

Order for the Public Worship of God

The Twenty-second Day of March, Two Thousand and Nine

Season of Lent

8:15 & 10:50 A.M. • The Sanctuary

As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.
Please turn off your cell phone.

ORGAN PRELUDE: “O Lamb of God, BWV 618” J. S. Bach
Lenora Morrow, Organist

WORD ON WORSHIP Cross-Centered Worship Sanders L. Willson

SOLO INTROIT: “Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross” NEAR THE CROSS
Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
Free to all – a healing stream flows from Calvary’s mountain.
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star shed its beams around me.
In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Laura Cofield, Soloist

CALL TO WORSHIPDarrin S. Anthony

✠HYMN OF PRAISE:
No. 246 “Man of Sorrows! What a Name” HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

✠READING FROM THE PROPHETS: Isaiah 53:1-12 Albert Throckmorton (8:15)
David T. Popwell (10:50)

Who has believed our message

and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

He grew up before him like a tender shoot,

and like a root out of dry ground.

He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to him,

nothing in his appearance that we should desire him.

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows,
and familiar with suffering.

Like one from whom men hide their faces he was despised,
and we esteemed him not.

Surely he took up our infirmities and carried our sorrows,

yet we considered him stricken by God,
smitten by him, and afflicted.

But he was pierced for our transgressions,
he was crushed for our iniquities;

the punishment that brought us peace was upon him,
and by his wounds we are healed.

We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to his own way;

and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth;

he was led like a lamb to the slaughter,
and as a sheep before her shearers is silent,
so he did not open his mouth.

By oppression and judgment he was taken away.
And who can speak of his descendants?
For he was cut off from the land of the living;
for the transgression of my people he was stricken.

He was assigned a grave with the wicked,
and with the rich in his death,
though he had done no violence,
nor was any deceit in his mouth.

Yet it was the Lord’s will to crush him and cause him to suffer,
and though the Lord makes his life a guilt offering,
he will see his offspring and prolong his days,
and the will of the Lord will prosper in his hand.

After the suffering of his soul,
he will see the light of life and be satisfied;
by his knowledge my righteous servant will justify many,
and he will bear their iniquities.

Therefore I will give him a portion among the great,
and he will divide the spoils with the strong,
because he poured out his life unto death,
and was numbered with the transgressors.

For he bore the sin of many,
and made intercession for the transgressors.

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

To our dear Redeemer’s praise let our hearts and voices raise
Loud thanksgiving to His Name. Hallelujah! What a Savior!

✠PRAYER OF ADORATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15

John William Fondaw, born October 21, 2008, son of Andy and Alison Fondaw
Harold Coker Wilson, born May 12, 2008, son of Scott and Jennifer Wilson

10:50

Charles Harry Frazer, born December 29, 2008, son of Preston and Ashley Frazer
Ann Charlotte Jones, born September 4, 2008, daughter of Trey and Laura Lee Jones
William Graham Gore, born October 14, 2008, son of Mike and Molly Gore

PARENTAL VOWS

Do you acknowledge your child’s need of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ,
and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God’s covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look to the Lord
Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise in humble reliance
upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you
will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the sacred Scriptures, and that you
will strive by all the means that God provides you, to bring him up in the nurture and
admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you undertake the responsibility to assist these parents in the Christian
nurture of their child?

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.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION AND INTERCESSION

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.

✠HYMN OF GRATITUDE: No. 254 “Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed” MARTYRDOM
stanzas 1, 4 & 5

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS TO GOD Michael R. Gatliff

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” G. M. Martin

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God!
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.
See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!
Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
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! Amen.

Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (10:50)
Robert Sutton, Conductor

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE MEIRIONYDD

O Jesus, we adore Thee, upon the cross, our King!
We bring our gifts before Thee, Thy gracious name we sing.
That name hath brought salvation, that name in life our stay,
Our peace, our consolation, when life shall fade away.

