



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

May 12, 2013
11:00 a.m.


Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The Liturgy of the Word

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

PIANO IMPROVISATION: "Behold the Lamb of God" Getty, arr. Morrow
Lenora Morrow, piano

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Andante Festivo" Jean Sibelius

CHORAL INTROIT: "God Is Gone Up" Gerald Finzi

God is gone up with a triumphant shout:
The Lord with sounding trumpets' melodies:
Sing praise, sing praise, sing praise,
Sing praises out, sing praises out,
Unto our King sing praise seraphic-wise!
Lift up your heads, ye lasting doors, they sing,
And let the King of Glory enter in.

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

CALL TO WORSHIP T. Barton Kimbro

✦HYMN OF ASCENSION: No. 295 "Crown Him with Many Crowns" DIADEMATA

✦GOSPEL READING: Luke 24:50-53 Brandon G. Morrison

Then he led them out as far as Bethany,
and lifting up his hands he blessed them.

**While he blessed them, he parted from them
and was carried up into heaven.**

And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,
and were continually in the temple blessing God.

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DIADEMATA

**Crown Him the Lord of life: Who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious to 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.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Let the People Praise" Allen Pote

*Let all the people praise Thee, O God.
O let all the people sing for joy and magnify Thy name.
Let the people praise with thanksgiving.*

O God, be gracious and make Thy face to shine on us,
So that the world may know Thy ways.
Let the people be glad, and sing for joy, and praise Thee,
For Thou, O God, has blessed us.

We will give Thee thanks, O God.
We will sing with joyful song.
We will rejoice in Thy name forever,
For Thy love is for all generations.

The Chancel, Youth, and Children's Choirs

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**A hymn of glory let us sing;
New songs thro'out the world shall ring;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ, by a road before untrod,
Ascendeth to the throne of God.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

✠ PRAYER OF DEDICATION Ronald G. Sadlow

✠ GREETINGS

A PRAYER FOR OUR MOTHERS

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

EPISTLE READING Ephesians 2:1-7
(page 976 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)

HOMILY *From Wrath to Riches* 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. An elder will serve gluten free communion bread to those who raise their hands.

✠ PROFESSION OF FAITH The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by Whom all things were made;
Who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary,
and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again with glory
to judge both the living and the dead;
Whose Kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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

**Almighty God, Who raised Your Son from the dead
and enthroned Him at Your right hand on high
that every knee should bow to His Majesty,
we acknowledge that we have often submitted to other powers,
exalted other rulers,
and built other kingdoms.
Please forgive our brazen disloyalty and foolish disobedience.
We are truly sorry and earnestly repent.
Lord, take up Your throne again in our hearts,
and rule our every thought, word, and deed
that Jesus Christ may be greatly exalted
and His Kingdom everywhere proclaimed,
now and forever. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

LITANY OF PRAISE

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our joyful duty, that we should at all times and in all places, give thanks unto You, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God. And we praise You for Jesus Christ our Lord, Who has ascended to the highest place, and been given the Name above all names;

**Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify Your glorious Name;
evermore praising You and saying:**

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Blessed is He Who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

CHORAL MEDITATION: "Bread of God, Bread of Life"Carolyn Jennings
Text from John 6:27-35, 47-51

Bread of God, Bread of Life,
Living Bread from heaven, the true Bread of Life.

Believe in Me and you will never hunger or thirst;
The food I give to you will never perish.

Bread of God, Bread of Life.
My life is given for the life of the world.

Whoever believes in Me has eternal life.
I am the Bread of Life, sent by God.

SHARING OF THE CUP

ORGAN MEDITATION: "Nearer, My God, to Thee"Lowell Mason

*Nearer, my God to Thee, nearer to Thee!
E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me;
Still all my song shall be, nearer, my God, to Thee.

There let the way appear steps unto heaven;
All that Thou sendest me in mercy given;
Angels to beckon me, nearer my God, to Thee.

Nearer, my God, to Thee, nearer to Thee.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦HYMN OF DEVOTION: No. 296 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" . .CORONATION
stanzas 1, 4, 5 & 6

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Praeludium in F Major, BWV 540"J.S. Bach

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

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.

Sunday Night Worship - 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary
We gather each Sunday evening for an informal service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God's Word. Our morning and evening services frame our weekly Lord's Day worship. We invite you to worship with us.