



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

November 25, 2018



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

All the elements of our worship services are designed to strengthen our faith in our promise-keeping God. This is particularly true of the sacraments. One way that we exercise faith in our Lord and His promises is by bringing our children for baptism.

Why do we baptize our children?

God's covenant promise. We baptize our children because God promises to be their God throughout the Scriptures. The Apostle Peter says at Pentecost that the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit are for you and your children" (Acts 2:39).

God's prescribed pattern. God established a pattern of giving the sign of entrance into the covenant to children of believers in the Old Testament (Genesis 17:7) and this pattern is not set aside in the New Testament. Thus, the silence of the New Testament is more an argument for the practice than against it.

God's new sign. In the New Testament, baptism replaces circumcision as the sign of the covenant (Colossians 2:11). Both signs remind us that God's promise continues to future generations and necessitates the shedding of blood for salvation.

A vivid picture. Baptism points to what Christ's shed blood accomplishes: the washing away of sin's guilt and the Spirit being poured out upon us. We celebrate this reality when we baptize an adult who professes faith. We anticipate this reality when we baptize a child of believing parents.

EXALT THE LORD WITH SINGING

ORGAN PRELUDE: "For All the Love" Albert Travis

Samuel Metzger, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP Brett Powell

HYMN OF PRAISE: "For All the Love" ENGELBERG

Choir:

For all the love that from our earliest days
Has gladdened life and guarded all our ways,
We bring You, Lord, our song of grateful praise: Alleluia!

✦ *Congregation stands and sings:*

2. For all the truth that wis-dom's light-ed page, un-dimmed and
3. For all the joy that child-hood's days have brought, for health-ful
4. For all the hope that sheds its glo-rious ray a-long the
5. For Christ our Lord, our Sav-ior and our friend, up-on whose

pure, that shines from age to age, God's ho-ly Word, our price-less
lives and pu-ri-ty of thought, for life's deep mean-ing to our
dark and un-known fu-ture way, and lights the path to God's e-
love and truth our souls de-pend, our hope, our strength, our joy that

her - i - tage: Al - le - lu - ia!
spir - its taught: Al - le - lu - ia!
ter - nal day, Al - le - lu - ia!
knows no end: Al - le - lu - ia!

✦ INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

✦ CONFESSION OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 94 Betty Eubank (8:15)
Haley Overcast (11:00)

What is baptism?

Baptism is a sacrament, wherein the washing with water in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, doth signify and seal our ingrafting into Christ, and partaking of the benefits of the covenant of grace, and our engagement to be the Lord's.

✦ 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.**

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15 a.m.

William Miles Kroeker, born June 28, 2017, son of Maggie and Brady Kroeker

11:00 a.m.

Grace Pearson Hammons, born May 10, 2018, daughter of Josie and John Hammons III

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.**

RECEIVE THE GRACE OF THE LORD WITH THANKSGIVING

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**O Lord God Almighty,
enthroned on high, filling the earth with Your glory: holy is Your name.
With repentant hearts, we confess to You our weakness and unbelief.
We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of the resurrection.
We have lived by the light of our own understanding
and not by the light of Christ.
We have lived for this world,
and have doubted our home in heaven.
We have heard the good news of Jesus,
but have failed to share it with others.
We have lived as if we were ashamed to belong to Your Son.
In Your mercy, O Lord, forgive us and take away our guilt.
Restore us for the sake of Your Son and bring us to the joy of heaven,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "He Never Failed Me Yet"arr. Robert Ray

I will sing of God's mercy, everyday, every hour He gives me power.
I will sing and give thanks to Thee for all the dangers, toils and snares
That He has brought me out.

He is my God and I'll serve Him, no matter what the test.
Trust and never doubt, Jesus will surely bring you out,
He never failed me yet.

I know God is able to deliver in time of storm. I know that He'll keep you safe
From all earthly harm. One day when my weary soul is at rest
I'm going home to be forever bless'd.

Didn't my God deliver Moses from King Pharaoh?
And didn't He cool the fiery furnace for Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?
When I think of what my God can do,
He delivered Daniel, I know He will deliver you.

*The Chancel Choir
Mandy Cox, soloist
Calvin Ellis, director*

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING. David Bowen

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

HEAR THE WORD OF THE LORD WITH SUBMISSION

✦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:

"My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness" Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

1. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who bore my pain,
2. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who walks be - side,
3. My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness to him who reigns a - bove,

who plumbed the depths of my dis - grace and gave me life a - gain,
 who floods my weak - ness - es and strengths and caus es - fear to fly,
 whose wis - dom is my per - fect peace, whose ev - 'ry thought is love,

who crushed my curse of sin - ful - ness and clothed me in his light,
 whose ev - 'ry prom - ise is e - nough for ev - 'ry step I take,
 for ev - 'ry day I have on earth is giv - en by the King.

and wrote his law of righ - teous - ness with pow'r up - on my heart.
 sus - tain - ing me with arms of love and crown - ing me with grace.
 So I will give my life, my all to love and fol - low him.

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON..... Acts 22:22-23:11
 (page 932 in the pew Bible)

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

SERMON *Take Courage: Part 1* George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♦HYMN OF COMMITMENT:
 No. 576 "Awake, My Soul, Stretch Every Nerve"..... CHRISTMAS

♦BENEDICTION (please raise hands)

♦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God" Egil Hovland

♦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

I. Protects the Body (*Acts 22:22-29; 23:9,10*)

A. Cultural Obsession

B. Biblical Stewardship

II. Provides Your Words (*Acts 22:30-23:1-8*)

A. Men

B. Mistakes

C. Message

III. Empowers Your Purpose (*Acts 23:11*)

A. Purpose Confusion

B. Divine Necessity

