



STEWARDS
ON MISSION



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ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

COMMITMENT SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 11, 2018 · 8:15 A.M.

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

Today is Commitment Sunday when we heed the biblical mandate to live “as good stewards of God’s varied grace” (I Peter 4:10). Living as stewards is not natural for us because we all prefer to live as owners. However, the gospel of grace transforms would-be owners into stewards and sparing hearts into generous hearts.

Giving has served as a part of worship throughout biblical history because our money reveals where our heart’s treasure really lies. Abel willingly gave his offering in worship (Genesis 4:3). Offering sacrifices was a major part of Old Testament worship (Leviticus 1-5). King David declared, “I will not offer to the Lord that which costs me nothing” (II Samuel 24:24). The Apostle Paul reminds us that our giving is “a fragrant offering, a sacrifice acceptable and pleasing to God” (Philippians 4:18).

Our hymn of the month for November is “O God Beyond All Praising.” Verse one says “We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word, we honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.”

Friends, in light of the beauty, glory, and love of God, let us make a joyful sacrifice of praise!

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: “The Peace May Be Exchanged” Dan Locklair
“Andante larghetto et staccato” G.F. Handel; Dupré
Samuel Metzger, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Todd Erickson

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 94 “How Firm a Foundation” FOUNDATION
stanzas 1-4 & 6

♠INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

♠SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 41:10; Isaiah 43:2; Hebrews 13:5-6 Bill Jorgensen

Fear not, for I am with you;
be not dismayed, for I am your God;

**I will strengthen you, I will help you,
I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.**

When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;

**when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.**

Keep your life free from love of money,
and be content with what you have,
for he has said, “I will never leave you nor forsake you.”

**So we can confidently say,
“The Lord is my helper; I will not fear;
what can man do to me?”**

♠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.**

A WORD ON STEWARDSHIP

MUSICAL MEDITATION: "Take My Life and Let It Be" HENDON

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD
AND OUR STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENT CARDS FOR 2019

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "O God Beyond All Praising"arr. Dan Forrest

O God beyond all praising, we worship You today
And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay;
For we can only wonder at every gift You send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
We lift our hearts before You and wait upon Your word,
We honor and adore You, our great and mighty Lord.

For we can only wonder at every gift You send,
At blessings without number and mercies without end:
For Christ, Your gift from heaven, from death has set us free,
And we through Him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring,
That we who know Your favor may serve You as our King;
And whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill,
We'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless You still:
To marvel at Your beauty and glory in Your ways,
And make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise.

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVINGGerry Peak

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN Kevin McQuillen

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(Please stand)*

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Be Thou My Vision" . . Traditional Irish, Ascend the Hill

**Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
Thou my best thought by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.**

**Be Thou my Wisdom and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, I Thy true son,
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.**

*O God, be my everything, be my delight.
Be, Jesus, my glory, my soul's satisfied.
O God, be my everything, be my delight.
Be, Jesus, my glory, my soul's satisfied.*

**High King of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.**

*Mary Grace Walters, leader
Will Cranford, guitar*

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 21:1-26
(page 930 in the pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. *(Isaiah 40:8)*

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 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, 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 GREATOR EX

**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 God,
who by Your Son has given us access to Your throne of grace,
and who has made wondrous promises to us of things eternal,
we rightly owe You our total, unqualified devotion and obedience.
Yet we have foolishly and willfully strayed like lost sheep
by evil things we have done and by good things we have left undone.
We deserve nothing but Your wrath and displeasure,
but, because of Your fatherly love,
we are bold to ask for Your complete forgiveness
of all the sins we have committed.
Grant to us the certain knowledge of our full pardon
and move us to constant, grateful obedience
that Your wonderful Name may be glorified, now and forever.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. Ephesians 1:7-8

*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight*

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.

"Take My Life, and Let It Be" HENDON

**Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee.
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of Thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful to Thee,
Swift and beautiful to Thee.**

**Take my voice, and let me sing,
Always, only, for my King.
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from Thee,
Filled with messages from Thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose,
Ev'ry pow'r as Thou shalt choose.**

"Jesus Paid It All (O Praise the One)" ALL TO CHRIST, Kristian Stanfill

**I hear the Savior say, "Your strength indeed is small;
Child of weakness, watch and pray, find in Me your all in all."**

*Jesus paid it all, all to Him I owe;
Sin had left a crimson stain, He washed it white as snow.*

**Lord, now indeed I find Your power, and Yours alone,
Can change the leper's spots, and melt the heart of stone.**

**For nothing good have I whereby Your grace to claim—
I'll wash my garments white in the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.**

**And when before the throne, I stand in Him complete,
"Jesus died, my soul to save" my lips shall still repeat.**

**O praise the one who paid my debt
And raised this life up from the dead.**

**Before the throne of God above,
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is “Love,”
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on His hands,
My name is written on His heart;
I know that while in heav’n He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart.
No tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair,
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end to all my sin.
Because the sinless Savior died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God, the Just, is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me.
To look on Him and pardon me.**

**Behold Him there the risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless Righteousness,
The great unchangeable I Am,
The King of glory and of grace!
One with Himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by His blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,
With Christ, my Savior and my God.
With Christ, my Savior and my God.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦HYMN OF RESPONSE. HENDON

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour at Thy feet its treasure-store.
Take my self, and I will be ever, only, all for Thee.
Ever, only, all for Thee.**

✦BENEDICTION *(Please lift hands)*

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “The People Respond - Amen!” Dan Locklair

✦*Indicates congregation standing*

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Getting Connected at Second

A pastor will be available after the service to pray for you in the Gathering Room, located on the left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary. To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, or for help with specific concerns, you may contact a member of our pastoral team listed below by calling (901) 454-0034 or emailing firstname.lastname@2pc.org.

David Bowen, Pastor to Middle Adults
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Brett Wynne, Pastor to Young Adults

I. Ignoring Them (*Acts 21:1-16*)

A. When (*vv. 1-11*)

B. How (*vv. 12-16*)

II. Submitting to Them (*Acts 21:17-26*)

A. When (*vv. 17-23*)

B. How (*vv. 24-26*)