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THE
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ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

MARCH 4, 2018

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 and service to our brothers and sisters in Christ. The Lord's Supper helps us to see and love Christ. If that is true, then by definition, our love for His brothers will grow as well (I Corinthians 11:17-22).

Therefore, as we feast on the Word of God and at His table in this service of worship, may we, 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: "Tocatta in F Major" J.S. Bach
"The Peace May Be Exchanged" from *Rubrics* Dan Locklair
Samuel Metzger, 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. A - ma - zing grace! How sweet the sound that
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
3. The Lord has pro - mised good to me, his
4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils and snares, I
5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright



saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
grace my fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
Word my hope se - cures; he will my Shield and
have al - read - y come; 'tis grace hath brought me
shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found; was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 Por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

✦ INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

✦ THE CONFESSION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Q. 75 Ethan Knight (8:15)
 Elizabeth Wall (11:00)

How does the holy supper remind and assure you that you share in Christ's one sacrifice on the cross and in all his benefits?

**First, as surely as I see with my eyes
 the bread of the Lord broken for me and the cup shared with me,
 so surely his body was offered and broken for me
 and his blood poured out for me on the cross.
 Second, as surely as I receive from the hand of the one who serves,
 and taste with my mouth the bread and cup of the Lord,
 given me as sure signs of Christ's body and blood,
 so surely he nourishes and refreshes my soul
 for eternal life with his crucified body and poured-out blood.**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: No. 731 "Doxology" OLD HUNDREDTH

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Christ Hath a Garden" K. Lee Scott

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.
 Like trees of spice His servants stand, there planted by His mighty hand;
 By Eden's gracious streams that flow to feed their beauty where they grow.
 Awake, O wind of heav'n, and bear their sweetest perfume through the air:
 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 T. Barton Kimbro

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

✦ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Please stand*)

✦ HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Abide with Me" Henry Lyte, Justin Smith



1. A - bid with me; fast falls the e - ven - tide;
 2. Thou on my head in ear - ly youth didst smile;
 3. I need Thy pres - ence, ev - 'ry pass - ing hour.
 4. I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless;
 5. Hold thou thy cross be - fore my clos - ing eyes;



the dark - ness deep - ens; Lord with me a - bid.
 and, though re - bel - lious and per - verse mean - while,
 What but Thy grace can foil the tempt - er's power?
 ills have no weight; tears lose their bit - ter - ness.
 shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies.



When oth - er help - ers fail and com forts
 Thou hast not left me, oft as I left
 Who, like Thy - self, my guide and stay can
 Where is thy sting, death? Where, grave, thy vic - to -
 Heav'n's morn - ing breaks, and earth's vain shad - ows



flee, help of the help - less, a - bide with me.
 Thee, on to the close Lord, a - bide with me.
 be? Through cloud and sun - shine, a - bide with me.
 ry? I tri - umph still, a - bide with me.
 flee; in life, in death, Lord, a - bide 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.*

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.*

“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 glo - ry, tow'r - ing
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 - ure, 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 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
cross for - sake me: lo! it glows with peace and joy.
ra - diance stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
knows no meas - ure, joys that thro' all time a - bid.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦HYMN OF RESPONSEHAMBURG

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. 1* Louis Vierne

✦Indicates congregation standing

Sin (Acts 7:17-43, Exodus 6:1-13)

I. Of Others

A. I Will

B. I Can't

C. I Did

II. Of Your Own

A. Idolatry

B. Exile