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January 3, 2016
Second Sunday of Christmastide



Preparation for Worship

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

Jesus calls all of His followers to live by "every word that proceeds from the mouth of God" (Matthew 4:4). If this is so, then it is crucial that we understand how God's Law and God's Gospel relate to one another. In a nutshell, here's how God designs it to work:

The law of God drives us to the Gospel of God. We would never know the depth of our need of Gospel grace apart from seeing how profound our sin problem really is. Realizing all that God expects of us should drive us to Christ. This is why Christians in past centuries have read and/or sung the Ten Commandments every Lord's Day to remind them anew of their need. After each commandment, they would response with the refrain: "Lord, have mercy!"

We also believe that the Gospel frees and energizes us to obey God's law. Once we are united with Christ, the indwelling Holy Spirit causes us to delight in God's law and gives us power to obey it.

Let us prepare to joyfully worship our God who provides for us and protects us by His law and by His Gospel.

Drawing Near for Joyful Worship

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Tell Out, My Soul, the Greatness of the Lord" Denis Bédard Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE:

"Cello Duet Op 22 Adagio in F major" Friedrich August Kummer

Anto Rodriguez, cello

Diego Rodriguez, cello

†HYMN OF CHRIST'S PRAISE:

And God spoke all these words, saying, "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.

You shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the Lord your God am a jealous God,

visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me,

but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain,

for the Lord will not hold him guiltless who takes his name in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days you shall labor, and do all your work, but the seventh day is a Sabbath to the Lord your God.

On it you shall not do any work, you, or your son, or your daughter, your male servant, or your female servant, or your livestock, or the sojourner who is within your gates.

For in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, and rested on the seventh day.

Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy.

You have washed us with your blood; You are worthy, Lamb of God.

PRAYER OF ADORATION

COMING CLEAN WITH TRUE REPENTANCE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy Lord, You are the God of loving loyalty who has redeemed us from slavery to sin. Yet, we confess our treasonous ways before You. Other causes, relationships, and things have become more important and absorbing to us than You. We confess making You into someone we want You to be rather than worshipping You for who You are. We confess taking Your holy Name in vain and slandering it often by the hypocrisy of our lives. We confess not giving You the best parts of our time and energy for Your worship and service. May godly sorrow work true repentance in our hearts so that we delight to do what You command. For we pray in Jesus' name, Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

HYMN OF ASSURANCE 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;

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Whiter Than Snow" arr. John Hodges

Lord Jesus, I long to be perfectly whole; I want Thee forever to live in my soul, Break down every idol, cast out every foe; Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow; Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, look down from Your throne in the skies, And help me to make a complete sacrifice; I give up myself and whatever I know, Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, for this I most humbly entreat, I wait, blessed Lord, at Thy crucified feet; By faith, for my cleansing I see Your blood flow, Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

Lord Jesus, before You I patiently wait, Come now, and within me a new heart create; To those who have sought You, You never said "No," Now wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

> Christy Young, Mary Edwards, and Annie Petzinger, trio John Hodges, guitar; Diego Rodriguez, cello

♦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSEarr. John Hodges

Whiter than snow, yes, whiter than snow; Now wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

SENDING FORTH FOR LOVING SERVICE

†GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

(8:15) Deacons:

*Michelle Adair, *Will Anderson, Frances Cowan, Chuck Ellingsworth,

*Warren Grimm, *Seth Harkins, *Brandon Morrison, *Justin Payne, *Mac Plosser, Thomas Quinlen, *Lindsey Rea, Brian Schneider, Sam Shaw, Matt Weathersby

(11:00) Elders:

Don Batchelor, John Colcolough, Dick Cowan, Fred Flinn, *Mike Gore,

*Alan Hammond, Jon Housholder, *John N. Laughlin, Rob Liddon,

*Steve Nash, Smoky Russell, Stephen Steiner, Jim Witherington

*to be ordained

Officers' Vows

Do you reaffirm your faith in Jesus Christ as your own personal Lord and Savior?

Do you believe the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments to be uniquely and fully inspired by the Holy Spirit, and the supreme and final authority in all matters on which they speak?

With any exception that you have stated to the Session, do you sincerely receive and adopt the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Catechisms of this Church, as containing the system of doctrine taught in the Holy Scriptures?

Do you promise that if at any time you find yourself out of accord with any of the essentials of the faith you will, on your own initiative, make known to your church Session the change which has taken place in your views since the assumption of this ordination vow?

Do you affirm and adopt the "Essentials of Our Faith" without exception?

Do you subscribe to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church?

Do you promise subjection to your fellow Presbyters in the Lord?

Have you been induced, as far as you know your own heart, to accept the office of deacon/ruling elder from love of God and sincere desire to promote His glory in the Gospel of His Son?

Do you promise to be zealous and faithful in promoting the truths of the Gospel and the purity and peace of the Church, whatever persecution or opposition may arise to you on that account?

Will you seek to be faithful and diligent in the exercise of all your duties as deacon/ elder whether personal or relative, private or public; and to endeavor by the grace of God to adorn the profession of the Gospel in your manner of life, and to walk with exemplary piety before this congregation of which God will make you an officer?

Are you now willing to take responsibility in the life of this congregation as a deacon/ elder and will you seek to discharge your duties, relying upon the grace of God, in such a way that the entire church of Jesus Christ will be blessed?

Congregational Vow

Do you, the members of this congregation, receive these persons as officers in our church, and do you promise to yield them and all your officers all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their ordination as officers entitles them, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of the **Evangelical Presbyterian Church?**

Prayer of Ordination and Installation

Charge to Officers and Congregation......Richard G. Cain

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.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON John 13:1-17 (page 900 in pew Bible)

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.

Cleansed for Service

(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♦HYMN OF OBEDIENCE: No. 529 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"..... BEECHER

†BENEDICTION

SERMON

*†***CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN**

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" . . Frederick Swann

♦ Indicates congregation standing

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