



ORDER FOR THE  
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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September 16, 2018  
*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 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).

## GLORIFY OUR GRACIOUS GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Emperor's Fanfare" . . . . . Antonio Soler  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "O the Deep, Deep Love of Jesus" . . Duane Funderburk  
*Steve Hancock and Clay Hancock, violin;  
Betty Eubank, viola; Hannah Schmidt, cello*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Mike Stokke

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 460 "Amazing Grace!" . . . . . AMAZING GRACE

♠INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

♠CONFESSION OF FAITH: Westminster Confession of Faith Q. 87 . . . Grace Knight (8:15)  
Elizabeth Wall (11:00)

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 Adrienne 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. . . . . Ephesians 2:8-9

*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" . . . . . G.F. Handel

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

*The Chancel Choir  
Calvin Ellis, director*

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING. . . . . Gerry Peak

✦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  
 2. My trans - gres - sions I con - fess, grief and guilt my  
 3. I am e - vil, born in sin; thou de - sir - est  
 4. Bro - ken, hum - bled to the dust by thy wrath and  
 5. Gra - cious God, my heart re - new, make my spir - it  
 6. Sin - ners then shall learn from me and re - turn, O

rest my plea; plen - teous in com - pas - sion thou,  
 soul op - press; I have sinned a - gainst thy grace  
 truth with - in. Thou a - lone my Sav - ior art,  
 judg - ment just, let my con - trite heart re - joice  
 right and true; cast me not a - way from thee,  
 God, to thee; Sav - ior, all my guilt re - move,

blot out my trans - gres - sions now; wash me, make me  
 and pro - voked thee to thy face; I con - fess thy  
 teach thy wis - dom to my heart; make me pure, thy  
 and in glad - ness hear thy voice; from my sins O  
 let thy Spir - it dwell in me; thy sal - va - tion's  
 and my tongue shall sing thy love; touch my si - lent

pure with - in, cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.  
 judg - 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.

PSALTER LESSON . . . . . Psalm 51  
 (page 474 in the pew Bible)

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

