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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.

Christians gather for worship in order to remember and respond to all that God has done in Jesus Christ to save sinners like us. The one word that summarizes this story is "gospel." Notice the distinct gospel structure to our worship service:

- Adoration: We adore and praise the Lord for His greatness and grace. He is the rock-solid foundation of our church and of our lives.
- **Confession:** We acknowledge our sin and need for the Lord's grace by humbling ourselves and making an honest confession of our sins.
- **Assurance:** We experience anew God's grace found in the One who delights to forgive and restore us.
- Thanksgiving: We respond with thanksgiving for the generosity of God's grace in Jesus by offering to Him all that we are and have.
- Intercession: We express our dependence upon the Lord and His grace by praying for those persons and places in the world where evil is assaulting the kingdom of God and pleading that the strong hand of God might defeat evil.
- **Instruction:** We hear the truths of God's Word read and preached so that seekers might find new life in Christ and believers might grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.
- **Table:** At the table, we are nourished and strengthened in grace as we feed upon the Lord Jesus in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.
- Charge and Benediction: We are challenged to live in light of God's grace and are sent forth to serve in the strength of His grace.

As we worship today, may our Lord be enthroned in our hearts, His praises be upon our lips and His character be reflected in our lives.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE:
Festive Procession on "All People That on Earth Do Dwell" Fred Bock
Samuel Metzger, Organist
INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Blessed Assurance" Duane Funderburk
Long Long Kang, violin
CHORAL INTROIT: "All That Hath Life and Breath Praise the Lord! Rene Clauser
All that hath life and breath praise the Lord. Shout to the Lord, Alleluia! Praise Him, laud Him, Alleluia!
The Westminster Singers Christy Young, Conductor

♦HYMN OF CHRIST'S CHURCH: No. 347 "The Church's One Foundation" . . . AURELIA

†PRAYER OF ADORATION

♦GREETINGSMichael C. Davis
A WORD ON WORLD MISSIONS
A WORD TO THE CHILDREN
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS
OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Christ Hath a Garden"
Christ hath a garden walled around, a paradise of fruitful ground, Chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world's wide wilderness.
Like trees of spice his servants stand, there planted by his mighty hand; By Eden's gracious streams that flow to feed their beauty where they grow.
Awake, O wind of heav'n, and bear their sweetest perfume through the air: Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, till the beloved Master come:
That he may come and linger yet among the trees that he hath set; That he may evermore be seen to walk amid the springing green.
♦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE
My great Physician heals the sick, the lost He came to save; For me His precious blood He shed, for me His life He gave. I need no other argument, I need no other plea, It is enough that Jesus died, and that He died for me.
†PRAYER OF DEDICATION
EPISTLE LESSON: Colossians 1:3-8
All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;
The grass withers, the flower fades,

SERMON

We Always Thank God

but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.

D. Todd Erickson

(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

†INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All those who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church as a communing member are warmly welcomed to receive communion today. Non-communing worshipers are encouraged to contemplate the love of Jesus Christ during this time. At Second Presbyterian, we encourage our children not to take communion until they have joined the church as communicant members.

We do, however, encourage non-communing children to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. Those wishing to be served communion together as a group or family, please stand together in front of the two serving elders before taking the elements.

Gluten-free communion bread is available upon request from the elder at the east side of the transverse aisle (opposite from the door leading to the Connector).

I believe in God the Father Almighty,

Maker of heaven and earth;

and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;

Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, dead and buried;

He descended into hell;

The third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven,

and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

the holy catholic church;

the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;

the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting. Amen.

♦GLORIA PATRI GREATOREX

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen!

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, enable us to lay down the burden of our sins and the regret instigated by them.

Forgive us for the things we have done that we regret,

for the things we have failed to do that we regret,

for the times we have believed the devil's lies, for the times we have acted without love,

for the times we have reacted without thought,

for the times we have reacted without mought,

for the times we have failed to forgive,

and for hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid.

We come beseeching Your pardoning grace, since Jesus bore all of our sins in His body on the tree. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION 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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

For those unable to come forward for communion, please raise your hand and an elder will serve you in your seat. Throughout this time of communion, we invite you to join in singing the hymns below.

There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins; And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains: Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains; And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.

The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day; And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away: Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away; And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.

E'er since by faith I saw the stream Thy flowing wounds supply, Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die. And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die. Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.

Then in a nobler, sweeter song I'll sing Your pow'r to save, When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave: Lies silent in the grave, lies silent in the grave; When this poor lisping, stamm'ring tongue lies silent in the grave.

Dear dying Lamb, Thy precious blood shall never lose its power, Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more: Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more; Till all the ransomed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die! Would He devote that sacred head for such a worm as I!

Was it for crimes that I had done He groaned upon the tree! Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut His glories in, When Christ, the mighty maker, died for man the creature's sin.

Thus might I hide my blushing face while His dear cross appears; Dissolve my heart in thankfulness, and melt mine eyes in tears.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe; Here, Lord, I give myself away, 'tis all that I can do.

O to see the dawn of the darkest day: Christ on the road to Calvary. Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then Nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus:

This, the pow'r of the cross: Christ became sin for us; Took the blame, bore the wrath, we stand forgiven at the cross.

O to see the pain written on Your face, Bearing the awesome weight of sin. Ev'ry bitter thought, ev'ry evil deed Crowning Your blood-stained brow. (Chorus)

Now the daylight flees; now the ground beneath Quakes as its Maker bows His head. Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life; "Finished!" the vict'ry cry. (Chorus)

O to see my name written in the wounds, For through Your suffering I am free. Death is crushed to death; life is mine to live, Won through Your selfless love.

This, the pow'r of the cross: Son of God—slain for us. What a love! What a cost! We stand forgiven at the cross.

My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus' blood and righteousness. I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' Name.

On Christ the solid rock I stand, All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness seems to hide His face, I rest on His unchanging grace. In every high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil.

His oath, His covenant, His blood, support me in the whelming flood. When all around my soul gives way, He then is all my hope and stay.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

 †HYMN OF COMMITMENT
 SOLID ROCK

When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found; Dressed in His righteousness alone, Faultless to stand before the throne. On Christ the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

- **†BENEDICTION**
- **†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN**

♦ Indicates congregation standing

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