



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

June 29, 2014



EXTOLLING THE LOVE OF GOD

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

MEDITATION ON GOD'S LOVE

You are invited to reflect on the following words as you prepare for worship.

Could we with ink the ocean fill, and were the skies of parchment made,
Were every stalk on earth a quill, and every man a scribe by trade,
To write the love of God above, would drain the ocean dry.
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, though stretched from sky to sky.

Frederick Lehman

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God" Noel Rawsthorne
"Pastorale (Sonata No. 1)" Alexandre Guilmant
Samuel Metzger, organist

CHORAL INTROIT: "Of the Father's Love Begotten" DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

Of the Father's love begotten ere the worlds began to be,
He is Alpha and Omega, He the Source, the Ending He,
Of the things that are, that have been, and that future years shall see,
Evermore and evermore!

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

CALL TO WORSHIP Gerry A. Peak

✦PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 81 "O Love of God, How Strong and True" JERUSALEM

✦PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 63:1-5 Margaret S. Stephens (8:15)
Blanche P. Tosh (11:00)

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
**my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.**

So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

**Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.**

So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

**My soul will be satisfied as with fat and rich food,
and my mouth will praise you with joyful lips.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE JERUSALEM

**The love of God is greater far
Than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star,
And reaches to the lowest hell;
O love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong and sure!
It shall forevermore endure
The songs of saints and angel choirs.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

Mary and Wil Ashworth, Lauren Birdwell, Beverly Gant, Holly and Jonny Herberich, Betsy and John Hill, Blake Lam, Barbara and Rick McClanahan, Samuel Metzger, Aubrey Mills, Mary and Bill Routt, Kate and Phillip Taylor, Sandy and Russ White, Sydney and Terry Williams, Jack Williams, Sarah Williamson

MEMBERSHIP VOWS

Do you acknowledge yourselves to be sinners in the sight of God and without hope for your salvation except in His sovereign mercy?

Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and depend upon Him alone for your salvation as He is offered in the Gospel?

Do you now promise and resolve, in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?

Do you promise to serve Christ in His church by supporting and participating with this congregation in its service of God and its ministry to others to the best of your ability?

Do you submit yourselves to the government and discipline of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and to the spiritual oversight of this church session, and do you promise to promote the unity, purity, and peace of the church?

EXPERIENCING THE LOVE OF GOD

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O God of love and mercy,
Who has forgiven all our sins even before we commit them
through the sacrificial atonement of Your Son Jesus Christ,
we are truly sorry for all of our transgressions
and we would repent of all our sinful ways.
Cleanse us by the renewing grace of Your Holy Spirit.
Revive our hearts that we may love and serve You,
through Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

◆HYMN OF ASSURANCE:

No. 703 "Loved with Everlasting Love"..... EVERLASTING LOVE

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS.....D. Todd Erickson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "If Ye Love Me" Philip Wilby
Text from John 14:15-18

If ye love Me, keep My commandments,
And I will pray the Father,
And He shall give you another Comforter,
That He may abide with you forever;
E'en the Spirit of Truth.
And ye know Him, for He dwelleth with you,
And shall be in you.
I will not leave you comfortless.
I will come to you.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CARITAS

**My Jesus, I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus 'tis now.**

**I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary's tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

EXPRESSING THE LOVE OF GOD

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

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 6:21-24
(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 *Love Incorruptible* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF GOD'S LOVE: No. 529 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" BEECHER

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE:

Sinfonia "We Thank Thee Dear God" (Cantata 29) J. S. Bach; arr. Dupré

✦ *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.