



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

December 8, 2013



Entering God's Presence

*We gather as God's people to joyfully offer praise to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
We convene with reverence and awe, preparing ourselves to join with the communion of saints.*

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

You are invited to pray, perhaps including the following prayer, as you prepare for worship.

Merciful God, who sent Your messengers, the prophets,
to preach repentance and prepare the way for our salvation:
Give us grace to heed their warnings and forsake our sins,
that we may greet with joy the coming of Jesus Christ, our Redeemer,
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.

ORGAN PRELUDE: Improvisation on "Angels We Have Heard on High" arr. Morrow
"In Dulci Jubilo" settings by J.S. Bach and Johann Michael Bach

Lenora Morrow, organ

LIGHTING OF THE SECOND ADVENT CANDLE

Mary Katherine and Elmer Stout and Sarah Taylor (8:15)
Cam, Frannie and Joy Hillyer (11:00)

CHORAL INTROIT: "Glory Be to the Father" Charles Stanford

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!

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Ronald G. Sadlow

♠HYMN OF GOD'S GLORY: No. 214 "Angels We Have Heard on High" GLORIA

♠PROPHETIC LESSON: Isaiah 60:1-5; 6b Jennifer W. Thompson (8:15)
Brandon G. Morrison (11:00)

Arise, shine, for your light has come,

and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you.

For behold, darkness shall cover the earth,
and thick darkness the peoples;

**but the Lord will arise upon you,
and his glory will be seen upon you.**

And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.

**Lift up your eyes all around, and see;
they all gather together, they come to you;**

your sons shall come from afar,
and your daughters shall be carried on the hip.

**Then you shall see and be radiant;
your heart shall thrill and exult,**

because the abundance of the sea shall be turned to you,
the wealth of the nations shall come to you.

**They shall bring gold and frankincense,
and shall bring good news, the praises of the Lord.**

♠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE GLORIA

**Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Gloria in excelsis Deo.**

♠PRAYER OF ADORATION

Glorifying God's Messiah

We give glory to God through singing, giving and praying in faith.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Glory to the Newborn King" Moses Hogan

What will we call that pretty little Baby?
Baby born in Bethlehem.
What will we call that pretty little baby?
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Where was He born, this pretty little baby?
Down in a lowly manger.
Where His birth was in a stable.
Christ the Lord, the newborn King.
Born this night, the Son of Mary.
Hail the heav'n-born Prince of peace.
Glory to the newborn King.
Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King.
Go and tell it on the mountain, Lord,
That Jesus Christ is born.
We're singing all praise to the newborn King,
All praise to the newborn King.
Glory, glory, glory to the newborn King.

Terri Theil, soloist

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE REGENT SQUARE

**"Glory, blessing, praise eternal!"
Thus the choir of angels sings;
"Honor, riches, power, dominion!"
Thus its praise creation brings;
Glory, glory, glory, glory,
Glory to the King of kings!**

✦ PRAYER OF DEDICATION A. Mitchell Moore

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

ORDINATION OF D. TODD ERICKSON (8:15)

Presbytery of Central South Ordination Commission: Bill Jorgensen, Price Morrison, Pat Nelson, David Stenberg, Sandy Willson

ORDINATION OF GERRY A. PEAK (11:00)

Presbytery of Central South Ordination Commission: John Ivy, Price Morrison, Hewitt Perkins, Jr., Ron Sadlow, Sandy Willson

CHORAL MEDITATION: "Jesus, Lead My Footsteps Ever" J.S. Bach
from Christmas Oratorio, Cantata No. 4

Jesus, lead my footsteps ever.
Ever all my senses guide;
From all ills my doings sever.
Put all else than Thee aside!
Jesus, let Thy grace attend me;
From all evil e'er defend me.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION, 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.**

Hearing God's Word

God speaks through the reading and preaching of the Holy Scriptures.

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....Acts 3:11-26
(page 911 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 *A Prophet Like Moses* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF ADVENTAUSTRIAN HYMN

**Comfort, comfort ye my people,
Speak ye peace, thus saith our God;
Comfort those who sit in darkness,
Mourning 'neath their sorrow's load;
Speak ye to Jerusalem
Of the peace that waits for them;
Tell her that her sins I cover,
And her warfare now is o'er.**

**For the herald's voice is crying
In the desert far and near,
Bidding all men to repentance,
Since the kingdom now is here.
O that warning cry obey!
Now prepare for God a way!
Let the valleys rise to meet Him,
And the hills bow down to Him.**

**Make ye straight what long was crooked,
Make the rougher places plain:
Let your hearts be true and humble,
As befits His holy reign,
For the glory of the Lord
Now o'er earth is shed abroad,
And all flesh shall see the token
That His word is always firm.**

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on "O Come, O Come Emmanuel" Andrew Carter

✦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.