

2017 CHRISTIAN LIFE CONFERENCE

# HOLINESS

THE JOURNEY OF GOD'S PEOPLE



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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.

### A WORD ON WORSHIP

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

As you prepare your heart for worship, please reflect on the words of the Irish hymn-writer, George Croly:

*Spirit of God, descend upon my heart, wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;  
Scoop to my weakness, mighty as Thou art, and make me love Thee as I ought to love.*

- According to Romans 8, when the Spirit descends upon our hearts, He rivets our attention upon the Lord Jesus Christ and His work for us on the cross.
- When the Spirit descends upon our hearts, He produces in us the family trait of holiness by granting us the desire, determination and discipline to reject and kill sin.
- When the Spirit descends upon our hearts, He assures us of our sonship and of our permanent gift of eternal life.

Martin Luther explains:

*The Law scolds us, sin screams at us, death thunders at us, the devil roars at us.  
In the midst of the clamor, the Spirit of Christ cries in our hearts: 'Abba, Father.'  
This little cry of the Spirit transcends the hullabaloo of the law, sin, death, and the devil  
and finds a hearing with God.*

No wonder we call the Holy Spirit the "Lord and Giver of Life!"

### HOLY FATHER, DRAW NEAR TO US

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Festive Trumpet Tune" . . . . . David German  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

BRASS AND ORGAN PRELUDE: "Festival Entrada" . . . . . Johann Strauss

CHORAL INTROIT: "Praise My Soul the King of Heaven" . . . arr. Duanne Funderburk  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)  
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Sanders L. Willson

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 53 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" . . . . . LOBE DEN HERREN  
*stanzas 1-4*

✦PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 96:1-10 . . . . . Rusty Shappley (8:15)  
Brandon Morrison (11:00)

Oh sing to the Lord a new song;  
sing to the Lord, all the earth!

**Sing to the Lord, bless his name;  
tell of his salvation from day to day.**

Declare his glory among the nations,  
his marvelous works among all the peoples!

**For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised;  
he is to be feared above all gods.**

For all the gods of the peoples are worthless idols,  
but the Lord made the heavens.

**Splendor and majesty are before him;  
strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.**

Ascribe to the Lord, O families of the peoples,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;  
bring an offering, and come into his courts!**

Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;  
tremble before him, all the earth!

**Say among the nations, "The Lord reigns!  
Yes, the world is established; it shall never be moved;  
he will judge the peoples with equity."**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . LOBE DEN HERREN

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly fore'er we adore Him. Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

HOLY LORD, CLEANSE US

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦ HYMN OF ASSURANCE: "In Christ Alone" . . . . . Keith Getty, Stuart Townend



1. In Christ a - lone, my hope is found; He is my  
2. In Christ a - lone, Who took on flesh, full - ness of  
3. There in the ground His bod - y lay, Light of the  
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the



light, my strength, my song; This cor - ner stone, this sol - id  
God in help - less Babe; This gift of love and right-eous-  
world by dark - ness slain; Then burst-ing forth in glo - rious  
pow'r of Christ in me; From life's first cry to fi - nal



ground, firm through the fier - cest drought and storm; What  
ness, scorned by the ones He came to save; 'Til  
day, up from the grave He rose a - gain; And  
breath, Je - sus com-mands my des - ti - ny; No



heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when  
on that cross, as Je - sus died, the wrath of God was  
as He stands in vic - to - ry, sin's curse has lost its  
pow'r of hell, no scheme of man can ev - er pluck me

striv - ings      cease;      My      Com - fort - er,      my      All      in  
 sat - is -      fied,      for      ev - 'ry      sin      on      Him      was  
 grip      on      me;      For      I      am      His      and      He      is  
 from      His      hand;      'Til      He      re - turns      or      calls      me

all,      here      in      the      love      of      Christ      I      stand.  
 laid;      Here      in      the      death      of      Christ      I      stand.  
 mine,      bought      with      the      pre - cious      blood      of      Christ.  
 home,      here      in      the      pow'r      of      Christ      I'll      stand.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. . . . . T. Barton Kimbro

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Trinity Te Deum" . . . . . Ēriks Ešēnvalds

We praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.  
 All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.  
 To Thee all angels cry aloud: the heavens and all the powers therein.  
 To Thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry,  
 Holy, holy, holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;  
 Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.  
 The glorious company of the apostles praise Thee.  
 The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise Thee.  
 The noble army of martyrs praise Thee.  
 The holy church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;  
 The Father of an infinite Majesty;  
 Thine honorable, true, and only Son;  
 Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.  
 Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.  
 When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man,  
 Thou didst not abhor the virgin's womb.  
 When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,  
 Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
 Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.  
 We believe that Thou'lt come to be our Judge.  
 We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants,  
 Whom Thou'st redeemed with Thy precious blood.  
 Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.  
 Holy, holy, holy.

✠ DOXOLOGY . . . . . LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, alleluia!  
 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
 Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

✠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

# HOLY SPIRIT, DESCEND UPON US

## ✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) ..... Peggy Stephens

## 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.**

EPISTLE LESSON ..... Romans 8:1-17  
(page 944 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.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON *The Spirit of Holiness* Harry Reeder

## PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF HOLINESS: No. 100 “Holy, Holy, Holy!” ..... NICAEA

## ✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE ..... AZMON

**Behold th’ amazing gift of love the Father hath bestowed  
On us, the sinful sons of men, to call us sons of God!**

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Toccata” from *Symphony No. 5*. ..... Charles-Marie Widor

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

### Christian Life Conference

Our speaker this morning, Dr. Harry Reeder, is the Senior Pastor of Briarwood Presbyterian Church in Birmingham, where he has served since 1999. Dr. Reeder leads growing radio ministries, has published several works, and is devoted to the ministry of church revitalization.



During our Sunday School hour today, all CCs will meet in the Sanctuary to hear from John Wood, the Senior Pastor of the historic Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church in Knoxville, where he has served since 1990.

John will also close our conference at the 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Worship Service, speaking about “The Goal of Holiness” from Hebrews 12. We invite you to worship with us.