

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

June 28, 2015



Preparation for Worship

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

Today we have the privilege of baptizing both adults and infants. First of all, we baptize adults who have not previously been baptized when they publicly profess their faith and become members of Christ's Church (Matt.28:19-20; Acts 2:38). We also encourage believing parents to bring their infants for baptism. For in doing so, parents exercise faith in the great promise of God who declared that He would not only be their God but also the God of their children after them (Acts 2:39; Genesis 17:7).

All that is celebrated in a service of baptism in the life of an adult who has received Christ is prayerfully anticipated in the life of an infant child who is baptized. In the case of the adults, we celebrate wonderful realities such as our union with Jesus Christ in his death, burial, and resurrection as well as the forgiveness of and cleansing from sin. In the case of infants, we anticipate these same realities and pray that in time, they would experience all the spiritual blessings that are vividly portrayed in their baptism.

As important as baptism is, it does not save anyone for we must all come to embrace and trust in Jesus Christ alone for salvation. Let us prepare to worship our Savior and King since there is only one name given among us by which we can be saved, our Lord Jesus Christ!

BLESS THE KING OF NATIONS

Samuel Metzger, organ
INSTRUMENTAL REFLECTION: "Be Thou My Vision" arr. Statom Melodie Moore, harp; Long Long Kang, violin
CHORAL INTROIT: "Alleluia"
The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00) Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music
CALL TO WORSHIP
HYMN OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS: No. 97 "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator"
PRAYER OF ADORATION
SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (8:15)

PARENTAL VOWS

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the sacred Scriptures, and that you will strive, by all the means that God provides you, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you undertake the responsibility to assist these parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: "Jesus Loves You" JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so; Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.

Beseech the King of Nations

LITANY OF PRAYER FOR OUR NATION

Holy Father, You are the great and awesome God, Who keeps Your covenant of love with those Who love You and keep Your commandments.

Lord, in your mercy receive our praise!

You are the great King of nations. We humbly come to you with united hearts To call upon Your mercy.

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer!

Your Word calls us to humble ourselves And pray and seek Your face, And turn from our wicked ways, And You promise to hear from heaven, And forgive our sin and heal our land.

Lord, in Your mercy heal our land!

We thank You for the sacred privileges that we enjoy To lead a quiet life, to work with our own hands, And to gather freely to worship You. We thank You for all those who have made the ultimate sacrifice So that we might not live in tyranny But in freedom and peace!

Lord, in Your mercy receive our thanks!

Send Your Spirit afresh into our hearts So that Your church might be revived And we might serve as the sweet aroma of Jesus to all. Keep us clinging to Your cross, And flood us every moment with Your amazing grace.

We pray for the glory and honor of our all-sufficient Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.

HYMN OF SUPPLICATON FOR THE CHURCH:

"Jesus, with Thy Church Abide" C. Miner T.B. Pollock

Jesus, with Thy church abide; Be her Savior, Lord, and Guide, While on earth her faith is tried: We beseech Thee, hear us.

Keep her life and doctrine pure; Grant her patience to endure, Trusting in Thy promise sure: We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she one in doctrine be, One in truth and charity, Winning all to faith in Thee: We beseech Thee, hear us.

May she guide the poor and blind, Seek the lost until she find And the brokenhearted bind: We beseech Thee, hear us.

CHORAL OFFERTORY: "Lord, Make Me an Instrument" John Rutter Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Lord, make me an instrument of Thy peace;

Where there is hatred, let me bring love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

Where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console;

To be understood, as to understand;

To be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive,

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Jesus, Thou joy of loving hearts, Thou fount of life, Thou light of men, From the best bliss that earth imparts We turn unfilled to Thee again.

Our restless spirits yearn for Thee, Where'er our changeful lot is cast; Glad when Thy gracious smile we see, Blest when our faith can hold Thee fast.

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

†GREETINGS

Serve the King of Nations

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

Sara and Daniel* Allen, Tricia Butler, Ryanne and Josh Caldwell, Conner Davis, Libby and Larry Ennenga, Shayla Johnson, Nicole and Brad Jones, Sara Nelms, Chelsea Norman*, Tyler Rist, Vileen Smid, Craig Smith, Bill Stratton, Grace Swaney Jordan Walters, Lizzy Wesson, Julie Yancey

*to be baptized

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now promise and resolve, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to serve Christ in His church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this church session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the church?

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.

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

A Word About Christ and Country

Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT



†BENEDICTION

†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN