



ORDER FOR THE  
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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March 15, 2020  
*Season of Lent*

  
**Second**  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

All the elements of our worship services are designed to strengthen our faith in our promise-keeping God. This is particularly true of the sacraments. One way that we exercise faith in our Lord and His promises is by bringing our children for baptism.

Why do we baptize our children?

- **God’s Covenant Promise.** We baptize our children because God promises to be their God throughout the Scriptures. The Apostle Peter says at Pentecost that the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit is for “you and your children” (*Acts 2:39*).
- **God’s Prescribed Pattern.** God established a pattern of giving the sign of entrance into the covenant to children of believers in the Old Testament and this pattern is not set aside in the New Testament (*Genesis 17:7*). Thus, the silence of the New Testament is more an argument for the practice than against it.
- **God’s New Sign.** In the New Testament, baptism replaces circumcision as the sign of the covenant (*Colossians 2:11*). Both signs remind us that God’s promise continues to future generations and necessitates the shedding of blood for salvation.
- **Historical Precedence.** In the early church, entire families were baptized when an adult member professed faith in Jesus (*Acts 16:15, 33*).
- **A Vivid Picture.** Baptism points to what Christ’s shed blood accomplishes: the washing away of sin’s guilt and the Spirit being poured out upon us. We celebrate this reality when we baptize an adult who professes faith. We anticipate this reality when we baptize a child of believing parents.

## ASCRIBE GLORY TO OUR KING

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Paeon—A Song of Triumph” . . . . . Wilson Oliphant  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

INSTRUMENTAL MEDITATION:  
“Allegro from Flute Concerto in D Major” . . . . . Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
*Emily Edwards, flute*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Josh Preston

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 95 “O Praise the Gracious Power” . . . . . MARION  
*Words: Thomas Troeger / Music: Arthur Messiter; arr. Metzger / James 2:8*

♣INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

♣STATEMENT OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 40-42 . . . . . Shelley Hill (8:15)  
Rong Guo Zhou (11:00)

What rules did God first reveal for man to obey?

**The rules He first revealed were the moral law.**

Where is the moral law summarized?

**The moral law is summarized in the ten commandments.**

What is the essence of the ten commandments?

**The essence of the ten commandments is to love the Lord our God with all our heart, with all our soul, with all our strength, and with all our mind, and to love everyone else as we love ourselves.**

*These catechisms will be the topic of the sermon this evening.*

*Words: Bland Tucker / Music: Charles Stanford / Philippians 2:11*

Let ev -'ry tongue con-fess with one ac-cord in heav'n and  
 earth that Je - sus Christ is Lord; and God the Fa - ther  
 be by all a - dored. Al - le - lu - ia!

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15 a.m.

*John Hammond Meriwether, born September 11, 2019, son of Lauren and Hunter Meriwether*

11:00 a.m.

*Bowen Patrick Cross, born August 5, 2019, son of Meg and Mac Cross*

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.**

REST IN THE COMFORT OF OUR KING

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord God, in Your mercy, hear our prayer.  
 We confess that it is still all too easy for us  
 to sacrifice our convictions for convenience,  
 Your standards for status, Your principles for promotion,  
 Your absolutes for our ambition,  
 our souls for shallow and unsatisfying success.  
 Forgive us, we pray.  
 Bring us to an unbroken commitment  
 and a steady trust, through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope,  
 the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always.  
 It's in His matchless name we pray.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. .... Psalm 32:1-2

*Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.  
 Blessed is the man against whom the Lord counts no iniquity,  
 and in whose spirit there is no deceit.*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Footsteps" . . . . . arr. Craig Courtney

I see His footsteps in the way and follow them through darkest night.  
Unafraid, I stumble not, in the glow of perfect light, I see.

I walk in footsteps of His love and find His light, leads on before.  
Then He gently turns to me, Softly whispers, "trust Me more." I walk. I walk.

Then as I follow in His way, my path ahead will brightly shine.  
For in His path of guiding light, I find His footsteps first, then mine.

*The Chancel Choir  
Calvin Ellis, director*

✦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.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING. . . . . Jon McGuirt

✦GREETINGS

HEAR THE WORD OF OUR KING

✦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. 512 "Sometimes a Light Surprises" . . . . . BENTLEY

*Words: William Cowper / Music: John Hullah / Malachi 4:2*

SCRIPTURE LESSON . . . . . Exodus 13:17-14:14  
*(page 55 in the pew Bible)*

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

SERMON *With Us* George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 573 "It Is Well with My Soul" . . . . . VILLE DU HAVRE

*Words: Horatio Spafford / Music: Philip Bliss / Philippians 4:7*

✦BENEDICTION *(please lift hands)*

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Toccata Brevis" . . . . . Daniel Gawthrop

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

**I. With Us In Doubt** (*Exodus 13:17-18; 14:11-12*)

**II. With Us In Death** (*Exodus 13:19*)

**III. With Us In Front** (*Exodus 13:20-21*)

**IV. With Us In-Between** (*Exodus 14:1-30*)