

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

November 15, 2015 8:15 a.m.



A Word on Worship

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

Psalm 100 marshals up reason after reason why we gather to joyfully worship God:

- Because we know with certainty who He is: "Know that the Lord Himself is God..." He is unashamed to be called our God and He is loyal to His promise to take us to be His people.
- Because we know with certainty from where we come: "It is He who made us; and not we ourselves."
- Because we know with certainty we belong to Him: "We are His, we are His people."
- Because we know with certainty how privileged our relationship with God is: "... the sheep of His pasture." Our relationship with God comes at an immense cost to Himself. The Good Shepherd died and rose again for us.
- Because we know with certainty how good He is: "The Lord is good..." As a Father, He knows what is best and supplies all that we need.
- Because we know with certainty how much He loves us: "His steadfast love endures forever." His loyal love never runs out and His merciful love never dries up.
- Because we know with certainty that He always remains true to His character and promises: "His faithfulness [endures] to all generations."

May the Lord use the above to awaken all of us to the supreme privilege we have to come into His presence and sing His praise!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

†HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 1 "All People That On Earth Do Dwell"....OLD HUNDREDTH

 PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 100.
 Amanda Coop

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God! It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise! Give thanks to him; bless his name!

For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.



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 The Cross for the World

D. Todd Erickson

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

O Lord Jesus Christ,

You are the gentle, humble, and good Shepherd

who bids us to come to You for rest and renewal.

Forgive us, for we have been harsh, proud, and impatient people.

We have failed to curb our tempers

and to cease from our resentments.

We have offended others by hurtful words and deeds.

Transform us by Your Spirit

so that humility, kindness, and grace mark our lives.

We pray this for Your glory and for our good. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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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. During this time of communion, we invite you to join in singing the hymns printed below.

"Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts".....QUEBEC
Reference page 646 in the hymnal for music.

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.

Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; Thou savest those that on Thee call; To them that seek Thee Thou art good, to them that find Thee all in all.

We taste Thee, O Thou living bread, and long to feast upon Thee still; We drink of Thee, the Fountain-head, and thirst our souls from Thee to fill.

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.

O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright; Chase the dark night of sin away, shed o'er the world Thy holy light.



Reference page 252 in the hymnal for music. When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride. Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God: All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood. See, from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down: Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown? Were the whole realm of nature mine, Tat were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all. PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING ♦SENDING HYMN......CRUCIFER Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, Till all the world adore His sacred Name. O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree, As Thou hast promised, draw men unto Thee. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, Till all the world adore His sacred Name.

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†BENEDICTION

†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

♦ Indicates congregation standing