

# Order for the Public Worship of God

The Twenty-seventh Day of February, Two Thousand and Eleven

## Season of Epiphany – World Missions Sunday

8:15 and 11:00 a.m. • The Sanctuary

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.  
Please turn off your cell phone.*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: “Alleluia for Two Trumpets” . . . . . J.S. Bach  
“Sinfonia” . . . . . H. Purcell

*Lenora Morrow, Organ  
John Scheusselin and Charles Gates, Trumpets  
Greg Luscombe and Mark Vail, Trombones*

CHORAL INTROIT: “Let All the World in Every Corner Sing” . . . . . Walter Pelz

Let all the world in every corner sing:  
“My God and King!”

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

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Norm LeDuc, Pioneers (8:15)  
Craig Pohl, Ecuador (11:00)

✦PROCESSIONAL HYMN: No. 263 “Lift High the Cross” . . . . . CRUCIFER

✦READING FROM THE PSALMS: Psalm 71:15-19 . . . . Daryl Bussert, JAARS, Inc. (8:15)  
Jim Foote, Siberia (11:00)

My mouth will tell of your righteous acts,  
of your deeds of salvation all the day,  
for their number is past my knowledge.

**With the mighty deeds of the Lord God I will come;  
I will remind them of your righteousness, yours alone.**

O God, from my youth you have taught me,  
and I still proclaim your wondrous deeds.

**So even to old age and gray hairs,  
O God, do not forsake me,  
until I proclaim your might to another generation,  
your power to all those to come.**

Your righteousness, O God,  
reaches the high heavens.

**You who have done great things,  
O God, who is like you?**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . CRUCIFER

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION . . . . . Cliff Fenlason, S.E. Asia (8:15)  
Stephen Spencer (11:00)

READING FROM THE EPISTLES: Acts 4:8-13, 18-20 . . . . . Marcelo Robles (8:15)  
*(page 912 in pew Bible)* David Dillard (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Most merciful Father,  
we confess that we have not loved You  
with all our heart and mind and strength,  
nor have we loved one another as Christ has loved us.  
We have been preoccupied with our own needs and desires  
so that we have not ministered to the needs of others,  
especially those who face eternity without a Savior.  
Forgive us, we ask, and draw us back to the heart of Christ,  
that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways,  
as we speak of Your grace to the world,  
to the glory of Your Name. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦HYMN OF REJOICING . . . . . AZMON

**O for a thousand tongues to sing my great Redeemer’s praise,  
The glories of my God and King, the triumphs of His grace!**

**Jesus! the Name that charms our fears, that bids our sorrows cease;  
’Tis music in the sinner’s ears, ’tis life and health and peace.**

**He breaks the pow’r of reigning sin, He sets the pris’ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean, His blood availed for me.**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS . . . . . Ronald G. Sadlow

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Christ Calls Us Forth” . . . . . K. Lee Scott

Christ calls us forth to Jerusalem, among the masses to proclaim  
To all in hopeless pain and need, the glory of His saving Name.

*“You shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes to you,  
And you shall be My witnesses in Jerusalem and Judea and Samaria,  
To the utmost ends of the earth.”*

Christ sends us forth to Judea’s plains, where angels told His wondrous birth,  
To humble villages around, retell the Savior’s matchless worth.

Christ sends us forth to Samaria to those of different clan and race,  
That they may know His loving care, the Gospel of redeeming grace.

Christ sends us forth to the world around: “To every creature bear the word.”  
Tell out the tidings through the earth, that all may own Him as the Lord.

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . AZMON

**My gracious Master and my God, assist me to proclaim,  
To spread through all the earth abroad the honors of Thy Name.**

**He speaks, and list’ning to His voice, new life the dead receive;  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice; the humble poor believe.**

**Hear Him, ye deaf; His praise, ye dumb, your loosen’d tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Savior come; and leap, ye lame, for joy.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) . . Misha, Inna, Sasha, Yura and Inna Dubovik, Ukraine

INTRODUCTION OF MISSIONARIES AND GUESTS

A WORD FROM OUR NEWEST PARTNERS (11:00) . . . . . Ryan and Glenda

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION . . . . . Sanders L. Willson

READING FROM THE NEW TESTAMENT . . . . . Acts 8:26-39  
*(page 917 in pew Bible)*

SERMON *On the Chasing of Chariots* Ronnie Stevens

PLEDGING OURSELVES TO THE GREAT COMMISSION

RECESSIONAL HYMN: “O Zion, Haste” . . . . . arr. Courtney

*Choir:*  
Look to the fields ripe with harvest. Yet are the laborers few.  
Pray that the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers.

