, leadership, and church vitality. He is a graduate of Covenant College, with a degree in history and Bible. He holds a Master of Divinity degree from Westminster Seminary and a Doctor of Ministry degree from Reformed Theological Seminary. He and his wife, Cindy, have three children and six grandchildren.

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Woodland Presbyterian Church, Memphis



After Darkness, Light

The Latin phrase *Post Tenebras Lux* is translated, "After Darkness, Light." This was adopted as a motto for the Reformation in Geneva, Switzerland, and was eventually used by Protestants as an expression of hope that the light of the Gospel will break through the darkness that sometimes envelopes the church.

The symbol of the burning bush refers to Moses' encounter in Exodus 3:2. This was adopted by the French Huguenots at the time of the Reformation, reminding us that the light of the Gospel will not be extinguished. The great Scottish preacher Samuel Rutherford once said, "The bush has been burning these five thousand years, and no man yet saw the ashes of that fire."