



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

January 10, 2016
11:00 a.m.



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

When we gather for worship, we regularly profess our faith by reciting creeds like the Apostles' Creed. This creed summarizes God's plan for rescuing sinners which is the greatest story.

The Apostles' Creed is not primarily written for us to profess our faith but to equip us to live what we say we believe. The Holy Spirit uses the Creed to teach us how to live in a way that honors our Lord:

- Our lives are lived best with the triune God at the center: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Our lives are lived best knowing that history is going someplace very significant. Our small lives are connected to a larger, cosmic story which teaches us that the best is yet to come.
- Our lives are lived best relationally. Notice the various relationships (both vertically and horizontally) mentioned in the Creed.
- Our lives are lived best connected to the cross and resurrection of Jesus. Suffering and death do not have the final word. Our earthly journey is indeed filled with suffering and sorrows. Yet, the final word for worshippers of Jesus is life. Let us joyfully worship Him today and resolve to live in such a way that others throughout our city experience His gift of "life everlasting."

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "The Old Year is Passed Away Dear Lord" J.S. Bach
Samuel Metzger, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Ronald G. Sadlow

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 38 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" JOANNA

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "How Dazzling Fair" Charles Wood

How dazzling fair art Thou, my Life, my Light!
How comely is Thy countenance, how bright!
Sun uncreate, how keen is the enjoyment
That saints and angels find in Thine employment!
In view thereof sing I, by day and night,
How dazzling fair art Thou, my Life my Light!

My soul, O Lord, is sore athirst for Thee:
My heart doth yearn Thy seemly face to see:
Dim is my sight; but one ray of Thy kindness
Should quickly skill to cure mine eyes of blindness:
Meanwhile my song and my complaint shall be,
"My soul, O Lord, is sore athirst for Thee."

When shall I come to hear that angel song?
Nay, swell the chorus of the heav'nly throng?
Then join the noble company of sages,
Who chant Thee lauds through everlasting ages?
Now ev'ry day methinks and all day long,
"When shall I come to hear that angel song?" Amen.

*The Chancel Choir
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

✦DOXOLOGY..... OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION..... Michael G. Stokke

✦GREETINGS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

GOSPEL LESSON: John 13:18-35 Brandon Morrison
(page 900 in the 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.** *(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)*

HOMILY *Cleansed for Relationships* Sanders L. Willson

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. An elder will serve gluten free communion bread to those who raise their hands.

✦PROFESSION OF FAITH..... The Apostles' Creed

**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 GREATOR EX

**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

Holy Father, since You are the covenant Lord
 who delights to rescue us from sin's bondage,
 we confess not making every effort to show the members of our families
 all the love, consideration, and respect that we can.
 We confess thinking unkindly of others
 and harboring malice, ill-will, and bitterness toward them.
 We confess the impurity of our minds, eyes, ears, and mouths.
 We confess envying and taking from others
 time, services, money, and goods to which we do not have a right.
 We confess not walking with integrity,
 for we have broken our promises and not spoken truthfully.
 We confess being drawn away from contentedly loving
 and serving You where You have placed us.
 Grant us repentant hearts
 that delight to please You in all things.
 For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

LITANY OF PRAISE

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our joyful duty, that we should at all times
 and in all places, give thanks unto You, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty,
 Everlasting God. And we praise You for Jesus Christ our Lord,
 Who has come to bring us light and life;

**Therefore with angels and archangels,
 and with all the company of heaven,
 we laud and magnify Your glorious Name;
 evermore praising You and saying:**

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heaven and
 earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high-est. Ho-
 san-na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
 Lord. Ho - san - na in the high-est, Ho - san-na in the high-est.

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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

CHORAL MEDITATION:

“Here Is Love/O The Deep, Deep Love of Jesus” arr. Gabriel Statom

Here is love vast as the ocean, loving kindness as the flood:
When the Prince of Life, our ransom, shed for us His precious blood.
Who His love will not remember? Who can cease to sing His praise?
He will never be forgotten throughout heav'n's eternal days.

On the mount of crucifixion fountains opened deep and wide.
Through the floodgates of God's mercy flowed a vast and gracious tide.
Grace and love like mighty rivers poured incessant from above.
Heaven's peace and perfect justice kissed a guilty world in love.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Thy glorious rest above.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore;
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;
How he watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;
How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.

O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.

SHARING OF THE CUP

ORGAN MEDITATION: “O Love of God, How Strong and True” Hubert Parry

*O love of God, how strong and true, eternal and yet ever new,
Uncomprehended and unbought, beyond all knowledge and all thought!
O love of God, how deep and great, far deeper than man's deepest hate;
Self-fed, self-kindled like the light, changeless, eternal, infinite.*

*O love of God, our shield and stay through all the perils of our way!
Eternal love, in You we rest, forever safe, forever blest.
We will exalt You, God and King, and we will ever praise Your name;
We will extol You ev'ry day, and evermore Your praise proclaim.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✠SENDING HYMN HYMN TO JOY

**Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blessed,
Wellspring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother, all who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.**

✠BENEDICTION

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**Mortals, join the happy chorus, which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us, brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music leads us Sunward in the triumph song of life.**

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Improvisation on "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" . . .Richard Elliott

✠Indicates congregation standing

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