



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

August 24, 2014



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship
and silence your mobile devices.*

Early Christians adopted the title “Lord” to call upon Jesus of Nazareth whom they believed was God’s Anointed One (i.e. Christ/Messiah). During worship, they frequently used the acclamation “Kyrie eleison,” which in Greek means “Lord, have mercy!” Today we will frame our time of confession by singing these words. We confess our sins together to remind ourselves that we all need the saving and cleansing power of the Gospel. However, our confession of sin would only lead us to despair if we did not believe that God is merciful. So we begin by allowing the Spirit to convict us of our sin and the depth of our need of mercy. Then, we remember with amazement that, in Christ, God has acted in a decisive way to grant us mercy, forgiveness, and acceptance.

*Let us prepare our hearts for worship
by praying one of the shortest prayers in the Bible —
the simple prayer found in Jesus’ parable in Luke 18:13:
“Lord, be merciful to me, the sinner.”*

SING THE LORD’S PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: Voluntary on “Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord” . . Charles Callahan

ORGAN AND TRUMPET PRELUDE:

“Air Trompette” Georg Philipp Telemann
Psalm 19 “The Heavens Declare the Glory of God” Benedetto Marcello
Samuel Metzger, organ; Scott Moore, trumpet

CHORAL INTROIT: “O Sing Unto the Lord” Henry Purcell

O sing unto the Lord a new song! Hallelujah!
Sing unto the Lord, all the whole earth! Hallelujah!

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

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 98:1-3 T. Barton Kimbro

Oh sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvelous things!

**His right hand and his holy arm
have worked salvation for him.**

The Lord has made known his salvation;
he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.
All the ends of the earth have seen
the salvation of our God.**

Therefore, let us worship God.

We shall worship Him with all our hearts.

◆HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 16 “Come, Let Us Sing unto the Lord” DUKE STREET
stanzas 1-4

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;
break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

**Sing praises to the Lord with the lyre,
with the lyre and the sound of melody!**

With trumpets and the sound of the horn
make a joyful noise before the King, the Lord!

**Let the sea roar, and all that fills it;
the world and those who dwell in it!**

Let the rivers clap their hands;
let the hills sing for joy together
before the Lord, for he comes to judge the earth.

**He will judge the world with righteousness,
and the peoples with equity.**

♣CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DUKE STREET

**Let earth be glad, let billows roar
And all that dwell from shore to shore;
Let floods clap hands with one accord,
Let hills rejoice before the Lord.**

**For lo, He comes; at His command
All nations shall in judgment stand;
In justice robed and throned in light,
The Lord shall judge, dispensing right.**

♣PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

*8:15: Anna Lucia Greer, born December 16, 2013, daughter of Sonia and Jake Greer
Charlotte Audrey Hill, born January 29, 2013, daughter of Betsy and John Hill*

11:00: Charley Kay Ashworth, born February 26, 2014, daughter of Mary and Wil Ashworth

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.**

RECEIVE THE LORD'S MERCY

SONG OF SUPPLICATION: "Have Mercy"..... Fernando Ortega

Ho - ly God. Ho - ly and might - y. Ho - ly
im - mor-tal One, Have mer - cy, have mer - cy, on us.

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Father,
we, poor sinners, acknowledge before You, our great God,
that we have terribly and in many ways sinned against You,
not only outwardly, but much more with inward blindness,
pride, resentment, bitterness,
unbelief, despondency, impatience,
covetousness, envy, and other sinful affections.
We repent of these things, knowing they grieve You,
and heartily ask You for mercy,
for the sake of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Trust God's Will"Johannes Brahms

Let no sad thought oppress thee, distress thee;
Fear nothing, trust God's own will, and be thou still, my spirit.
Heed not with care and sorrow the morrow:
Our Father who all doth see shall give to thee thy portion.
From righteous paths range not, and change not;
Be steadfast, for God is just; give Him your trust forever. Amen.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TRUST AND OBEY

**When we walk with the Lord in the light of His Word,
What a glory He sheds on our way!
While we do His good will, He abides with us still,
And with all who will trust and obey.**

*Trust and obey, for there's no other way
To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey.*

**Not a shadow can rise, not a cloud in the skies,
But His smile quickly drives it away;
Not a doubt or a fear, not a sigh nor a tear,
Can abide while we trust and obey.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION Michael G. Stokke

✦GREETINGS

INTRODUCTION OF UNIVERSITY OF MEMPHIS PRESIDENT, DAVID RUDD

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

TRUST THE LORD’S NAME

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.

GOSPEL LESSON John 1:9-13
(page 886 in the church 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 *To All Who Receive Him* Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦SENDING HYMN: No. 528 “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” OLIVET

✦BENEDICTION

✦BENEDICTION RESPONSE Johannes Brahms
Text from Numbers 6:24

The Lord bless you and keep you,

The Lord make His face to shine upon you, and give you peace. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Sortie in B flat” Louis Lefébure-Wély

✦Indicates congregation standing *CCLI License #252778*

Vision Night

Tonight, we invite you to join us at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary for a time of rejoicing about what the Lord has done over the past year and to hear Sandy Willson cast the vision for the year ahead. A reception featuring heavy hors d’oeuvres will follow in the Fellowship Hall.

Getting Connected

To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or todd.erickson@2pc.org.