

ORDER FOR THE 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.



CURRENT SERMON SERIES

God Calls Us Into His Presence

 *CALL TO WORSHIP: Revelation 1:4-6
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 Assistant Pastor, Middle Adults

Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne,

and from Jesus Christ the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of kings on earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood and made us a kingdom, priests to his God and Father,

to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

God Receives Our Praises



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.

"Poor Wayfarin' Stranger" FOLK SPIRITUAL

I am a poor wayfaring stranger, while traveling through this world of woe. Yet there's no sickness, toil nor danger in that bright world to which I go. I'm going there to see my Father; I'm going there no more to roam.

I'm only going over Jordan, I'm only going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather round me; I know my way is rough and steep. But golden fields lie out before me where God's redeemed shall ever sleep. I'm going there to see my mother, she said she'd meet me when I come.

I'll soon be free from every trial, my body sleep in the churchyard; I'll drop the cross of self denial and enter on my great reward. I'm going there to see my Savior, to sing His praise forevermore.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†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 How Does Obeying God's Rules Make Me Free? Michael Davis

Assistant Pastor, Young Adults

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

Just as I am, without one plea, but that Thy blood was shed for me, And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, To Thee whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.

"Wonderful, Merciful Savior" Dawn Rodgers, Eric Wyse

Wonderful, merciful Savior, Precious Redeemer and Friend; Who would have thought that a Lamb could rescue the souls of men? O, You rescue the souls of men.

You are the One that we praise, You are the One we adore, You give the healing and grace our Hearts always hunger for, O, our hearts always hunger for.

Counselor, Comforter, Keeper, Spirit we long to embrace; You offer hope when our hearts have hopelessly lost the way, O, we've hopelessly lost the way.

Chorus

Almighty, Infinite Father, faithfully loving Your own; Here in our weakness You find us falling before Your throne, O, we're falling before Your throne.

Chorus

The mystery of the cross I cannot comprehend, The agonies of Calvary. You, the perfect Holy One, crushed Your Son Who drank the bitter cup reserved for me.

Your blood has washed away my sin: Jesus, thank You. The Father's wrath completely satisfied: Jesus, thank You. Once Your enemy, now seated at Your table: Jesus, thank You.

By Your perfect sacrifice I've been brought near; Your enemy You've made Your friend. Pouring out the riches of Your glorious grace; Your mercy and Your kindness know no end.

Chorus

Lover of my soul: I want to live for You.

Chorus

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's Name! He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame. He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us, pitied us when enemies, Called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes: He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store; When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more: He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood, has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high; Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky: Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou art worthy, Lamb of God!

God Blesses Us and Sends Us Out to Serve

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

†BENEDICTION

†Indicates congregation standing