How then shall they call on Him in Whom they have not believed?  
And how shall they believe in Him of Whom they have not heard?  
And how shall they hear without a preacher?  
And how shall they preach, except they be sent?  
How beautiful, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach  
The Gospel of peace, and bring glad tidings of good news.

*Congregation joins:*

**O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling,  
To tell to all the world that God is Light;  
That He who made all nations is not willing  
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night.  
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;  
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.**

**Behold how many thousands still are lying  
Bound in the darksome prison-house of sin,  
With none to tell them of the Savior’s dying,  
Or of the life He died for them to win.  
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;  
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.**

**Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation  
That God, in Whom they live and move, is Love;  
Tell how He stooped to save His lost creation,  
And died on earth that man might live above.  
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;  
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.**

**Give of your sons to bear the message glorious,  
Give of Your wealth to speed them on their way;  
Pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious,  
And all your spending Jesus will repay.  
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;  
Tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.**

Go ye into all the world and preach good news!

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Partita on CRUCIFER” . . . . . C. Callahan

✦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.*

SERMON NOTES

February 27, 2011

Curriculum for our Christian Basics study groups (based on the sermon Scripture text) is available at [www.2pcgroups.org](http://www.2pcgroups.org). If you would like to be a part of these groups, please contact your CC leader or email [groups@2pc.org](mailto:groups@2pc.org).

**Welcome!** If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you to Second Presbyterian. Please sign our Friendship Pad, which will be passed during the Greetings time of the service. Our Congregational Communities (CCs), also known as Sunday School classes, offer a wide variety of options appealing to various age groups and stages of life. Visiting a CC is the best way to get to know others and become involved. CCs meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. For a full listing of classes, visit [www.2pc.org/cc](http://www.2pc.org/cc).

**Paraments:** Paraments for the World Mission’s Conference are a deep, rich red, adorned with large, burning Flames embroidered in three shades of gold thread, outlined with gold metallic stitches, signifying the coming of the Holy Spirit to the disciples to give them power to take the Gospel to the world. The flames represent the “tongues of fire” which came to rest upon each of them. The red color of the cloth itself also represents fire. Three Leaping Flames are sewn in gold silk thread upon each Bible Marker.

## Sunday Night Worship - 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

**World Missions Conference Closing Session**  
**Ronnie Stevens, preaching**

### Weekly Focus on Missions

**World Missions:** Today is the last day of our World Missions Conference. We welcome all of our partners who are visiting today and ask that you pray for their travel safety and for the well-being and safety of their families. Please also pray for all our partners who are serving around the world as they tirelessly work to spread the good news of the Gospel “until the whole world hears” (Acts 4:20).

**Mission Memphis:** Special prayer requests have been received from our church plants, Esperanza and Downtown Presbyterian. Please continue to pray for the formation of core groups at both churches — people who are committed to the vision of the plants. Pray for a smooth transition for Esperanza to the new location on North Graham. Also, pray for God’s blessings on a planned community gathering and fundraiser for Downtown Presbyterian tomorrow evening.

### Officer Nomination Requests

The Nominations Committee is requesting names from the congregation for persons they recommend to serve as elders or deacons for the term beginning January 2012. Please complete the appropriate card found in the pew racks with your suggestion and place it in the offering plate, or mail it to the Church Office. Today is the deadline for receiving recommendations.

### Christian Education

**Groups:** Group discussion questions based on the sermon Scripture text and supplementary resources are available at [www.2pcgroups.org](http://www.2pcgroups.org). If you are interested in becoming a part of a group, email [groups@2pc.org](mailto:groups@2pc.org).

### Women in Ministry

**Women’s Retreat:** Ladies, plan to join us April 8-10 at Victory Ranch to relax, laugh, and be inspired by the Holy Spirit. Don’t miss this opportunity for fellowship and spiritual growth with our guest speaker Leigh McLeroy! To register online, visit [www.2pc.org/womensretreat](http://www.2pc.org/womensretreat).

