


WORLD MISSIONS CONFERENCE

BEHOLD
THE
GLO R Y

A stylized globe composed of concentric orange and yellow lines. A red location pin is centered on the globe, with blue lines radiating outwards from its base. The text "BEHOLD THE GLO R Y" is overlaid on the globe, with "THE" in a smaller font above "GLO R Y".

THE FIRST
SUNDAY *of* LENT

FEBRUARY 18, 2018 · 8:15 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Today marks the first Sunday in the season of Lent, a 40-day season of spiritual preparation that occurs right before our celebration of Easter. Traditionally, Lent has been observed through the practice of increased focus on spiritual disciplines such as giving, devotions, and even giving up certain things for a period of 40 days.

While it has been taught this way at some points in history, Lent is not about anything we do to earn favor with God. Instead, it is meant to be a time of increased focus on Jesus, the only way to be truly made right with God. We encourage you to observe this period of preparation by actively seeking the Lord through prayer, fasting, and self-denial; carefully evaluating yourself and repenting; and reading and meditating on the life-giving Word of God. Through it all, may we come to find rest, joy, and delight in our faithful Savior, who was tempted 40 days and nights in the wilderness, yet did not sin, before He began His life-giving ministry.

As we anticipate celebrating the good news of the resurrection on Easter Sunday, let us focus our hearts afresh so that we may say with full conviction with John the Baptist, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Trumpet Tune" Henry Purcell; arr. Dupré
Samuel Metzger, organ

A WORD ON WORSHIP George W. Robertson

CHORAL INTROIT: "This Is the Day" John Wilson

This is the day that the Lord hath made;
Let us rejoice and be glad!

*The Westminster Singers
Christy Young, director*

CALL TO WORSHIP D. Todd Erickson

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 111 "This Is My Father's World" TERRA BEATA
Our children's choirs are learning this hymn this month.

♠INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

♠PSALTER LESSON: Select verses from Psalm 8 and 19 Bill Jorgensen

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!
You have set your glory above the heavens.

**The heavens declare the glory of God
and the skies above proclaim his handiwork.**

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,
what is man that you are mindful of him
and the son of man that you care for him?

**Yet you have made him a little lower than the heavenly beings
and crowned him with glory and honor.
You have given him dominion over the works of your hands;
you have put all things under his feet**

O Lord, our Lord, how majestic is your name in all the earth!

**Let the words of my mouth
and meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my rock and my redeemer.**

✦DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "How Excellent Thy Name" G. F. Handel
arr. Patrick M. Liebergen

How excellent!
How excellent Thy name, O Lord,
In all the world is known!
Above all heav'ns, O King adored,
How You have set Thy glorious throne!
Hallelujah, hallelujah, hallelujah!

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Gerry A. Peak

✦GREETINGS

A WORD ON WORLD MISSIONS Ginna and Jason Rauls
World Missions Stewardship Chairs

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Please stand)*

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 621 "Sometimes a Light Surprises" BENTLEY
*stanza 1: Choir
stanzas 2-4: Congregation*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 6:8-7:8
(page 914 in the 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 *The Church That Christ Built
in the Old Testament, Part 1* George W. Robertson

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

✦INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All those who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church as a communing member are warmly welcomed to receive communion today. Non-communing worshipers are encouraged to contemplate the love of Jesus Christ during this time and pass by the elements. At Second Presbyterian, we encourage our children not to take communion until they have joined the church as communicant members.

We do, however, encourage non-communing children to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. Those wishing to be served communion together as a group or family, please stand together in front of the two serving elders before taking the elements.

Gluten free communion bread is available upon request from the elder at the east side of the transverse aisle (opposite from the door leading to the Connector).

✦PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried;
He descended into hell;
The third day He rose again from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

✦GLORIA PATRI GREATOR EX

**Glorry 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!**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Almighty God,
Your Word declares that against You, You only,
have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight.
We confess that we have forsaken the Creator's fountain of living waters
for the temporal pleasures of this world.
We have robbed You of Your glory
by seeking to make our names great.
We have clung to our idols
instead of delighting in Your promises.
We have despised the Son and have refused to believe the Gospel.
O Lord, have mercy on us.
Make us eager to forsake our sin,
and give to us broken and contrite hearts that You will accept.
Open our eyes to see Your beauty and abundant grace
so that we may find rest in our Savior, Jesus Christ.
In Your Holy name we pray.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION 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.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

For those unable to come forward for communion, please raise your hand and an elder will serve you in your seat. Throughout this time of communion, we invite you to join in singing the hymns printed in bold below.

“Behold the Lamb” Keith and Kristyn Getty, Stuart Townend

**Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away, slain for us — and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of peace around the table of the King.**

**The body of our Savior Jesus Christ, torn for you — eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of love around the table of the King.**

**The blood that cleanses every stain of sin, shed for you — drink and remember
He drained death’s cup that all may enter in to receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life, and we drink of His sacrifice
As a sign of our bonds of grace around the table of the King.**

**And so with thankfulness and faith we rise to respond — and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we’ll join in the feast of heaven around the table of the King.**

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus” ST. CHRISTOPHER

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty Rock within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat and the burden of the day.**

**Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One who suffered there for me:
And from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess,
The wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.**

**I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place:
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss;
My sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.**

“Before the Throne of God Above” Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook

**Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong, a perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is “Love,”
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav’n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.**

**Behold Him there the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I AM,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.
With Christ, my Savior and my God.**

“Man of Sorrows! What a Name” HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

**Man of Sorrows! What a name for the Son of God, who came
Ruined sinners to reclaim: Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**Bearing shame and scoffing rude, in my place condemned He stood,
Sealed my pardon with His blood: Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**Guilty, vile, and helpless, we; spotless Lamb of God was He;
Full atonement! can it be? Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

**Lifted up was He to die, “It is finished” was His cry;
Now in heav’n exalted high: Hallelujah! What a Savior!**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦HYMN OF RESPONSE. HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

**When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we’ll sing: Hallelujah! what a Savior!**

✦BENEDICTION (*Please lift hands*)

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on “Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners” . Christopher Pardini

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

**The Church That Christ Built | George Robertson
in the Old Testament, Part 1**

February 18, 2018

I. Nowhere (Acts 7:1-5)

II. Anywhere (Acts 7:6-8)

A. Patient

B. Primary

C. Powerful

D. Persevering