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February 4, 2018, 11:00 a.m.

PDS Sunday

Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Prepare for Worship
As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

Scripture saturates every part of our worship services:

- We call one another to the awesome task of worshiping God with Scripture.
- We sing God’s praise with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs in order to make God’s Word memorable and vivid.
- The Spirit uses God’s Word to convict us of sin and to show us our need of His forgiveness and grace.
- We use the precious promises of God’s Word to assure us of His pardon.
- We give attention to reading His Scriptures because faith comes by hearing the Word of God.
- His Word equips us to live for Christ and to make an impact for His kingdom during the perilous times in which we live.
- Lastly, God sends us out with His blessing to serve a needy world.

Why do we make such a big deal about the Word saturating all of our worship? It is because 1 Peter 1:24 tells us, “All flesh is like grass, and all its hearing, and singing of God’s Word!

For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods . . . . Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.
Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

†Gloria Patri................................................. Greatorex

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!

†Invocation (please raise hands)............................... Nathaniel Kirksey Griffin

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receive his grace with thanksgiving

COrporate prayer of confession................................. Braxton Dale Brady
Chaplain, Presbyterian Day School

Merciful God, we humbly confess our sins and ask for Your mercy. We confess we have not loved You with a pure heart. Rather than being wholly devoted to You, we have neglected Your ways out of fear of man. We also confess that we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Rather than be Your witnesses to the world, in cowardice, we have chosen to become like the world. Lord, heal us and forgive us. Set us free to love You and our neighbor. Empower us to serve You in our city and the world, that we may boldly proclaim Your life-giving gospel of grace. For this we pray in the matchless name of Jesus, Amen.

Individual prayers of confession

†Hymn of assurance:

“My heart is filled with thankfulness”...................... Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

1. My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain, who plumbed the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again, whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose every thought is love,

2. My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside, who floods my weakness and strength and causes fear to fly, whose love is sure and true and strength and power, whose every thought is love,

3. My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above, who plows the bread of life and gives me life again, whose every thought is love,

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New testament lesson................................. Acts 5:17-42

Organization postlude: Toccata on “Amazing Grace”.................. Christopher Pardini

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Swimming Upstream, Part 1

II. Man’s Word v. God’s Word (Acts 5:25-32)

A. Only Empty Words
B. Only Word

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Prayer of commitment

Individal prayers of confession

Assurance of divine pardon

†Hymn of assurance:
The Word saturating all aspects of worship is crucial for spiritual growth. It equips us to live for Christ and make an impact for His kingdom. We use God's precious promises to assure us of His pardon and His grace. The Spirit convicts us of sin and shows us our need. We sing God's praise with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs, making His Word memorable and vivid. We call one another to the awesome task of worshiping God with Scripture.

Let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Oh, come, let us sing to the Lord; let us come into His presence with thanksgiving; let us enter His gates with thanksgiving and His courts with praise. For the Lord is a great God and a great King above all gods.

He who makes the cloud stand over the waters and prepares the rain at His command sends His Word to light up the earth.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, Amen!

In His hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. He has made the sea as vast as a breadth of land; He is King for ever and ever.

The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.

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B IS FOR BLESSING

A WORD FROM THE PDS HEADMASTER

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.
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON .................................. Acts 5:17-42
(page 913 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 Swimming Upstream, Part 1 George W. Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

‡HYMN OF COMMITMENT:
   No. 457 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing” ....................... NETTLETON

‡BENEDICTION (please raise hands)

‡CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on “Amazing Grace”................. Christopher Pardini

‡Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

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   A. Intimidating People and Circumstances

   B. Changed People and Circumstances

II. Man’s Word v. God’s Word (Acts 5:25-32)
   A. Only Empty Words

   B. Only Word

   A. Passive

   B. Active