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8:15 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.*

ORGAN IMPROVISATION: "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" . . . . . arr. Morrow  
*Lenora Morrow, organ*

PRELUDE: "It Is Salvation That Has Come to Us" . . . . . J.S. Bach

CHORAL INTROIT: "Sing Unto God" . . . . . G.F. Handel  
Sing unto God, and high affections raise,  
To crown this conquest with unmeasured praise.  
*The Chancel Choir  
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music  
Molly Johnson, Music Intern*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Michael G. Stokke

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 38 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" . . . . . JOANNA

♠PSALTER READING: Psalm 104:1-5, 14-19, 24, 27-28, 31-33 . . . . . Ethan Knight

Bless the Lord, O my soul!  
O Lord my God, you are very great!

**You are clothed with splendor and majesty,  
covering yourself with light as with a garment,  
stretching out the heavens like a tent.**

He lays the beams of his chambers on the waters;  
he makes the clouds his chariot;

**he rides on the wings of the wind;  
he makes his messengers winds,  
his ministers a flaming fire.**

He set the earth on its foundations,  
so that it should never be moved.

**You cause the grass to grow for the livestock  
and plants for man to cultivate,**

that he may bring forth food from the earth  
and wine to gladden the heart of man,  
oil to make his face shine  
and bread to strengthen man's heart.

**The trees of the Lord are watered abundantly,  
the cedars of Lebanon that he planted.**

In them the birds build their nests;  
the stork has her home in the fir trees.

**The high mountains are for the wild goats;  
the rocks are a refuge for the rock badgers.**

He made the moon to mark the seasons;  
the sun knows its time for setting.

**O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom have you made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.**

These all look to you, to give them their food in due season.

**When you give it to them, they gather it up;  
when you open your hand, they are filled with good things.**

May the glory of the Lord endure forever;

may the Lord rejoice in his works,  
who looks on the earth and it trembles,  
who touches the mountains and they smoke!

**I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will sing praise to my God while I have being.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . JOANNA

**To all life Thou givest— to both great and small,  
In all life Thou livest the true life of all;  
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,  
And wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.**

✦ PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “My God Is an Awesome God” . . . . . Keith Hampton

My God is an awesome God. Hallelujah!  
Let’s give Him the praise.  
My God is an awesome God.  
His wondrous acts let us proclaim.  
The earth is the Lord’s and the fullness thereof,  
The world and they that dwell therein.

God sent me to a distant land,  
And He showed His greatness and majesty.

I was an empty cup and He made me full,  
And He ordained me to do His will.

For He hath founded it upon the seas,  
And established it upon the floods.

Send me. Anoint me. Use me, Lord.  
Lift up your heads, O ye gates,  
And the King of Glory shall come in!

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . LOBE DEN HERREN

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!  
O my soul, praise Him, for He is thy health and salvation!  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near,  
Join me in glad adoration.**

**Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him!  
Let the amen sound from His people again;  
Gladly fore’er we adore Him.**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION . . . . . Gerry A. Peak

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

EPISTLE READING . . . . . Ephesians 3:1-13  
(page 977 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

*Stewarding the Mystery*

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.*

✦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.**

✦GLORIA PATRI ..... GREATOR EX

**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 dwells in a high and holy place,  
but also with the one who is contrite and lowly in spirit,  
in order to revive the spirit of the lowly  
and to revive the heart of the contrite,  
hear our prayer of confession:  
We have sinned against You and against our neighbor  
by violating Your holy commandments.  
Our hearts are grief-stricken,  
knowing that we have offended Your Divine Majesty.  
Please forgive us,  
and revive our hearts, as you have graciously promised  
that we may serve and honor You, now and forevermore,  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. 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 printed below.*

“’Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” . . . . . TRUST IN JESUS

**’Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus, just to take Him at His Word;  
Just to rest upon His promise, just to know, “Thus saith the Lord!”**

*Jesus, Jesus, how I trust Him! How I’ve proved Him o’er and o’er;  
Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus! Oh, for grace to trust Him more!*

**O how sweet to trust in Jesus, just to trust His cleansing blood;  
Just in simple faith to plunge me ‘neath the healing, cleansing flood!**

*Chorus*

**Yes, ’tis sweet to trust in Jesus, just from sin and self to cease;  
Just from Jesus simply taking life and rest, and joy and peace.**

*Chorus*

**I’m so glad I learned to trust Thee, precious Jesus, Savior, Friend;  
And I know that Thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.**

*Chorus*

“Before the Throne of God Above” . . . . . Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook

**Before the throne of God above,  
I have a strong, a perfect plea,  
A great High Priest whose name is “Love,”  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart;  
I know that while in heav’n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair,  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end to all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God, the Just, is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me.  
To look on Him and pardon me.**

**Behold Him there the risen Lamb,  
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace!  
One with Himself I cannot die,  
My soul is purchased by His blood;  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.**

**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,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦HYMN OF FAITH: No. 498 “Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!” . . . . .HYFRYDOL  
stanzas 1 & 5

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “In the Cross of Christ, I Glory” . . . . . arr. David Cherwien

✦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](mailto: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.