### The Growing Place Library

**Story Time:** Gather around the Story Tree in the Library on Wednesdays from 10:30-11:00 a.m. to hear exciting children’s stories with a Christian message. Contact The Growing Place Library at 454-0034 or [library@2pc.org](mailto:library@2pc.org) for more information.

**Calling All Artists!** The inside of The Growing Place story tree is ready for renovating! Help make Trooper’s tree a fun and happy place! Stop by the Library for details.

**Good Reading Dinner Group:** Please join us in C310 to hear book reviews from 5:15-6:15 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: March 2 and 23, and April 6. On March 2, we will review *Treasured* by Leigh McLeroy.

### Recreation

**Baseball Registration:** Baseball registration for ages JK-6th grade is open through February 28. For more information, visit [www.2pcsports.org](http://www.2pcsports.org), call 454-0034, or email [kthurmond@2pc.org](mailto:kthurmond@2pc.org).

### Student Ministries

**Jr. High:** Three Degrees meets tonight at 7:15. Tuesday Morning Prayer meets at 6:00 at the Edwards’ home, 2240 Tully Farms Cove. Three Degrees Small Groups meet Wednesday evening from 6:15-7:30 p.m. We will serve Orange Mound Outreach Center for our Saturday of Service on March 5. Meet at the church at 10 a.m. For more information, visit [www.2pcyouth.org](http://www.2pcyouth.org).

**Sr. High:** True North Small Groups meet this afternoon from 4:30-6:00 p.m. Join us Monday from 4:45-6:15 p.m. to help with tutoring at the Refugee Empowerment Program. We’ll meet at the church. Tuesday Morning Prayer meets at 6:00 at the Edwards’ home, 2240 Tully Farms Cove. Bring your friends to True North Wednesday evening at 7:30! For more information, visit [www.2pcyouth.org](http://www.2pcyouth.org).

**Youth Choir:** All seventh through twelfth graders are invited to be a part of the Youth Choir, which is comprised of both experienced and non-experienced singers. It meets in the choir room on Wednesdays at 5:00 p.m. for a group dinner, followed by a 45 minute rehearsal from 5:30-6:15.

**College:** The College Class meets every Sunday, upstairs in the EC Building at 9:45 a.m. For more information about our College Ministry, email Kathy at [kwilson@2pc.org](mailto:kwilson@2pc.org).

### Caring/Support Ministries

**Sympathy to:**

Heidi Stokke on the death of her father, *Francis Carl Hertzog*, February 17, 2011 in CA.

**Congratulations to:**

Anne and Woodson Dunavant on the birth of a daughter, *Jane Stratton Dunavant*, February 2, 2011.

Liz and Clay Deacon on the birth of a son, *Chandler Powell Deacon*, February 17, 2011. Maternal grandparents are Susan and Mickey Ison. Maternal great grandmother is Barney Bratten.

Julia and Oliver Williams on the birth of a daughter, *Elizabeth Magee Williams*, February 20, 2011.

**In the Hospital (as of 2/23):**

Walter Jarratt, Baptist; Allan Davis, Baptist; Angie Parks, St. Francis; Elaine Oakes, St. Francis; Lou Patrick, St. Francis-Bartlett

### February Flowers

**The rosebuds in the Chancel of the Sanctuary today are placed in honor of the births of:** *Boyd Kemmons Blackney*, born January 31, 2011, son of Katherine and Adrian Blackney, and *Jane Stratton Dunavant*, born February 2, 2011, daughter of Anne and Woodson Dunavant.

**The flowers in the Sanctuary for the month of February are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:** *Dee Bonner* by Mark and Debbie Perkins; *Laquita Joy Follis* by Elmer Follis and her family; *John Overton* by his wife Mary Elizabeth and his daughters, Virginia McLean and Lisa Snowden; *Deborah Hamlett Parker* by Dr. and Mrs. James M. Hamlett, III and children; *Vance Maynard Thompson, Jr.* by his wife Barbara and his children, Vance Thompson, Jan Thompson, Greer Llewellyn, and his grandchildren and great grandchildren; *Dr. Hubert Turley* by his wife Aggie and family; *David G. Williams, Sr., Anne and Ernest B. Williams, Jr., and Ernest B. Williams, III* by Billie Anne Williams and family.