

# ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

March 29, 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.

All of us have inherited both a sinful tendency toward division and the social construct of race that exploits it. Thus, a truly racially diverse and unified church will never be normal or easy.

Jesus implies this in His high priestly prayer on the eve of his death. He prays three times for the Father to unite His church. He then emphasizes that this unity will serve as one of its most compelling means of evangelism (John 17:21, 23).

Unity of this magnitude is so rare that the world cannot explain it apart from the Gospel. True unity amidst diversity makes people stop, notice, and seek an explanation.

Adapted from Cole Brown,
"Can Racially Diverse Churches Exist?"

# God Calls Us Into His Presence

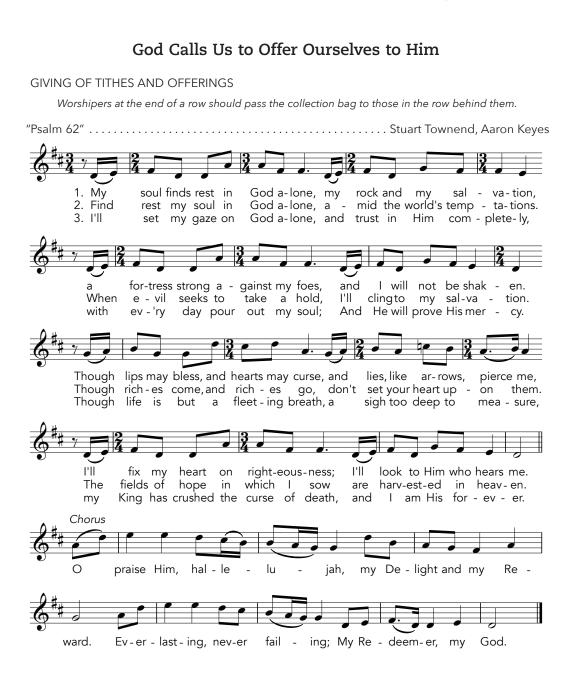
 \*CALL TO WORSHIP
 Psalm 148:1-2; 11-13

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord from the heavens; praise him in the heights! Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his hosts! Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth! Young men and maidens together, old men and children!

Let us praise the name of the Lord, for His name alone is exalted; His majesty is above earth and heaven.

## God Receives Our Praises

♦"All Creatures of Our God and King"	LASST UNS ERFREUEN
♦PRAYER OF ADORATION	Todd Erickson
	Associate Pastor, Pastoral Executive



#### **†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 Is Our Church Not More Racially Diverse?

Sandy Willson Senior Pastor

## God Invites Us to His Table

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

Gluten free bread is offered in the transverse aisle in the back of the Sanctuary.

SONGS FOR THE TABLE

My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine; For Thee all the follies of sin I resign. My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

I love Thee because Thou has 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. I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death, And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath; And say when the death dew lies cold on my brow, If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

In mansions of glory and endless delight, I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright; I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow; If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.

Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world. Red and yellow, black and white, all are precious in His sight, Jesus loves the little children of the world.

"In the Presence" ....... Mark Altrogge Chorus And I cry ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly God, how awe-some is Your name, ho - ly God, ho ly, ho how ma-jes tic is Your And I am changed in the pres-ence of a ho - ly God. reign; Verse 1. In the pre - sence of Your in - fi-nite might l'm so small and 2. In the pre - sence of а ho - ly God there's new mean ina 3. In the pre - sence of glo Your all my crowns lie ry frail and weak. When see Your pow'r and now to grace. You took all my sins up the You in dust. are right in Your eous speak. wis - dom. Lord. have words left no to Your - self: can on - ly stand а mazed.

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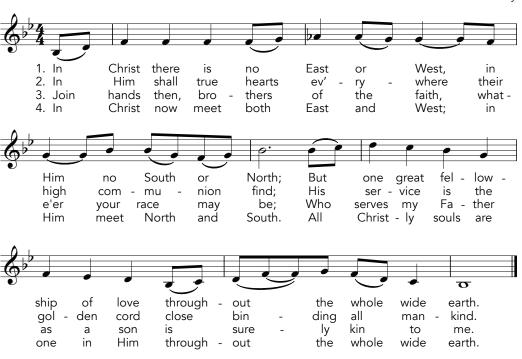
true,

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You are

jud - gments, Lord;



# God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out to Serve

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

**†BENEDICTION** 

♦ Indicates congregation standing

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## Getting Connected at Second

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.

