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MARCH 3, 2019
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 worshippers. 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!

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**The Liturgy of the Word**

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Toccata in F Major” ......................... J.S. Bach  
_Samuel Metzger, organ_

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION: “Adoration” ......................... Felix Borowski  
_Clay Hancock, violin_

CALL TO WORSHIP .............................................. Barton Kimbro

†HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 76 “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” . . . . _Lauda Anima_

†INVOCATION (Please lift hands)

CHORAL ANTHEM: “Praise the Lord” ......................... Mark Patterson  
_Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, praise the Lord with songs of gladness._  
_Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, come, lift up your voice and sing._

Sing praise to the one who made the earth and sky and sea.  
Give thanks for the wondrous things God gave you and me:  
Meadows and mountains and gently flowing streams,  
Fields ripe for the harvest and the glowing buds of spring.

_Music Makers Choir_  
_Hannah Crowley, director_  
_Mary Laurence Flynn, accompanist_

†STATEMENT OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 2 ....... Shelley Hill (8:15)  
_Haley Overcast (11:00)_

What authority from God directs us how to glorify and enjoy Him?

_The only authority for glorifying and enjoying Him is the Bible,  
which is the word of God and is made up of the Old and New Testaments._

_This catechism will be the topic of the sermon this evening._

†DOXOLOGY........................................... _Old Hundredth_

_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._
As the people of God, we have privilege of coming to the table of our Savior. The first is to provide assurance of our salvation. The specific source of our worship, may we, with sincere hearts, rejoice and praise the One who in love we actually become better worshipers. That is, the One who beholds God and service to our brothers and sisters in Christ. The Lord’s Supper helps this morning. From the Scriptures, we can infer three benefits of the Lord’s Supper:

1. The Lord’s Supper commemorates the atonement of Christ.
2. The Lord’s Supper is a sign of the new covenant.
3. The Lord’s Supper is a sign of the new nature of the people of God.

Sing praise to the one who made the earth and sky and sea.
Fields ripe for the harvest and the glowing buds of spring.
Meadows and mountains and gently flowing streams,
Whom all blessings flow;

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, praise the Lord with songs of gladness.
As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†GREETINGS

†PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Please stand)

HYMN OF PREPARATION: “All I Have Is Christ”
Soloist: Jordan Kauflin

Soloist:
I once was lost in darkest night, yet thought I knew the way.
The sin that promised joy and life had led me to the grave.
I had no hope that You would own a rebel to Your will.
And if You had not loved me first, I would refuse You still.
Hallelujah! All I have is Christ. Hallelujah! Jesus is my life.

Will Nease, guitar

†Congregation stands and sings:

2. But as I ran my hell-bound race, in-dif-f’rent to the cost
3. Now Lord I would be yours a- lone and live so all might see

you looked up on my help-less state and led me to the cross;
the strength to fol-low your com-mands could nev-er come from me.

and I be-held God’s love dis-played, you suf-fered in my place,
O Fa-ther, use my ran-somed life in an-y way you choose

you bore the wrath re-served for me, now all I know is you.
and let my song for-ev-er be my on-ly boast is you.

Chorus

Hal-le-lu-jah! All I have is Christ!

Hal-le-lu-jah! Je-sus is my life!
The grass withers, the flower fades,  
but the Word of our God will stand forever.  
(Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON  
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THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE
All those who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church as a communicant 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  ............................................................. GREATOREX

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

God of mercy, whose Son, Jesus Christ,  
longs to gather us in the wide embrace of His love,  
we confess that we have been wayward children.  
Our hearts have been cold to Your love;  
we have disobeyed Your commands;  
we have been indifferent to Your call;  
we have not lived with Your glory in mind.  
In thought, in word, and in deed,  
we have hurt others and dishonored Your name.  
In your great mercy receive us yet again as Your well-beloved children,  
not because we are worthy but for the sake of Jesus  
who loved us and gave Himself for us.  
This we pray in His matchless name.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION
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 hymn printed in bold below.

“The Love of God” ............................................ LOVE OF GOD

The love of God is greater than tongue or pen can ever tell;
It goes beyond the highest star and reaches to the lowest hell;
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win:
His erring child He reconciled and pardoned from His sin.

O love of God, how rich and pure! How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure — the saints' and angels' song.

When years of time shall pass away and earthly thrones and kingdoms fall,
When men, who here refuse to pray, on rocks and hills and mountains call,
God's love so sure shall still endure, all measureless and strong:
Redeeming grace to Adam's race — the saints' and angels' song.

Could we with ink the ocean fill and were the skies of parchment made,
Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill and ev'ry man a scribe to trade,
To write the love of God above would drain the ocean dry,
Nor could the scroll contain the whole though stretched from sky to sky.

“At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing” ......................... ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

At the Lamb’s high feast we sing praise to our victorious King,
Who has washed us in the tide flowing from His pierced side;
Praise we Him whose love divine gives His sacred blood for wine,
Gives His body for the feast, Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

Where the paschal blood is poured, death’s dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel’s hosts triumphant go through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed, paschal victim, paschal bread;
With sincerity and love eat we manna from above.

“I Won’t Go Back” ............................................. William McDowell

I’ve been changed, healed, freed, delivered.
I’ve found joy, peace, grace, and favor.

Right now is the moment,
Today is the day — I’ve been changed, I’ve been changed.
I have waited for this moment to come, and I won’t let it pass me by.
I won’t go back, can’t go back, to the way it used to be
Before Your presence came and changed me.

All my shame, guilt, sins — forgiven.
No more chains, fear — my past is over.

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. ....................... II Corinthians 5:17

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation.
The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.
PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

†HYMN OF RESPONSE. .................................... ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

Mighty victim from the sky, pow’rs of hell beneath Thee lie;
Death is conquered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light;
Hymns of glory and of praise, risen Lord, to Thee we raise;
Holy Father, praise to Thee, with the Spirit, ever be.

†BENEDICTION (please raise hands)

†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “Fanfare” ................................. William Mathias

†Indicates congregation standing  CCLI License #252778

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