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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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August 14, 2016  
8:15 a.m.



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

When followers of Jesus gather for corporate worship, we remind one another of what we believe. We call this professing our faith. Today, we profess our faith using the Apostles' Creed. This creed chronicles in summary fashion "the most exciting drama that ever staggered the imagination of man. God's plan of rescuing sinful man is the greatest drama ever staged..." (Dorothy Sayers, *Creed or Chaos*).

The Holy Spirit uses the truths of the Creed to teach us what we believe, but also to teach us how best to live our lives. It reminds us that:

- Our lives are lived best with the triune God at the center: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- Our lives are lived best knowing confidently what we believe.
- Our lives are lived best relationally. The creed reminds us that we enjoy a vertical relationship with our Father and horizontal relationships with our brothers and sisters.
- Our lives are lived best remembering the cross before the crown — death before resurrection.

This reminds us that suffering and death do not have the final word in a believer's life. Our earthly journey is indeed filled with suffering and sorrows. Yet, the final word for worshippers of Jesus is life everlasting. Therefore, let us gladly worship our life-giving Lord today!

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

### ORGAN PRELUDE:

"Allegro moderato e serioso" from *Sonata No. 1* . . . . . Felix Mendelssohn  
"Adagio" . . . . . Felix Mendelssohn  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

CHORAL INTROIT: "I Was Glad" . . . . . Hubert Parry  
*text from Psalm 122*

I was glad, glad when they said unto me,  
We will go, we will go into the house of the Lord.  
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem!

*The Westminster Singers  
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Gerry A. Peak

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 2 "O Worship the King" . . . . . LYONS

♠PRAYER OF ADORATION

♠GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN . . . . . William A. Nease

A PRAYER FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS . . . . . T. Barton Kimbro

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy" . . . . . arr. Evelyn Larter

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy, weak and wounded, sick and sore,  
Jesus ready stands to save you, full of pity, love and pow'r.  
He is able, He is able, He is willing, doubt no more.

Agonizing in the garden, lo! Your master prostrate lies;  
On the bloody tree behold Him, hear Him cry before He dies.  
"It is finished, it is finished," will not this suffice?

Let not conscience make you linger, nor of fitness fondly dream;  
All the fitness He requireth is to feel your need of Him.  
This He gives you, this He gives you, 'tis the Spirit's rising beam.

I will arise and go to Jesus; He will embrace me in His arms.  
In the arms of my dear Savior, O, there are ten thousand charms.  
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*Steve Hancock, violin*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . HYFRYDOL

**Jesus! what a strength in weakness! Let me hide myself in Him;  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing, He, my strength, my vict'ry wins.  
Hallelujah! what a Savior! Hallelujah! what a Friend!  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving, He is with me to the end.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: II Chronicles 7:11-22 . . . . . Amanda Coop  
*(page 364 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 *The Key to Spiritual Revival* 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.*

*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).*

✦ 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.**

**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

**God, our heavenly Father,  
through Jesus we have come to know Your name.  
Forgive us for living to make our name great rather than Yours,  
for seeking more Your blessings than Your face,  
and for making excuses rather than turning from our sinful ways.  
We confess to You our struggle with spiritual cancer:  
The pride of place, race, face, and grace.  
May times of refreshing come to us from Your presence  
as You give us the gift of repentance that leads to life.  
This we pray for Jesus' sake and for His glory, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

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.**

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

"I Need Thee Every Hour" ..... NEED

**I need Thee ev'ry hour, most gracious Lord;  
No tender voice like Thine can peace afford.**

*I need Thee, O I need Thee, ev'ry hour I need Thee,  
O bless me now, my Savior, I come to Thee.*

**I need Thee ev'ry hour, stay Thou near by;  
Temptations lose their pow'r when Thou art nigh. *Refrain***

**I need Thee ev'ry hour, in joy or pain;  
Come quickly, and abide, or life is vain. *Refrain***

**I need Thee ev'ry hour, teach me Thy will,  
And Thy rich promises in me fulfill. *Refrain***

**I need Thee ev'ry hour, Most Holy One;  
O make me Thine indeed, Thou blessed Son. *Refrain***

“Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” . . . . . NEAR THE CROSS

Jesus keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,  
Free to all — a healing stream — flows from Calv’ry’s mountain.

*In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;  
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;  
There the Bright and Morning Star shed its beams around me. *Refrain*

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;  
Help me walk from day to day with its shadow o’er me. *Refrain*

Near the cross I’ll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,  
Till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. *Refrain*

“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” . . . . . CWM RHONDDA

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but Thou art mighty;  
Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand;  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
Feed me till I want no more,  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
Whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through;  
Strong Deliv’rer, strong Deliv’rer  
Be Thou still my strength and shield,  
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell’s Destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan’s side;  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to Thee,  
I will ever give to Thee.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT . . . . . CWM RHONDDA

Thinking on my habitation,  
Longing for my heav’nly home,  
Fills my soul with holy yearnings:  
Come, my Jesus, quickly come;  
Vanity is all I see;  
Lord, I long to be with Thee!  
Lord, I long to be with Thee!

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Finale” from *Sonata No. 1* . . . . . Alexandre Guilmant

✦Indicates congregation standing

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