ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

September 16, 2018
Trinity Season

Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
The people of God gather on the Lord’s Day to worship Him. We do this in the power of the Holy Spirit out of gratitude to Almighty God as He has revealed himself in the person and work of Jesus Christ. We humble ourselves before Him by declaring His worth, confessing His lordship, and rendering to Him honor and glory according to His Word.

There are many reasons to do this. None is more compelling than grace. God’s grace is unmerited favor from an unobligated giver. God owes us nothing yet gives us His all – the indescribable gift of His Son.

John Newton, whose beloved hymn “Amazing Grace” we sing today, summarized the essence of grace in his simple yet profound testimony in his latter years: “My memory is nearly gone; but I remember two things: That I am a great sinner and that Christ is a great Savior!”

May we embrace Newton’s testimony as our own and delight to praise our God for “his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved” (Ephesians 1:7b).

---

**ORGAN PRELUDE:** “Emperor’s Fanfare”  
*Antonio Soler*

**INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE:** “O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus”  
*Duane Funderburk*

**CALL TO WORSHIP**  
*Mike Stokke*

**HYMN OF PRAISE:** No. 460 “Amazing Grace!”  
*AMAZING GRACE*

**CONFESSION OF FAITH:** Westminster Confession of Faith Q. 87  
*Grace Knight (8:15)*

What is repentance unto life?

*Repentance leading to life is a saving grace,*  
*by which a sinner having truly realized his sin*  
*and grasped the mercy of God in Christ,*  
*turns from his sin with grief and hatred and turns to God*  
*with full resolve and effort after new obedience.*

**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** (11:00)  
*William Ezekiel Cranford, born October 6, 2017, son of Adrianne and Will Cranford*

**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.*
Turn to Our Gracious God

Corporate Prayer of Confession

Gracious Heavenly Father,
we are sinners in your sight;
yet, in Christ, You are reconciled to Your rebellious servants. 
Shamefully, we have experienced Your amazing grace toward us,
but we have not loved You with our whole hearts
nor our neighbors as ourselves.
We confess that we often honor Your Son with our lips
when our hearts are far from You.
Forgive us for our hypocrisy and formality in religion.
Forgive our neglect of Your Word, Your direction, and Your priorities.
Forgive us for tolerating sin in the knowledge that grace abounds.
The worship that You do not despise
comes from a broken spirit and contrite heart before You.
Therefore, according to Your steadfast love,
wash us, cleanse us, and put new and right spirits within us
that we may bring glory to Your name, through Jesus Christ we pray.

Individual Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Divine Pardon

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing;
it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Worship of God with the Gifts of God

Offertory Anthem: “Sing Unto God”

Sing unto God, and high affections raise,
To crown this conquest with unmeasured praise.

The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director

†Prayer of Thanksgiving

†Greetings

Commissioning of Church Teachers

A Word to the Children (8:15)

Walk in the Freedom of Our Gracious God

†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: “God Be Merciful to Me” (Psalm 51) . . . . . . . Christopher Miner

1. God, be mer-ci-ful to me, on thy grace I rest my plea;
2. My trans-gres-sions I con-fess, grief and guilt my soul op-press;
3. I am e-vil, born in sin; thou de-sir-est truth with-in.
4. Bro-ken, hum-bled to the dust, by thy wrath and judg-ment just;
5. Gra-cious God, my heart re-new, make my spir-it right and true;
6. Sin-ners then shall learn from me and re-turn, O God, to thee;

blot out my trans-gres-sions now; wash me, make me pure and con-fess thy face;
and in glad-ness hear thy voice; make me pure, thy sal-vous’s; and my tongue shall sing thy love; touch my si-lent

pure with-in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin. judge-ment just, speech less, I thy mer-cy trust.
grace be-stow, wash me whit-er than the snow. hide thy face, blot them out in bound-less grace.
joy im-part, stead-fast make my will-ing heart. lips, O Lord, and my mouth shall praise ac-cord.

THE GRASS WITHERS, THE FLOWER FADES,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)