

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

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Christ saves sinners like us to serve as a light that directs others to Him. Fulfilling this call requires us to answer difficult questions such as: Is Jesus the only way to Heaven?

Do Christians believe in evolution? Isn't Christianity just a psychological crutch?

If God is sovereign, are we really free? During this semester-long series,
we will attempt to address these and other questions by offering biblical answers.

†CALL TO WORSHIP

SINGING HIS PRAISE

♦"Lift High the Name of Jesus" Keith Getty

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our King.

Make known the power of His grace, the beauty of His peace.

Remember how His mercy reached and we cried out to Him.

He lifted us to solid ground, to freedom from our sin.

O sing my soul, and tell all He's done, Till the earth and heavens are filled with His glory!

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Lord. His power in us is greater than, is greater than this world. To share the reason for our hope, to serve with love and grace, That all who see Him shine through us might bring the Father praise.

Chorus

Lift high the name of Jesus, of Jesus our Light.

No other name on earth can save, can raise a soul to life.

He opens up our eyes to see the harvest He has grown.

We labor in His fields of grace as He leads sinners home.

Chorus

O church, arise and put your armor on; Hear the call of Christ our captain; For now the weak can say that they are strong In the strength that God has given. With shield of faith and belt of truth We'll stand against the devil's lies; An army bold whose battle cry is "Love!" Reaching out to those in darkness.

Our call to war, to love the captive soul,
But to rage against the captor;
And with the sword that makes the wounded whole
We will fight with faith and valor.
When faced with trials on ev'ry side,
We know the outcome is secure,
And Christ will have the prize for which He died—
An inheritance of nations.

Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet, As the Son of God is stricken; Then see His foes lie crushed beneath His feet, For the Conqueror has risen! And as the stone is rolled away, And Christ emerges from the grave, This vict'ry march continues till the day Ev'ry eye and heart shall see Him.

So Spirit, come, put strength in ev'ry stride, Give grace for ev'ry hurdle, That we may run with faith to win the prize Of a servant good and faithful. As saints of old still line the way, Retelling triumphs of His grace, We hear their calls and hunger for the day When with Christ we stand in glory.

†PRAYER OF ADORATION

I hope to come to you soon, but I am writing these things to you so that, if I delay, you may know how one ought to behave in the household of God

which is the church of the living God, a pillar and buttress of the truth.

Great indeed, we confess, is the mystery of godliness:

He was manifested in the flesh, vindicated by the Spirit, seen by angels, proclaimed among the nations, believed on in the world, taken up in glory.

Jesus, with Thy church abide, be her Savior, Lord, and Guide, While on earth her faith is tried: We beseech Thee, hear us.

Keep her life and doctrine pure; grant her patience to endure, Trusting in Thy promise sure: We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she one in doctrine be, one in truth and charity, Winning all to faith in Thee: We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she guide the poor and blind, seek the lost until she find, And the broken-hearted bind: We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she holy triumphs win, overthrow the hosts of sin, Gather all the nations in: We beseech Thee, hear us.

Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved You with all of our heart, soul, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves.

Forgive us for being consumed with our own personal interests and neglecting the needs of others.

Deepen within us a godly sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left undone.

Grant us repentant hearts for our failures at loving mercy, doing justly, and walking humbly with You.

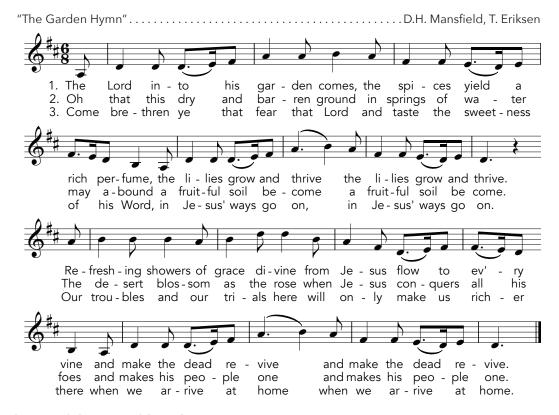
For we pray in the name of the One who persists in abiding with us always, Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

Worshipers at the end of a row should pass the collection bag to those in the row behind them.



- **†PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING**
- **†**GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HEARING GOD'S WORD

SERMON Has the Church Been Historically Oppressive?

Barton Kimbro Assistant Pastor Young Adults

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♦No. 580 "Lead On, O King Eternal"LANCASHIRE

SENDING OUT GOD'S PEOPLE

†BENEDICTION

♦Indicates congregation standing License #252778

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