

Order for the Public Worship of God

The Eighth Day of May Two Thousand and Eleven

Season of Eastertide

8:15 a.m. • The Sanctuary

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.
Please silence your mobile devices.*

HANDBELL PRELUDE: "For the Beauty of the Earth" J.D. Frizzell

BRASS PRELUDE: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. Frank Garlock

CHORAL INTROIT: "O Sing Unto the Lord" Noel Rawsthorne

O sing unto the Lord a new song.
Let the congregation of saints praise Him.
Let them praise His name in the dance.
Let them sing praises unto Him with the timbrel and harp.
Let the saints be joyful in glory.

*Combined Choirs
Gabriel C. Statom, Director*

CALL TO WORSHIP Timothy L. Russell

♠HYMN OF RESURRECTION: No. 286 "Worship Christ, the Risen King!" . . .REGENT SQUARE

♠READING FROM THE PSALMS: Psalm 116:1-9, 15-19. Olin F. Morris

I love the Lord, because he has heard my voice and my pleas for mercy.

**Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.**

The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;
I suffered distress and anguish.

**Then I called on the name of the Lord:
"O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"**

Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.

**The Lord preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.**

Return, O my soul, to your rest;

for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

**O Lord, I am your servant;
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.**

You have loosed my bonds.

**I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.**

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,
in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

Praise the Lord!

**All creation join in praising
God the Father, Spirit, Son;
Evermore your voices raising
To th'eternal Three in One.
Come and worship, come and worship,
Worship Christ, the risen King.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

READING FROM THE GOSPELS Matthew 5:27-32
(page 810 in pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Father,
Who by Your Son has called us to live holy lives,
we confess anew our many sins.
We have thought evil thoughts;
we have said unwholesome words;
we have committed wicked deeds.
Please forgive us.
We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent.
Renew our minds and hearts and wills
that we may hereafter please You
and glorify Your Holy Name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦ HYMN OF EXALTATION: No. 296 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" CORONATION
stanzas 1, 5 & 6

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO GOD Michael R. Gatliff

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Thine Be the Glory" MACCABAEUS

Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won;
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
Kept the folded graveclothes, where the body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
Lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
Let the church with gladness, hymns of triumph sing,
For her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MACCABAEUS

**No more we doubt Thee, glorious Prince of Life;
Life is naught without Thee, aid us in our strife;
Make us more than conqu'rors, thro' Thy deathless love;
Bring us safe thro' Jordan to Thy home above.**

**Thine be the glory, risen, conqu'ring Son;
Endless is the vict'ry Thou o'er death hast won.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN T. Barton Kimbro

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READING FROM THE EPISTLES I Thessalonians 4:1-8
(page 987 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)

COMMUNION HOMILY *Living in the World:
Sexual Ethics* Sanders L. Willson

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.

SONG OF INVITATION: No. 501 "Just As I Am, Without One Plea" WOODWORTH
stanzas 1 & 6

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.

"Just As I Am, Without One Plea" WOODWORTH

**Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, Whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt,
Fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

**Just as I am, Thou wilt receive, wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve;
Because Thy promise I believe, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.**

"The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Done" PALESTRINA

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**The strife is o'er, the battle done;
The victory of life is won;
The song of triumph has begun. Alleluia!**

The pow'rs of death have done their worst,
But Christ their legions hath dispersed:
Let shouts of holy joy outburst. Alleluia!

The three sad days have quickly sped;
He rises glorious from the dead:
All glory to our risen Head! Alleluia!

He closed the yawning gates of hell;
The bars from heav'n's high portals fell:
Let hymns of praise His triumphs tell. Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee,
From death's dread sting Thy servants free,
That we may live and sing to Thee. Alleluia!

"In Christ Alone" Stuart Townend, Keith Getty

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone! Who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save:
Till on that cross as Jesus died,
The wrath of God was satisfied—
For every sin on Him was laid;
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
For I am His and He is mine—
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,
This is the power of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
Can ever pluck me from His hand;
Till He returns or calls me home,
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

"Alleluia! Alleluia!" EBENEZER

Alleluia! Alleluia! Hearts to heav'n and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness, sing to God a hymn of praise:
He who on the cross a victim for the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of glory, now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance at His second coming yield:
Then the golden ears of harvest will their heads before Him wave,
Ripened by His glorious sunshine from the furrows of the grave.

**Alleluia! Alleluia! Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Savior, who has won the victory;
Alleluia to the Spirit, fount of love and sanctity.
Alleluia! Alleluia to the Triune Majesty.**

♣BENEDICTION

♣CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Assurance" J. Bert Carlson

♣Indicates congregation standing

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*Today's combined choir includes several of our Music Ministry ensembles:
Music Makers and Spirit and Song Choirs and Handbell Choir, Terri Theil, Director
Youth Choir, Ginger Statom, Director
Chancel Choir, Gabriel Statom, Director*

*Handbell Choir: Annie Petzinger, Barbara Faulk, Philip Sandager, Mary Lawrence Flinn, Fred Flinn,
Anne Thompson, Carolyn Wells, Estelle Curtis, Debbie Thomas, Jim Cantrell, Mimi Vestal*

*Instrumentalists: Lenora Morrow, organ; John Scheusselin and Charles Gates, trumpets; Greg
Luscombe and Mark Vail, trombones*

*We consider it a privilege to have our children in worship with us. If your small children become
restless and vocal, we invite you to the children's room especially designed for them at the rear of
the Sanctuary. They are also welcome in the nursery. Older children should also be encouraged
to come to church prepared to stay in their pew throughout the service.*

*One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you or to offer helpful direction
regarding your spiritual life. He will be in the Gathering Room, which is the first room on your
left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary (closest to the pulpit). You may also send
your confidential email to pastor@2pc.org with questions about your spiritual life.*