✠PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✠GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

READING FROM THE GOSPELS: Matthew 16:13-28 Courtney Humphreys (8:15)
(page 968 in pew Bible) Candace Willis (10:50)

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;

The grass withers and the flowers fall,
but the Word of our God stands forever. Amen. (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

✠HYMN OF OBEDIENCE: No. 707 “Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken” ELLESDIE
stanzas 1, 2 & 5

SERMON The Christ-Centered Life: Sanders L. Willson
Take Up Your Cross

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✠HYMN OF DEVOTION: No. 610 “‘Take Up Your Cross,’ the Savior Said” QUEBEC
stanzas 1, 3 & 5

✠BENEDICTION

✠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” arr. C. Hamlin

✠Indicates congregation standing

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We consider it a privilege to have our children in worship with us. If your small children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the children’s room especially designed for them at the rear of the Sanctuary. They are also welcome in the nursery. Older children should also be encouraged to come to church prepared to stay in their pew throughout the service.

One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you or to offer helpful direction regarding your spiritual life. He will be in the Gathering Room, which is the first room on your left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary (closest to the pulpit). You may also send your confidential email to pastor@2pc.org with questions about your spiritual life.

Join us tonight for Sunday Night Worship

· 1ST CORINTHIANS ·

“Priority Mail: The Christian’s Sex Life” · I Corinthians 6:12-20
Todd Erickson, preaching · 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Sex is everywhere. It’s in our music, our movies, our TV shows, our emails, our texts, our computers, our conversations, our jokes, our billboards ... you get the point. The question is, why is sex everywhere and what are we supposed to do about it? Join us tonight as we continue in our study of I Corinthians looking at some of the Bible’s most powerful teaching on sex.

Weekly Focus on Mission Partners

World Missions: This past Friday a group led by Ron Sadlow traveled to an East Asian city to work with some of Second’s mission partners. This week the team will conduct a business seminar for young business professionals with Earl Blankenship as the keynote speaker. Other team members will follow up with small group discussions and individual appointments in the hope of building a platform to share the Gospel. Dr. Brent Stenberg will also be with the team, but separately leading seminars for missionaries, counseling them, and meeting with nationals about marriage enrichment. Pray for the team to be a winsome witness of Christ’s love, for opportunities to share the Gospel, for open hearts to receive the Gospel and for health and safety for all.

MissionUSA: Service Over Self praises God that their spring and summer camps are 100% full! Pray that the Gospel would be clearly communicated to the campers and homeowners during the camps. Pray that God would provide five high school-aged boys and two high school-aged girls from Binghampton to work with the college staff this summer. Also, SOS asks that we pray for wisdom and discernment as they plan for the future.

March Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin C. Fisher, who were married last evening. Mrs. Fisher is the former Riann Aldrich.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for the month of March are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: *Gloria Joyce Cape* by her family; *Charlie Cash* by his family; *Wendell Palmer* by his wife, Evelyn, and his children Fred, Pam, Nikki and Eric Montesi; *Dr. Bailey W. Prichard and his parents, Bailey and Montell Prichard* by June Prichard Robinson; *Dr. Phillip Sherman* by his wife, Barbara, his children and his grandchildren; *Richard E. Shubert* by his wife Janice and his family; *Dr. Hubert K. Turley* by his wife Aggie and his family.

Announcements

NEW AND EXPECTANT PARENT OPEN HOUSE: All new and expectant parents are cordially invited to the Nursery Ministry Team’s open house today, immediately following the 8:15 a.m. service. During this time, we will tour the nursery and answer any questions you may have. We hope to see you there!

SHORT TERM MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY: For anyone interested in the GEM–Prague ST trip August 1-11, there will be a meeting in C102 today at 5:00 p.m.

FOUNDATION ANNUAL DINNER: This year’s dinner event on Friday, April 3, at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall will feature guest speaker John Guest. Make your reservation by emailing vsimmons@2pc.org or calling 454-0034 with the names of each attendee, no later than Thursday, March 26.

AMEN MEN’S RETREAT: Join the AMEN team and Gary Thomas for a great weekend of growth and fun, Friday, March 27–Sunday, March 29, at Pickwick Lodge. For more information and to register, visit www.2pc.org/amen or call 454-0034.

REDEMPTION REVIVAL: Women of 2PC, please make plans to attend Redemption 2009, a free multicultural revival for women in the Memphis area March 27-28, at the Cook

Convention Center. Go to www.2pc.org/redemption to register, sign up for transportation, volunteer as a Redemption hostess, and secure your nursery space for Saturday.

