

# ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

March 22, 2015

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.



#### **CURRENT SERMON SERIES**

# God Prepares Us for Worship

You are invited to reflect on the following as you prepare for worship.

Our sermon text (I Timothy 2:11-15) is not about male or female superiority. Any honest male knows that girls in his class always messed up the grading curve. This text is not about suitability for leadership. Women are more relationally oriented and more naturally empathetic. They are more intuitive about knowing where people are. They are more verbal, natural communicators.

It is about fidelity to God's Word. It is about inviting God's Word to shape the life of our church, rather than the intrusive winds of culture. It is about living out the creation order that comes from the character of God's goodness. It is about gospel and mission. If the church joyfully lives out the creation order in God's household, then the gospel will continue to go forth with power.

Adapted from Kent Hughes, "Living Out God's Order in the Church," The Master's Seminary Journal, 10/1, Spring 1999, 101-111

# God Calls Us Into His Presence and Receives Our Praise

Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears; The bleeding sacrifice, on my behalf appears; Before the throne my Surety stands, Before the throne my Surety stands, My name is written on His hands.

## Chorus:

Arise, arise, arise. Arise, my soul, arise. Arise, arise, arise. Arise, my soul, arise. Shake off your guilty fears and rise.

He ever lives above, for me to intercede; His all redeeming love, His precious blood, to plead; His blood atoned for every race, His blood atoned for every race, And sprinkles now the throne of grace.

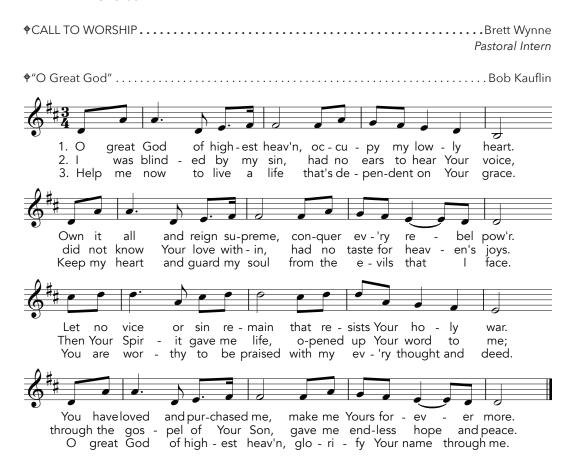
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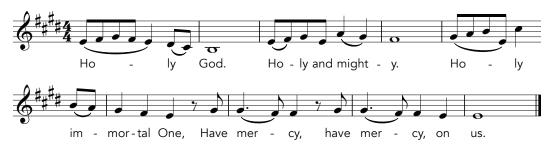
Five bleeding wounds He bears; received on Calvary; They pour effectual prayers; they strongly plead for me: "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Forgive him, O forgive," they cry, "Nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

## Chorus

My God is reconciled; His pardoning voice I hear; He owns me for His child; I can no longer fear With confidence I now draw nigh, With confidence I now draw nigh, And "Father, Abba, Father," cry.

Chorus





# CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God our heavenly Father, Your Son offers us all of Your blessings when He announces, "Blessed are the poor in spirit."

Yet we are rich in pride.

"Blessed are those who mourn."

Yet we do not grieve our sin.

"Blessed are the meek."

Yet we insist upon and assert our own rights.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness."

Yet we fill our lives with desires for other things.

"Blessed are the merciful."

Yet we relate to others so harshly and impatiently.

"Blessed are the pure in heart."

Yet our lives are cluttered with impure thoughts and motives.

"Blessed are the peacemakers."

Yet we are slow to forgive and pursue reconciliation.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness."

Yet our lives seldom challenge the ways, priorities, and values of the world.

"Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me."

Yet we often blush to speak Your name to make known that we are Yours. Have mercy upon us for Jesus' sake, Amen.

#### INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

# \$SONG OF RESPONSE: "Give Us Clean Hands" Charlie Hall

We bow our hearts, we bend our knees; O Spirit, come make us humble. We turn our eyes from evil things; O Lord, we cast down our idols.

Give us clean hands, Give us pure hearts; Let us not lift our souls to another.

And O God, let us be A generation that seeks, That seeks Your face, O God of Jacob.

# God Calls Us to Offer Ourselves to Him

### **GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

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

**PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING** 

## *<del>†</del>GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS*

We ask that everyone, including members and visitors, write their names, addresses, and other information in the spaces provided on the attendance pad as it is passed down the row.

# God Speaks to Us His Word

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON Why Don't We Have Women Elders and Pastors?

David A. Bowen Assistant Pastor Middle Adults

# God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out to Serve

#### PRAYER OF COMMITMENT



## **†BENEDICTION**

†Indicates congregation standing

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# Getting Connected at Second

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