



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

February 1, 2015
11:00 a.m.



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship
and silence your mobile devices.*

The Word of God energizes and suffuses all that we do in corporate worship. Our songs are laced with the Bible. Our prayers are saturated with the Word. Our readings highlight the precious promises of the Word. Why do we do this? God uses His Word to make us wise for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ (II Timothy 3:15).

This motivated John Wesley to have one overarching passion in his life: "I want to know one thing: The way to heaven; how to land safe on that happy shore. God Himself has condescended to teach the way; for this very end He came from heaven. He has written it down in a book. O give me that book! At any price, give me the book of God... Let me be 'homo unius libri,' a man of one book." Why not make this your resolve in 2015?

Prayer of Preparation

*Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:
Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them,
that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life,
which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ;
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.*

ENTERING HIS PRESENCE

ORGAN PRELUDE: Variations on "All Creatures of Our God and King" .. Denis Bédard
Samuel Metzger, organ

A WORD ON WORSHIP. Sanders L. Willson

CHORAL INTROIT: "God Is in His Temple" Shirley McRae

God is in His temple. Let us bow before Him.
Let us worship and adore Him. Love we bring. Praise we sing.
We who come confessing ask Your holy blessing.

*Presbyterian Day School Choir
Dawn Southerland, Director*

CALL TO WORSHIP Lon MacFarland Magness

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 94 "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION
stanzas 1-4

♠SCRIPTURE READING McLean Collison Meeks
based on verses from Isaiah 41, 43 and Hebrews 13

Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God;
I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.

**When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.**

Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have,
for he has said, 'I will never leave you nor forsake you.'

**So we can confidently say,
"The Lord is my helper; I will not fear;
what can man do to me?"**

**The soul that on Jesus has leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never, no never forsake.**

ACKNOWLEDGING OUR DISOBEDIENCE

HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 689 "Be Still, My Soul" FINLANDIA
stanza 1

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION Braxton Dale Brady
Chaplain, Presbyterian Day School

**Gracious and holy Father
You live in a high and holy place,
but also with those who are repentant and lowly in spirit.
Yet our hearts are proud and our eyes are haughty.
We look down on others and are absorbed with ourselves.
We chase after things too great and too difficult for us.
We plead Your mercy and ask Your forgiveness
for our noisy, restless and demanding ways.
Empower us by Your Spirit
to turn away from pride and self-centeredness
so that we imitate the One who was gentle and humble of heart.
For we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✠ HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 689 "Be Still, My Soul" FINLANDIA
stanza 4

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS John Wesley Butler III

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Tree Song" Ken Medema

I saw a tree by the riverside one day as I walked along,
Straight as an arrow and pointing to the sky, growing tall and strong.
How do you grow so tall and strong, I said to the riverside tree.
This is the song that my tree friend sang to me.

I've got roots growing down to the water,
I've got leaves growing up to the sunshine,
And the fruit that I bear is a sign of the life in me.
I am shade from the hot summer sundown,
I am nest for the birds of the heaven,
I'm becoming what the Lord of Lords has meant me to be,
A strong young tree.

I saw a tree in the wintertime when snow lay on the ground,
Straight as an arrow and pointing to the sky, and winter winds blew all around.
How do you stay so tall and strong, I said to the wintertime tree.
This is the song that my tree friend sang to me.

I saw a tree in the city streets where buildings blocked the sun,
Green and lovely I could see it gave joy to everyone.
How do you grow in the city streets, I said to the downtown tree.
This is the song that my tree friend sang to me.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CARITAS

**I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION John Henry Nickey

✦ GREETINGS D. Todd Erickson

A WORD FROM THE PDS HEADMASTER Steve Hancock

OFFERING OUR OBEDIENCE

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: John 4:46-54 Elijah Howard Graham
(page 889 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 *The Seventh Hour* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ SENDING HYMN: No. 521 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" SOLID ROCK

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata in Seven" John Rutter

✦ *Indicates congregation standing* CCLI License #252778

*Ushers: Robert McKnight Johnston III, Christopher Brian Parks II, Judson Turner Fair,
James Everett Miller, Mason Armstrong Love, Anthony Roy Santos, Jacob Hughes Rickels,
William Mitchell Harris*

Getting Connected

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