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

As the people of God, we have privilege of coming to the table of our Savior this morning. From the Scriptures, we can infer three benefits of the Lord’s Supper:

The first is to provide assurance of our salvation. The specific source of our encouragement is the body and blood of Christ (I Corinthians 11:29, 30). Of course, we know that we are saved by putting our trust in Christ, but the Lord’s Supper is more than a mere remembrance. Celebrating the Lord’s Supper helps our faith connect to the benefits Christ accomplished in His body, both in His life and death (I Corinthians 11:26).

Secondly, as we are connected more to the life of Christ, which is in heaven, we actually become better worshipers. That is, the One who beholds God face-to-face helps us to see Him more and more (Colossians 3:1-4).

Finally, the measure of our increased obedience will be our growing love of morning. From the Scriptures, we can infer three benefits of the Lord’s Supper:

1. As surely as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup shared with me, I can see that He has come and lingered yet among the trees that He hath set; in that He may come and linger there for me, Christ hath a garden walled around, a paradise of fruitful ground, chosen by love and fenced by grace from out the world’s wide wilderness.

2. Thou didst leave thy throne of glory and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth; He ascended into heaven, He descended into hell; He will come again, with faces shone, with power and great glory.

3. Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut His glories in, 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 through our liturgy of the word.

Therefore, as we feast on the Word of God and at His table in this service of worship, we may, with sincere hearts, rejoice and praise the One who in love has reconciled us to God and to each other!

The Liturgy of the Word

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Toccata in F Major” ..................... J.S. Bach
“The Peace May Be Exchanged” from Rubrics ...... Dan Locklair
Samuel Metzer, organ

A WORD ON WORSHIP ................................. George W. Robertson

CHORAL INTROIT: “The Lord Is My Light” .................... Mark Patterson

The Lord is my light and the Lord is my salvation: Whom shall I fear?
The Lord is my light, yes, the Lord is my light, of whom shall I be afraid?
The Lord is the strength of my life, the one in whom I trust.
In times of fear God shelters me and keeps me safe in His care.
To the Lord I’ll sing and praise His name with shouts of great joy!
And I will seek to dwell in the house of the Lord my God, the Lord my God, All the days of my life. Amen.

Spirit and Song Choir
Christy Young, director

CALL TO WORSHIP ................................. Michael G. Stokke

HYMN OF PRAISE: “Amazing Grace!” .................... AMAZING GRACE

1. Amaz- ing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but grace my fears relieved; how precious did that Word my hope secured; he will my Shield and shin-ing as the sun, we’ve no less days to
2. Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and have al-read-y come; ’tis grace hath brought me
3. The Lord has promised good to me, his shin-ing, by His wounds I am healed; my soul with His Word I was made whole again.
4. Through man-y dan-agers, toils and snares, I
5. When we’ve been there ten thou-sand years, bright
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The Peace May Be Exchanged

From ORGAN PRELUDE: "Toccata in F Major"

J.S. Bach

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Rubrics

3. The saved

4. I didst

2. Thou hast not

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

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 Spirit,

born of the Virgin Mary;

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

died and was buried;

He descended into hell;

is now alive again for evermore;

and shall come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost;

the repetition of the Lord's Prayer.

I believe in the Holy Catholic Church;

the Apostles' Creed.

and the forgiveness of sins;

the communion of saints;

the resurrection of the body;

and the life everlasting.

 Amen.

We do, however, encourage non-communing children to come forward with their parents to receive communion. Absolute Regardless of Sin, Part 1

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON


The Promise:

Christ has a garden walled around, a paradise of fruitful ground,

By Eden's gracious streams that flow to feed their beauty where they grow.

Stir up, O south, the boughs that bloom, till the beloved Master come.

That He may come and linger yet among the trees that He hath set;

That He, that He may evermore be seen to walk amid the springing green,

To walk amid the springing green, springing green.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Please stand)

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Abide with Me"
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ........................................ Acts 6:8-8:1, Exodus 6:1-13
(pages 914, 48 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 Promise: Absolute Regardless of Sin, 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. 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.
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

Almighty and compassionate Father,
You have called us to endure hardship
in this broken and fallen world,
but You know how truly weak we are.
We confess our lack of faith,
our fear of the future, and our complaining spirit.
We lack knowledge, yet we question Your wisdom and goodness.
We look elsewhere for answers and solutions
instead of bringing our troubles to You.
We trust our way and the ways of the world
rather than the way You have given us in Christ.
Forgive us for doubting Your faithfulness,
Your power, Your love, and Your promises.
Comfort and correct us in Your tender mercies
and give us an abiding peace and a patient endurance
that come with full surrender and trust in You.
It is in the matchless name of Jesus, we pray.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. ............................... I John 4:9-10

In this the love of God was made manifest among us,
that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him.
In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us
and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.

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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.

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed” ......................... MARTYRDOM

Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sov’reign die?
Would He devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?
Was it for crimes that I have done, He groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!
Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut His glories in,
When God, the mighty maker, died for man, the creature’s sin.
But drops of grief can ne’er repay the debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away; ‘tis all that I can do.
"Amidst Us Our Beloved Stands" ................................. HAMBURG

Amidst us our beloved stands, and bids us view His pierced hands;
Points to the wounded feet and side, blest emblems of the Crucified.

What food luxurious loads the board, when at His table sits the Lord!
The wine how rich, the bread how sweet, when Jesus deigns the guests to meet!

If now, with eyes defiled and dim, we see the signs, but see not Him;
O may His love the scales displace and bid us see Him face to face!

O glorious Bridegroom of our hearts, Your present smile a heav’n imparts!
O lift the veil, if veil there be, let every saint Your glory see!

"Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God” ............................. Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God, breathe new life into my willing soul.
Bring the presence of the risen Lord to renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me; give me faith for what I cannot see;
Give me passion for Your purity. Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within; may Your joy be seen in all I do—
Love enough to cover ev’ry sin in each thought and deed and attitude,
Kindness to the greatest and the least, gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my striving into works of grace. Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation’s birth, giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth; cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise. Lead us on the road of sacrifice
That in unity the face of Christ will be clear for all the world to see.

“In the Cross of Christ I Glory” ................................. RATHBUN

1. In the cross of Christ I glory, tow’ring
2. When the woes of life o’er take me, hope de-
3. When the sun of bliss is beam-ing, light and
4. Bane and bless-ing, pain and pleas-u-re, by the

o’er the wrecks of time; all the light of
ceive, and fears an-noy, nev-er shall the
love up-on my way, from the cross the
cross are sanc-ti-fied; peace is there that

sa-cred stor-y gath-ers round its head sub-lime.
cross for-sake me; lo! it glows with peace and joy.
radiance stream-ing adds more lus-ter to the day.
knows no meas-u-re, joys that thro’ all time a-bide.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

HYMN OF RESPONSE ............................. HAMBURG

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

BENEDICTION (Please lift hands)

CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Final” from Symphony No. I ................................. Louis Vierne

Indicates congregation standing

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I. Of Others
   A. I Will
   
   B. I Can’t
   
   C. I Did

II. Of Your Own
   
   A. Idolatry
   
   B. Exile