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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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*Trinity Season*

  
**Second**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

The theme for our worship service today is the faithfulness of God. Thus, our opening song is the beloved hymn, "Great Is Thy Faithfulness."

Lamentations 3:22-23, which also serves as this morning's Assurance of Divine Pardon passage, inspired Thomas Obediah Chisholm to write this hymn in 1923. His purpose was to convey the sense of wonder and gratefulness all Christians should have toward God's faithfulness.

Chisholm himself, though he experienced ill health and poverty most of his adult life, possessed such wonder and gratefulness. At age 75, he wrote in a letter, "My income has not been large at any time due to impaired health in the earlier years which has followed me on until now. Although I must not fail to record here the unfailing faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God and that He has given me many wonderful displays of His providing care, for which I am filled with astonishing gratefulness."

As all three verses indicate, God is always faithful to His people in Christ. We need not look any further than His Word (verse 1), creation (verse 2), and our lives (verse 3) to see His great faithfulness on display.

Whatever challenges, trials, or disappointments we might be facing this morning, we are reminded in this hymn that God's promises are true, that He never changes, and that His compassion never fails.

Let us then worship our faithful God together!

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE: "Trumpet Voluntary" ..... G.F. Handel, arr. Dupré  
"Speak, O Lord" .....arr. Mark Hayes  
*Samuel Metzger, organ and piano*

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Tim Russell

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 32 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" ..... FAITHFULNESS

♠INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

♠PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 36:5-10 ..... Bill Jorgensen

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,  
your faithfulness to the clouds.

**Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;  
your judgments are like the great deep;  
man and beast you save, O Lord.**

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!  
The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

**They feast on the abundance of your house,  
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

**Oh, continue your steadfast love to those who know you,  
and your righteousness to the upright of heart!**

♠DOXOLOGY..... LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below: alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" . . . . .arr. Mack Wilberg

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heav'n to earth come down.  
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling, all Thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, Thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love Thou art;  
Visit us with Thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in Thee inherit; let us find Thy promised rest;  
Take away the love of sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all Thy life receive;  
Suddenly return and never, nevermore Thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve Thee as Thy hosts above,  
Pray and praise Thee without ceasing, glory in Thy perfect love.

Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see Thy great salvation, perfectly restored in Thee;  
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place;  
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise. Amen.

The Chancel Choir  
Calvin Ellis, director

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING . . . . . David Bowen

✦GREETINGS

PRAYER FOR THE 2018-19 FELLOWS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (Please stand)

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION:

"Before the Throne of God Above" . . . . .Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook



1. Be - fore the throne of God a - bove I have a  
2. When Sa - tan tempts me to de - spair And tells me  
3. Be - hold Him there, the ris - en Lamb, My per - fect



strong and per - fect plea; A great High Priest whose name is  
of the guilt with - in, Up - ward I look and see Him  
spot - less right - eous - ness, The great un - change - a - ble I



Love, Who ev - er lives and pleads for me. My name is grav - en  
there Who made an end of all my sin. Be - cause the sin - less  
AM, the King of glo - ry and of grace. One with Him - self I



on His hands, My name is writ - ten on His heart. I know that  
Sav - ior died My sin - ful soul is count - ed free; For God the  
can - not die; My soul is pur - chased by His blood. My life is



while in heav'n He stands No tongue can bid me thence de -  
just is sat - is - fied, To look on Him and par - don  
hid with Christ on high, With Christ, my Sav - ior and my



part, No tongue can bid me thence de - part.  
me, To look on Him and par - don me.  
God, With Christ, my Sav - ior and my God!

The grass withers, the flower fades,

**but the Word of our God will stand forever.** (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON

*Opening Grace: Part I*

George W. Robertson

## 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 ..... 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

**Faithful God,  
we confess that we have been unfaithful  
to our covenant with You and with one another.  
We have worshiped other gods:  
money, power, greed, and convenience.  
We have served our own self-interest  
instead of serving only You and Your people.  
We have not loved You  
nor have we loved our neighbor as You have commanded.  
Forgive us, O Gracious God.  
Restore us to the joy of Your salvation  
and sustain us with Your bountiful Spirit  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

### INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. . . . . Lamentations 3:22-23

*The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases; his mercies never come to an end;  
they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

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.*

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded" . . . . . PASSION CHORALE

**O sacred Head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;  
Now scornfully surrounded with thorns, Thine only crown;  
O sacred Head, what glory, what bliss till now was Thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call Thee mine.**

**What Thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:  
Mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor, vouch-safe to me Thy grace.**

**What language shall I borrow to thank Thee, dearest Friend,  
For this, Thy dying sorrow, Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever; and should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to Thee.**

"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.**

**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.**

SONG OF CONTEMPLATION: "Be Unto Your Name" . . . Lynn DeShazo, Gary Sadler

We are a moment, You are forever, Lord of the ages, God before time.  
We are a vapor, You are eternal, love everlasting, reigning on high.  
Holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, worthy is the Lamb Who was slain!  
Highest praises, honor and glory be unto Your name, be unto Your name.  
We are the broken, You are the Healer; Jesus Redeemer, mighty to save.  
You are the love song we'll sing forever, bowing before You, blessing Your name!  
Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, be unto Your name.

*Jauna Ellis, Hannah Crowley, Donna Sanders, Christy Young,  
Peter Vanderbijl, Drew Fitzgerald, Calvin Ellis, Michael Varner  
Kate Ryan, violin; Kenneth Coca, cello*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦HYMN OF RESPONSE.....HAMBURG

**Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.**

✦BENEDICTION *(Please lift hands)*

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God" .....J.S. Bach, arr. Fox

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Opening Grace: Part I | George Robertson

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**I. Open-minded** *(Acts 17:10-15)*

A. Preaching

B. Persuasion

C. Proof

**II. Open-Hearted** *(Acts 17:1-9)*

A. Preaching

B. Persuasion

C. Proof