



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

May 25, 2014



HE REIGNS ON HIGH! ALLELUIA!

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

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

You are invited to pray and reflect on the following prayer as you prepare for worship.

Almighty God, Whose blessed Son our Savior Jesus Christ
ascended far above all heavens that He might fill all things;
Mercifully give us faith to perceive that, according to His promise,
He abides with His Church on earth, even to the end of the ages;
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

ORGAN PRELUDE: "The Emperor's Fanfare" Antonio Soler
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Blessed Assurance" Duane Funderburk
Long Long Kang, violin; Samuel Metzger, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 47:5-8 (NIV) Ronald G. Sadlow

God has ascended amid shouts of joy,
the Lord amid the sounding of trumpets.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
sing praises to our King, sing praises.
For God is the King of all the earth;
sing to him a psalm of praise.
God reigns over the nations;
God is seated on his holy throne.

✦HYMN OF CHRIST'S ASCENSION:
No. 289 "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" LASST UNS ERFREUEN

✦NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 1:6-11 Christopher M. Taylor (8:15)
Brandon G. Morrison (11:00)

So when they had come together, they asked him,
"Lord, will you at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?"
He said to them, "It is not for you to know times or seasons
that the Father has fixed by his own authority.

**But you will receive power
when the Holy Spirit has come upon you,
and you will be my witnesses
in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria,
and to the end of the earth."**

And when he had said these things, as they were looking on,
he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.
And while they were gazing into heaven as he went, behold,
two men stood by them in white robes, and said,

**"Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into heaven?
This Jesus, who was taken up from you into heaven,
will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**O risen Christ, ascended Lord,
All praise to Thee let earth accord, alleluia, alleluia.
Who art, while endless ages run,
With Father and with Spirit One,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

HE REIGNS IN MERCY! ALLELUIA!

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15

*Thomas Montgomery Bowie, born November 26, 2013, son of Emily and Sean Bowie
Conner Allen Payne, born October 21, 2013, son of Mandy and Justin Payne*

11:00

Madeleine Townsley French, born November 20, 2013, daughter of Sherrill and Daniel French

PARENTAL VOWS

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the sacred Scriptures, and that you will strive, by all the means that God provides you, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you undertake the responsibility to assist these parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: "Jesus Loves You" JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty Father,
You have raised Jesus from death to life
and crowned Him Lord of all.
We confess that we have not bowed before Him
or acknowledged His rule in our lives.
We have gone along with the ways of the world
and failed to give Him glory.
Forgive us and raise us from sin,
that we may be Your faithful people,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,
Who rules the world and is head of the church, His body.
We pray in His glorious and exalted name. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION: "He Leadeth Me" arr. Paul Jones

*He leadeth me, He leadeth me,
By His own hand He leadeth me;
His faithful follower I would be,
For by His hand He leadeth me.*

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✠HYMN OF CHRIST'S EXALTATION:

No. 296 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"CORONATION

stanzas 1-4

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. T. Barton Kimbro

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Thou Art Gone Up on High" G.F. Handel
from Messiah/text from Psalm 68:18

Thou art gone up on high; Thou hast led captivity captive, and received gifts for men;
Yea, even from Thine enemies, that the Lord God might dwell among them.

Terri Theil, soloist

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CORONATION

**Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all;
To Him all majesty ascribe, and crown Him Lord of all.**

**O that with yonder sacred throng we at His feet may fall;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown Him Lord of all.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

HE REIGNS IN TRUTH! ALLELUIA!

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Lee Taylor

PRAYERS OF 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.**

EPISTLE LESSON Ephesians 6:10-15
(page 979 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 *Put on Your Shoes* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 301 "Join All the Glorious Names" DARWALL

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE:

Festival Toccata on "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Frederick Swann

✦ *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.