LIBRARY DEDICATION RESCHEDULED: The Growing Place Library is dedicated to Mary Elizabeth “Bee” Wallis in honor of her commitment to fine literature. Bee and her husband Lamar Wallis’ very generous donation to The Growing Place Library made possible the newly renovated interior. The unveiling of the plaque and dedication will take place Sunday, March 29, following the 10:50 a.m. service.

CHILDREN’S CHOIR CONCERT: The Children’s Choir concert, featuring all children’s choirs and ensembles, will be Sunday, March 29, at 4 p.m. in the Sanctuary. A reception will immediately follow in C100. All are welcome to join in the fun!

RECEPTION HONORING BRYCE AND NOREEN KING: Please join us Sunday, March 29, in C310 following the evening worship service to honor Bryce and Noreen King. Bryce and Noreen plan to move to Texas and become involved in a new assignment with Third Millennium Ministries. Please join us as we express to them our appreciation for their work with us in the Berclair ministry.

WOMEN’S RETREAT: The 2009 Spring Women’s Retreat “Filled with His Spirit” at Victory Ranch is April 24-26. We hope you’ll join us! Register easily online at www.2pc.org/womensretreat or contact Nancy Webster in the WIM Office at 454-0034.

SPRING CLEAN-UP AT BERCLAIR ELEMENTARY: The fourth annual Spring Clean-up at Berclair Elementary School is Saturday, April 4. We will gather at the school at 8:30 a.m. and be finished by noon. To sign up, contact the MissionUSA Office at 454-0034.

JR HIGH: Three Degrees will meet tonight at 7:15 p.m. and Three Degrees Small Groups will meet Wednesday, March 25, at 6:15 p.m. Sixth grade movie night is Friday, March 27, from 7-8:30 p.m. Visit www.2pcyouth.org for more information.

SR HIGH: True North Small Groups will meet tonight at 4:30 p.m. and True North will meet Wednesday, March 25, at 7:30 p.m. Visit www.2pcyouth.org for more information.

KAIROIS COLLEGE MINISTRY: The Kairos College Class meets Sunday mornings at 9:45 for music, fellowship and teaching. Join us upstairs in the Activities Building. Parents of College Students: Please join us for a weekly time of intercessory prayer for our church’s college students and ministry. We meet Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m., in the youth department conference room. Visit www.2pckairos.org for more information.

We Invite You to Join Us for Holy Week

Palm Sunday, April 5 8:15 & 10:50 a.m. Services in the Sanctuary 6:00 p.m. Evening Service in the Fellowship Hall Holy Week Worship & Luncheon Series, April 6-9 Noon Services in the Sanctuary Lunch (Monday-Thursday) in the Fellowship Hall 11:00-11:45 a.m. & 12:30-1:15 p.m. <i>Nursery is available Tuesday and Thursday only. Call 454-0034 to make reservations.</i> Maundy Thursday Evening, April 9 Dinner in the Fellowship Hall at 5:00 p.m 6:30 p.m. Communion Service in the Sanctuary	Good Friday, April 10 Noon Service in the Sanctuary Easter Egg Hunt, April 11 11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m. at the 2PC Soccer Fields across Central Easter Sunday, April 12 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Memphis Botanic Garden 8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. Services in the Sanctuary (No Sunday School or Evening Service) <i>Note: Except for the special nursery times noted for Holy Week above, nursery is available during all worship services without reservation. Nursery is not available during the Easter Egg Hunt or the Sunrise Service at the Memphis Botanic Garden.</i>
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Easter Flower Form

I/We wish to contribute \$_____ to the Flower Ministry of Second Presbyterian Church for use in decorating the church for Easter in memory or in honor of loved ones. Please acknowledge the gift (omitting the amount) in the bulletin on Sunday, April 12, as follows:

Please check ONLY one: ☐ **in Memory of** ☐ **in Honor of** ☐ **in Gratitude for**

Name: _____

Given By: _____ **Phone # of Donor:** _____

April 6, 2009 is the deadline for the inclusion of names in the bulletin on April 12, 2009. Please return this form with your check to Second Presbyterian Church, 4055 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38111, clearly designating the gift for “The Flower Ministry.”

MARCH 22, 2009