



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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Trinity Season


Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A WORD ON WORSHIP

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

Every Lord's Day serves as a dress rehearsal for life in our eternal home in heaven. Worship is the climax of human history. Revelation 7:9 describes the heavenly scene: "After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, 'Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!'"

Our sermon text informs us that worship is not only the goal of human history, but also the goal of our personal salvation. We are saved "to declare his excellencies" (I Peter 2:9). If worship is what God has saved us for, then it is worship to which we ought to zealously devote ourselves. It should be the most important activity of our lives.

Why not take a moment to prepare our hearts for worship by remembering why it is that we do so? We praise the Lord because He has "called us out of darkness into His marvelous light" (I Peter 2:9), He has made us His people. He has given us great mercy. John Calvin offers this challenge: "Men will never worship God with a sincere heart, or be roused to fear and obey Him with sufficient zeal, until they properly understand how much they are indebted to His mercy."

DECLARE HIS EXCELLENT GREATNESS

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Festive Alleluias" Dan Miller
"Amazing Grace" Albert Travis
Samuel Metzger, organ

CHORAL INTROIT: "O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord" DIADEM

O come, let us sing to the Lord, to Him our voices raise;
With joyful noise let us the Rock of our salvation praise;
And crown Him, crown Him, Lord of all.

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Christy Young, Assistant Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP Dan G. Burns

◆HYMN OF CHRIST'S PRAISE:

No. 296 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" CORONATION

◆READING FROM THE PENTATEUCH: Deuteronomy 7:6-11 Grace Knight (8:15)
Will Stevens (11:00)

For you are a people holy to the Lord your God.

**The Lord your God has chosen you
to be a people for his treasured possession,
out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.**

It was not because you were more in number
than any other people that the Lord set his love on you and chose you,
for you were the fewest of all peoples,

**but it is because the Lord loves you
and is keeping the oath that he swore to your fathers,**

that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand
and redeemed you from the house of slavery,
from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Know therefore that the Lord your God is God,

the faithful God who keeps covenant and steadfast love
with those who love him and keep his commandments,
to a thousand generations,

and repays to their face those who hate him, by destroying them.

He will not be slack with one who hates him.

He will repay him to his face.

**You shall therefore be careful to do the commandment
and the statutes and the rules that I command you today.**

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE CORONATION

**The tender love a father has for all his children dear,
Such love the Lord bestows on them who worship Him in fear. Amen.**

✠ PRAYER OF ADORATION

RECEIVE HIS SOVEREIGN MERCY

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy and gracious Father,
we are Your redeemed people,
yet at times we refuse to live in the freedom that is ours.
We are Your loved people,
yet we spurn You by our inordinate desires for other loves.
We are Your holy people,
yet we confess that the stain of sin
persists in our thoughts, words, deeds, and attitudes.
You call us to obedience,
yet we prefer to question You and Your ways.
Therefore, we repent and ask Your forgiveness
for the travesty of our rebellion against You.
Show us how to build our lives on the only sure foundation,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✠ HYMN OF CHRIST'S ASSURANCE:

No. 343 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" WESTMINSTER ABBEY
stanzas 1-4

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Richard G. Cain

CHORAL OFFERTORY: "Trust God's Will" Johannes Brahms

Let no sad thought oppress thee, distress thee;
Fear nothing, trust God's own will, and be thou still, my spirit.

Heed not with care and sorrow the morrow:
Our Father who all doth see shall give to thee thy portion.

From righteous paths range not, and change not;
Be steadfast, for God is just; give Him thy trust forever. Amen.

✠ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE WESTMINSTER ABBEY

**Laud and honor to the Father, laud and honor to the Son,
Laud and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One,
One in might, and One in glory, while unending ages run.**

✠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

LIVE YOUR NEW IDENTITY

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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.**

READING FROM THE EPISTLES I Peter 2:4-10
(page 1014 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

Building the Church

D. Todd Erickson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF THE CHURCH: "We Are Called to Be God's People" . . . AUSTRIAN HYMN



1. We are called to be God's peo - ple, show - ing by our
2. We are called to be God's ser - vants, work - ing in His
3. We are called to be God's proph - ets, speak - ing for the



lives His grace. One in heart and one in spir - it,
world to - day; tak - ing His own task up - on us,
truth and right, stand - ing firm for god - ly jus - tice,



sign of hope for all the race. Let us show how
all His sa - cred words o - bey. Let us rise, then,
bring - ing e - vil things to light. Let us seek the



He has changed us and re - made us
to His sum - mons, ded - i - cate to
cour - age need - ed, our high call - ing



as His own let us share our life to - geth - er
Him our all, that we may be faith - ful ser - vants,
to ful - fill, that the world may know the bless - ing



as we shall a - round His throne.
quick to an - swer now His call.
of the do - ing of God's will.

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee” Richard Elliott

✦Indicates congregation standing

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GATHERING *On The* GROUNDS

Today, Beginning at 5:00!

Bring your lawn chairs and picnic dinners and join us for a time of fellowship and music on the Poplar Field followed by evening worship outdoors.

Getting Connected

To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Pastor Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or todd.erickson@2pc.org.

Pastoral Care

One of our pastors 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. You may also contact a member of our pastoral team directly using the information below.

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