



ORDER FOR THE  
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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March 18, 2018  
*Season of Lent*

  
**Second**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

One of Christians' great distinctives is that we worship a God who is not silent, but who speaks! From the Father speaking all of creation into existence by the power of His Word, to speaking through His living Word in Christ, to speaking by His Spirit through the written Word, God has made Himself known to us so that we may know, love, and follow Him.

Our Hymn of Preparation today is "Speak, O Lord," a contemporary hymn by Keith Getty and Stuart Townend. It is often sung by God's people as a prayer before the sermon that as the Church, we would humbly submit to His Word and that He in His grace would renew our hearts and minds by the power of the Holy Spirit. May that be our prayer as well!

As we enter into worship today, may we ascribe glory to God through song and our submission to His life-giving Word, and may we hold fast to the promise found in Isaiah 66:2b: "These are the ones I look on with favor: those who are humble and contrite in spirit, and who tremble at my word."

*"Throughout history the Word of God has transformed the most proud leaders  
and the most helpless victims, the greatest civilizations and the remotest of villages,  
in every age to every corner of the world — so incredible is its power!"  
— Keith and Kristyn Getty*

## ASCRIBE GLORY TO OUR KING

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Festive Alleluias" . . . . . Dan Miller  
"Great Is Thy Faithfulness" . . . . .arr. Dan Miller  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

CHORAL INTROIT: "Sing to the Lord a New Song" . . . . .Karle Erickson  
Sing to the Lord a new song,  
For He has done marvelous things!  
*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)  
Christy Young, director*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . .David A. Bowen

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 101 "Come, Thou Almighty King" . . . . . TRINITY

♠INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

♠CONFESSION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Q. 1 . . . . . Marjorie Bowman (8:15)  
Brandon Morrison (11:00)

Christian, what is your only comfort in life and death?

**That I am not my own,  
but belong with body and soul,  
both in life and in death,  
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.  
He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,  
and has set me free from all the power of the devil.  
He also preserves me in such a way  
that without the will of my heavenly Father  
not a hair can fall from my head;  
indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.  
Therefore, by His Holy Spirit  
He also assures me of eternal life  
and makes me heartily willing and ready  
from now on to live for Him.**

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

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15 a.m.

*Mary Eleanor Langley, born March 7, 2017, daughter of Lizzy and Rob Langley*

*Davis Edgar Phillips, born August 29, 2017, son of Ivy and John Phillips*

*Edward Warrington Phillips, born August 29, 2017, son of Ivy and John Phillips*

*Emmie Rebecca Cummins, born July 5, 2017, daughter of Kacey and Kyle Cummins*

*Leighton Stefanie Cummins, born July 5, 2017, daughter of Kacey and Kyle Cummins*

11:00 a.m.

*George Manning Cousins, born June 28, 2017, son of Caroline and Mason Cousins*

*Denton Folk Dowdle, born June 16, 2016, son of Catherine and Clint Dowdle*

*McKenna Miller Dowdle, born November 2, 2017, daughter of Catherine and Clint Dowdle*

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: "Jesus Loves You" . . . . . JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;  
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!  
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.**

REST IN THE COMFORT OF OUR KING

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Great and gracious God,  
who knows and judges the secrets of every human heart;  
we do acknowledge and confess our rebellion against You.  
In Your love, You saved us for Yourself  
through the blood of Your Son,  
but we confess that rather than living for You  
we have lived for ourselves.  
We have exchanged the comfort and hope of Christ  
for the comforts of the flesh and the hopes of this world.  
We have turned from Your ways and from Your blessed presence  
and have reaped the misery of disobeying You,  
the very author of life.  
We appeal to You and Your great mercy  
that You would forgive us our sins.  
Just as Christ was raised from the dead,  
by Your glory so raise our dead hearts,  
that we may walk in the newness of life.  
It is in the name of Christ, we pray.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON . . . . . Isaiah 40:1-2

*Comfort, comfort my people, says your God. Speak tenderly to Jerusalem,  
and cry to her that her warfare is ended, that her iniquity is pardoned,  
that she has received from the Lord's hand double for all her sins.*

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS.....D. Todd Erickson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Lauda Anima" .....Mark Andrews

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to His feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King!

Father-like He tends and spares us; well our feeble frame He knows;  
In His hands He gently bears us, rescues us from all our foes.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels in the height adore Him! Ye behold Him face to face;  
Saints triumphant bow before Him! Gathered in from ev'ry race.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace,  
Praise with us the God of grace. Amen, Amen.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) ..... J. Ronald Hickman

HEAR THE WORD OF OUR KING

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (please stand)

**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.**

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Speak, O Lord" ..... Keith Getty, Stuart Townend



1. Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to re-ceive the food  
2. Teach us Lord full o - be - di-ence, ho - ly rev - er-ence,  
3. Speak, O Lord, and re - new our minds; Help us grasp the heights



of Your ho - ly word. Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;  
true hu - mil - i - ty. Test our thoughts and our at - ti - tudes  
of Your plans for us. Truths un - changed from the dawn of time,



Shape and fash - ion us in Your like - ness, that the  
in the ra - di - ance of Your pu - ri - ty. Cause our  
that will e - cho down through e - ter - ni - ty. And by



light of Christ might be seen to-day in our acts of love  
faith to rise, cause our eyes to see Your ma - jes - tic love  
grace we'll stand on Your prom - is - es; And by faith we'll walk



and our deeds of faith. Speak, O Lord, and ful - fill in us  
 and au - thor - i - ty. Words of pow'r that can nev - er fail;  
 as You walk with us. Speak, O Lord, till Your church is built



all Your pur - pos - es, for Your glo - ry.  
 Let their truth pre - vail o - ver un - be - lief.  
 and the earth is filled with Your glo - ry.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON.....Acts 6:8-8:1  
 (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 Promise: Absolute Because of the Savior* George W. Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT:

No. 168 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"..... TOULON

✦BENEDICTION (please raise hands)

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God" ..... Sigfrid Karg-Elert

✦Indicates congregation standing

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**The Savior** (Acts 7:44-8:1)

I. Fulfills (44-50)

II. Offends (51-53)

III. Forgives (54-60)