



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

September 30, 2018
Trinity Season



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

Scripture suffuses every part of our worship services:

- We call one another to the awesome task of worshiping God with Scripture.
- We sing God's praise with psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs in order to make God's Word memorable and vivid.
- The Spirit uses God's Word to convict us of sin and to show us our fresh need of His forgiveness and grace.
- We use the precious promises of God's Word to assure us of His pardon.
- We give attention to reading His sacred Scriptures, because faith comes by hearing the Word of God.
- We preach His Word because, through it, God chooses to save and cause some to be spiritually reborn (*I Corinthians 1:21, I Peter 1:25*).
- His Word equips us to live for Christ and to influence His kingdom during the perilous times in which we live (*II Timothy 3*).
- Lastly, God sends us out with His blessing to serve a needy world. This benediction comes from His Word!

Why do we place such emphasis on the Word saturating all of our worship? Because "The grass withers, and the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever" (*Isaiah 40:8*).

Through the eternal, profitable, inerrant, and living Word of God, we hear and receive "the good news" by which we experience eternal salvation. Therefore, let us prepare to give our undivided attention to His Word!

BEHOLD THE GLORY OF GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE:

Fanfare and Trumpet Tune on "Holy, Holy, Holy" Christopher Tambling
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Prayer of St. Gregory" Alan Hovhaness
David Spencer, trumpet

CALL TO WORSHIP Brett Powell

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Holy, Holy, Holy!" NICAEA
The first verse will be sung by our Spirit & Song Children's Choir, directed by Christy Young and accompanied by Mary Lawrence Flinn. "Holy, Holy, Holy!" is our hymn of the month.

Children's Choir:

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

♠ Congregation stands and sings:

2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see.
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.
 God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

✦ INVOCATION (Please lift hands)

✦ PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 99:1-9 Betty Eubank (8:15)
 Blanche Tosh (11:00)

The Lord reigns; let the peoples tremble!
 He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

**The Lord is great in Zion;
 he is exalted over all the peoples.**

Let them praise your great and awesome name! Holy is he!

**The King in his might loves justice.
 You have established equity; you have executed justice
 and righteousness in Jacob.**

Exalt the Lord our God; worship at his footstool! Holy is he!

**Moses and Aaron were among his priests,
 Samuel also was among those who called upon his name.
 They called to the Lord, and he answered them.
 In the pillar of the cloud he spoke to them;
 they kept his testimonies
 and the statute that he gave them.**

O Lord our God, you answered them;
 you were a forgiving God to them,
 but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

**Exalt the Lord our God,
 and worship at his holy mountain;
 for the Lord our God is holy!**

✦ 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:
 Alleulia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

BEHOLD THE GRACE OF GOD

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal and Almighty Father,
 You are holy, holy, holy, and the whole earth is full of Your glory.
 Bowing before You, we humbly confess
 that we are full of sin and unworthy to stand in Your presence.
 We have lost our way by following the ways of the world
 and by abandoning Your way of mercy, justice, and truth.
 We are a people of unclean lips,
 lips that do not praise You nor honor You as we should.
 We lie and we assault others with our speech instead of building them up.
 We have taken Your name in vain.
 Our hearts are dull to Your Word.
 We are slow to obey and indifferent to Your commands.
 Our ears are often closed off to the truth,
 and we refuse to listen to Your indwelling Spirit.
 Forgive all our sins, we pray, on account of Christ our Savior.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. . . . Romans 5:8; Colossians 1:13-14; Romans 5:1

God shows his own love for us in that while we were still sinners,
 Christ died for us.

**He has delivered us from the domain of darkness
 and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,
 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.
 Therefore, since we have been justified by faith,
 we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.**

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Immortal, Invisible" Mark Hayes

Immortal, God only wise!
 Invisible, hid from our eyes, the one true God!
 Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
 In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
 Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
 Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
 Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
 Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might;
 Thy justice, like mountains, high soaring above
 Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
 To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small,
 In all life Thou livest, the true life of all;
 We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
 And wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee.

✦ *Congregation stands and sings:*
**Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
 Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight;
 All praise we would render, O help us to see
 'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee!**
 Amen.

*The Chancel, Faithline, and Spirit & Song Choirs
 Calvin Ellis, director*

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING. Brett Wynne

PRAYER FOR THE MUSIC MINISTRY

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15). Peggy Stephens

BEHOLD THE WILL OF 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: No. 585 "Take My Life, and Let It Be" HENDON

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON I Thessalonians 1:1-10
(page 986 in the pew Bible)

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

SERMON *Has the Gospel Come Here?* Todd Erickson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 565 "All for Jesus!" WYCLIFF

✦BENEDICTION (*Please lift hands*)

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Final from "Symphony No. 1" Louis Vierne

✦*Indicates congregation standing* CCLI License #252778

Getting Connected at Second

A pastor 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. To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, or for help with specific concerns, you may contact a member of our pastoral team listed below by calling (901) 454-0034 or emailing firstname.lastname@2pc.org.

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