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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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*Trinity Season*



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Each stanza in the opening hymn we will sing today, “Come Christians Join to Sing,” begins with an exhortation to offer loud praises to Christ our King. As we do every Lord’s Day, we will indeed sign praises to Him through many of our favorite psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs. However, have you ever wondered why singing is such a prominent feature in our worship services? Ultimately we sing because it is the Lord’s will and desire to receive praise from His people. However, there are many other reasons we worship Him through song.

- Singing our Lord’s praise is a primary way that we enthrone Him in our hearts (Psalm 22:3).
- Singing serves as a means of proclaiming the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. In singing, we commend to others the Jesus that we know and cherish ourselves (I Corinthians 14:24-25).
- Singing enables us to savor God’s Word and makes it more memorable and vivid. The Apostle Paul admonishes us: “Let the Word of Christ dwell in you richly ... singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs...” (Colossians 3:16).
- Singing galvanizes us to trust God in the midst of trouble (e.g. Paul and Silas sing hymns in prison – Acts 16:25).
- Singing serves as a weapon when we are in the midst of spiritual conflict. Martin Luther claims that “the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God.”

Let us then answer the call of Psalm 95:1 and make a joyful noise to the Rock of our salvation and thank our God for who He is and for all that He has done to love and rescue us!

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” . . . . . Michael Burkhardt  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE:  
“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love” . . . . . arr. Fred Bock  
*Brad Jones, piano*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Todd Erickson

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 302 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” . . . . . MADRID

✦INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

✦CONFESSION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 21 . . . . . Bill Jorgensen

What is true faith?

**True faith is a sure knowledge whereby I accept as true  
all that God has revealed to us in his Word.  
At the same time it is a firm confidence  
that not only to others, but also to me,  
God has granted forgiveness of sins,  
everlasting righteousness, and salvation,  
out of mere grace, only for the sake of Christ’s merits.  
This faith the Holy Spirit works in my heart by the gospel.**

✦DOXOLOGY . . . . . TALLIS’ CANON

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

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD . . . . .Mike Stokke

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "The Lord's My Shepherd" . . . . . Allen Pote

The Lord is my shepherd. Nothing shall I want.  
My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters.  
The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life.  
Leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name.  
And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.  
I will fear no evil, for You are with me, Your rod and staff will comfort me.  
You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies.  
You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
And in the house of my God I will live forever.

*The Westminster Singers  
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 660 "O God Beyond All Praising" . . . . .THAXTED

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON . . . . .Acts 13:4-52  
(page 921 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 Message of Salvation*                                   George 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. All communion wafers are gluten free.*

✦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 ..... GREATORUM

**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!**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal and merciful God,  
You have loved us with a love beyond our understanding,  
and You have set us on paths of righteousness for Your name's sake.  
Yet we have strayed from Your way;  
we have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed,  
through what we have done and what we have left undone.  
As we remember the lavish gift of Your grace  
manifested perfectly in the sacrifice of Your Son, O God,  
we praise You and give You thanks that You forgive us yet again.  
Grant us now, we pray, the grace to die daily to sin  
and to rise daily to new life in Christ,  
who lives and reigns with You,  
and in whose strong name we pray.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... Romans 6:23

*For the wages of sin is death,  
but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

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.*

"O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus"..... EBENEZER

**O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Vast, unmeasured, boundless, free;  
Rolling as a mighty ocean in its fullness over me.  
Underneath me, all around me, is the current of Thy love;  
Leading onward, leading homeward, to Thy glorious rest above.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Spread His praise from shore to shore;  
How He loveth, ever loveth, changeth never, nevermore;  
How He watches o'er His loved ones, died to call them all His own;  
How for them He intercedeth, watcheth o'er them from the throne.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! Love of ev'ry love the best:  
'Tis an ocean vast of blessing, 'tis a haven sweet of rest.  
O the deep, deep love of Jesus! 'Tis a heav'n of heav'ns to me;  
And it lifts me up to glory, for it lifts me up to Thee.**

"There Is a Fountain Filled with Blood" . . . . . FOUNTAIN

**There is a fountain filled with blood, drawn from Immanuel's veins;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains:  
Lose all their guilty stains, lose all their guilty stains;  
And sinners, plunged beneath that flood, lose all their guilty stains.**

**The dying thief rejoiced to see that fountain in his day;  
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away:  
Washed all my sins away, washed all my sins away;  
And there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins away.**

**E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flowing wounds supply,  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die;  
Redeeming love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.**

**Dear dying Lamb, Your precious blood shall never lose its pow'r,  
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more:  
Be saved to sin no more, be saved to sin no more;  
Till all the ransomed church of God be saved to sin no more.**

"In Christ Alone" . . . . . Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

**In Christ alone my hope is found,  
He is my light, my strength, my song;  
This Cornerstone, this solid ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.  
'Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.  
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;  
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!  
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;  
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

"God Provides" . . . . . Kirk Franklin

God provides, so why do I worry about my life?  
When You come to my rescue a thousand times, ev'ry other voice, it is a lie.  
God provides in ways I can't explain and can't deny.  
The little that I have, He multiplies.  
Just when I feel He won't show up on time, God provides.  
He'll come through, when clouds of doubt rain down on you,  
And test everything you thought you knew.  
Now you finally see what God can do, for you.  
So tonight, close your eyes, there's no more need to fight — watch God provide.

God provides, it's hard to say when there's no food to eat,  
Or what you see feels all that life will be,  
And will this be another year of misery for me?  
But my faith, can't survive on just things I see,  
And my feelings can't control my destiny.  
See God, I only want what You believe for me.  
So tonight, close your eyes, there's no more need to fight,  
Watch God provide before your eyes, He will, whatever you need.  
He'll step right in, in the nick of time — yes, He will.  
He'll open the windows of heaven and pour you out a blessing  
You won't have room to receive.  
So tonight, close your eyes, there's no more need to fight — watch God provide.

*Ephie Johnson, soloist  
Jauna Ellis, Lizzy Jorgensen, Calvin Ellis, singers*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE . . . . . Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

**No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the pow'r of Christ in me;  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,  
Can ever pluck me from His hand;  
'Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.**

✦ BENEDICTION *(Please lift hands)*

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata Brevis" . . . . . Daniel Gawthrop

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*

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I. For Some Who Have Never Heard

A. Who

B. What

II. For Those Who Know It Best

A. Pursued in History

B. Pursued Now