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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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April 17, 2016  
*Season of Eastertide*



## A WORD ON WORSHIP

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

We have the privilege today of celebrating the sacrament of Christian baptism. Unbaptized adults who profess faith in Jesus are urged to receive baptism. We also strongly encourage believing parents to bring their infants for baptism. In doing so, parents exercise simple faith in the profound promise of God who declares that He will not only be our God, but also the God of our children after us (e.g. Acts 2:39; Genesis 17:7).

All that is celebrated in the life of an adult who believes is prayerfully anticipated in a life of an infant child who is baptized. We celebrate and anticipate such realities as the cleansing from sin. The pouring of water upon the head dramatized the Gospel of Christ's blood that cleanses and the Holy Spirit than renews. Infant baptism also reminds us that families are the crucial incubators of love for our Lord who initiates and accomplishes our salvation.

You can actively participate in these baptisms today by gladly remembering all the benefits that accrue to you as a baptized follower of Jesus:

- You are united to Jesus Christ in his death, burial, and resurrection.
- Your sins have been washed away and forgiven by His blood.
- You have been regenerated and adopted into God's family by the Spirit.
- You have been admitted into Christ's church.
- You have been promised a resurrection unto eternal life.

Therefore, renew your commitment to live for the Lord and resolve to make great the Name of our triune God that was pronounced over you at your baptism.

## JOYFULLY DELIGHT IN OUR LOVING GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Trumpet Tune" . . . . . Henri Purcell; arr. Dupré  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

BRASS PRELUDE: Fanfare on "O God Beyond All Praising" . . . .arr. Kevin Hildebrand

CHORAL INTROIT: "Jesus Is Risen" . . . . . G.F. Handel  
Jesus is risen! Alleluia! For He has conquered the tomb! Alleluia!  
*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)*  
*Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . D. Todd Erickson

✦HYMN OF CHRIST'S ATONEMENT:  
No. 455 "And Can It Be That I Should Gain" . . . . . SAGINA  
*stanzas 1-3: Congregation; stanza 4: Choir; stanza 5: Congregation*

✦EPISTLE LESSON: Romans 5:5b-11 . . . . . Betty Eubank (8:15)  
Ryan Williams (11:00)

God's love has been poured into our hearts  
through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us.

**For while we were still weak, at the right time  
Christ died for the ungodly.**

For one will scarcely die for a righteous person—  
though perhaps for a good person one would dare even to die—  
but God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners,  
Christ died for us.

**Since, therefore, we have now been justified by his blood,  
much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God.**

For if while we were enemies  
we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son,  
much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life.

**More than that,  
we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
through whom we have now received reconciliation.**

**Amazing love! How can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?**

Choir:  
Amazing love, amazing love, how can it be?

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15

*Samuel Edward Greer, born October 26, 2015, son of Sonia and Jake Greer  
Eleanor Ann Harris, born September 19, 2015, daughter of Helene and Watson Harris  
Ann Emerson Humphreys, born October 29, 2015, daughter of Courtney and McKee Humphrey*

11:00

*Caroline Rebecca Stone, born June 17, 2015, daughter of Jennifer and Ross Stone  
Darcy Catherine Baker, born October 2, 2015, daughter of Paige and Drew Baker  
Alexandra Christopher Coats, born September 10, 2015, daughter of Emily and Chris Coats  
Anne Reverly Pool, born November 6, 2015, daughter of Kristi and Rob Pool*

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.**

HUMBLY BOW TO OUR RISEN KING

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, our heavenly Father,  
for the ways we have spurned Your love for other loves, forgive us;  
for all the times we have acted without love, forgive us;  
for the things we have done that we regret, forgive us;  
for the things we have failed to do that we regret, forgive us;  
for all the times we have failed to forgive and be merciful, forgive us.  
For hurtful words said and helpful words unsaid,  
God of all time, forgive us  
and help us to lay down our burden of regret  
through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who lived, died and rose again for us. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦HYMN OF ASSURANCE: "Doxology" . . . . . LASST UNS ERFRUEN

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

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. . . . . Joshua D. Yates

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Crown Him, the Risen King!" . . . . .arr. Lloyd Larson

All creatures of our God and King,  
Lift up your voice and with us sing: "Christ is Risen!"  
O praise Him, alleluia, alleluia!

Rejoice, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King adore!  
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

His kingdom cannot fail; He rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n.  
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice! Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne.  
Hark! How the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.  
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . DIADEMATA

**Crown Him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave,  
And rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.  
His glories now we sing, who died, and rose on high,  
Who died eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

Choir:  
All creatures of our God and King,  
Christ is risen! Christ is risen!  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

## GLADLY TRUST IN OUR LIFE-GIVING LORD

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

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.**

GOSPEL LESSON . . . . .John 20:30-31  
(page 907 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 Bible's Great Purpose* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♠HYMN OF RESURRECTION:

No. 176 "Hail, Thou Once Despised Jesus!" ..... IN BABILONE

♠BENEDICTION

♠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: "Alleluia!" ..... PALESTRINA

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata" ..... John Weaver

♠Indicates congregation standing

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## Getting Connected

To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Pastor Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or [todd.erickson@2pc.org](mailto:todd.erickson@2pc.org).

## Pastoral Care

One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you in the Gathering Room, located on the left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary. You may also contact a member of our pastoral team directly using the information below.

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## Sunday Night Worship

We gather each Sunday at 6:00 p.m. for a service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God's Word. Tonight, we continue our semester-long series studying Paul's letter to the Philippians (Philippians 4:2-3). We invite you to worship with us.