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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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## WELCOME TO SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*May our worship open our hearts to God's love, our eyes to God's beauty,  
our minds to God's truth, and our will to God's service.*

### PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

The early Christians observed with great devotion the days of our Lord's passion and resurrection, and it became the custom of the Church that before the Easter celebration there should be a 40-day season of spiritual preparation. This 40-day season became known as Lent.

During this season, converts to the faith were prepared for baptism. Also, persons who had fallen into grievous sin and had separated themselves from the community of faith were reconciled by repentance and forgiveness and were restored to participation in the life of the Church. In this way God's people were reminded of the mercy and forgiveness proclaimed in the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the need we all have to renew our faith.

We invite you, therefore, in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, to observe this 40-day period of preparation by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's Holy Word.

### Prayer of Preparation

*Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit  
to be tested and tempted by Satan;  
come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations;  
and, as You know the weaknesses of each of us,  
let each one find You mighty to save;  
through Jesus Christ Your Son our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and forever. Amen.*

## GOD'S WONDROUS WORKS

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Praeludium in C Major" ..... Diedrich Buxtehude  
"Jesus Loves Me" ..... Albert Travis  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

CHORAL INTROIT: "Exultate, Jubilate!" ..... Helen Kemp

God who made all music, make my life a song.  
Help me sing Your praises simple, true and strong.

*Exultate, jubilate, alleluia, gloria! (Rejoice, celebrate, alleluia, glory!)*

Together let us celebrate God's gift of melody.  
Together, voice and heart and mind in tuneful harmony.

We'll sing a song with spirit and understanding too,  
Rejoicing as we sing each word in love and gratitude.

*Music Makers and Spirit & Song Choirs  
Terri Theil, Director  
Mary Lawrence Flinn, Accompanist*

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Ronald G. Sadlow

### ✦HYMN OF GOD'S REIGN:

No. 4 "All Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" ..... MIT FRUEDEN ZART  
*stanzas 1-5*

Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,  
**for his steadfast love endures forever!**

Let the redeemed of the Lord say so,  
whom he has redeemed from trouble and gathered in from the lands,  
from the east and from the west, from the north and from the south.

**Some wandered in desert wastes,  
finding no way to a city to dwell in;  
hungry and thirsty,  
their soul fainted within them.**

Then they cried to the Lord in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress.

**He led them by a straight way  
till they reached a city to dwell in.**

Let them thank the Lord for his steadfast love,  
for his wondrous works to the children of man!

**For he satisfies the longing soul,  
and the hungry soul he fills with good things.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE .....MIT FRUEDEN ZART

**Then come before His presence now and banish fear and sadness;  
To your Redeemer pay your vow and sing with joy and gladness:  
Though great distress my soul befell, the Lord, my God, did all things well.  
To God all praise and glory.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOD’S WONDROUS LOVE

CALL TO CONFESSION .....based on Isaiah 55:6-7

**Seek the Lord while He may be found,  
Call upon Him while He is near;  
let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the Lord,  
that He may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.**

CHORAL REFLECTION: “O Savior of the World” ..... Herbert Howells

O Savior of the world,  
Who by Thy cross and Thy precious blood hast redeemed us.  
Save us and help us, we humbly beseech Thee, O Lord.

*Laudis Domini Vocal Ensemble  
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦HYMN OF CHRIST’S LOVE:  
No. 261 “What Wondrous Love Is This” ..... WONDROUS LOVE  
stanzas 1 & 3

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS..... Dan G. Burns

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Sanctus” ..... Ola Gjeilo

<i>Sanctus.</i>	Holy, holy, holy.
<i>Dominus Deus Sabaoth.</i>	Lord God of Hosts.
<i>Pleni sunt caeli et terra gloria tua.</i>	Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory.
<i>Hosanna in excelsis!</i>	Hosanna in the highest!
<i>Benedictus qui venit</i>	Blessed is He who comes
<i>in nomine Domini.</i>	in the name of the Lord.

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE..... NEANDER



God the Lord is King of glo-ry; Zi-on, tell the world His fame;

An-cient I-srael, tell the sto-ry of His faith-ful-ness pro-claim.

He is ho-ly; He is ho-ly; ho-ly is His awe-some name.

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

WORLD MISSIONS STEWARDSHIP PRESENTATION..... Mike Taylor  
World Missions Conference Choir

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.**

# GOD'S WONDROUS CHRIST

GOSPEL LESSON ..... John 5:30-47  
(page 890 in the church 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                      *How Can You Know?*                      Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦SENDING HYMN: No. 165 "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" ..... LYONS

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata from Suite Gothique" ..... Léon Boëllmann

✦Indicates congregation standing                      CCLI License #252778

**Paraments for the Season of Lent:** Embroidered upon the purple pulpit fall in gold thread are the Greek letters *Chi* and *Rho*, the first two letters of the Greek word *XPICTOC*, Christos, together with the letters *Alpha* and *Omega*, the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet, representing Christ, the beginning of all things, and the end. The *Chi Rho* symbols are a Christogram (monogram) of Christ. On the two Bible markers, also in gold thread, the letter *Alpha* is on one side and *Omega* on the other. These paraments will hang until Palm Sunday.

## Getting Connected

To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or [todd.erickson@2pc.org](mailto:todd.erickson@2pc.org).

## Sunday Night Worship

We gather each Sunday at 6:00 p.m. for a service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God's Word. This semester, we are working through a series titled *Tough Questions Christians Face*. Tonight, we will look at Romans 1:19-23 to answer the question "What Does Christianity Say About Other Religions?" We invite you to worship with us.