

# ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

October 18, 2009 ❖ 10:30 AM

### Thoughts for Worship Preparation

*“All who believe... are justified by his grace as a gift, through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, whom God put forward as a propitiation by his blood, to be received by faith.”* St. Paul

*“We can put it this way: the man who has faith is the man who is no longer looking at himself, and no longer looking to himself. He no longer looks at anything he once was. He does not look at what he is now. He does not [even] look at what he hopes to be as the result of his own efforts. He looks entirely to the Lord Jesus Christ and His finished work, and he rests on that alone. He has ceased to say, ‘Ah, yes, I have committed terrible sins but I have done this and that...’ He stops saying that. If he goes on saying that, he has not got faith... Faith speaks in an entirely different manner and makes a man say, ‘Yes, I have sinned grievously, I have lived a life of sin... yet I know that I am a child of God because I am not resting on any righteousness of my own; my righteousness is in Jesus Christ, and God has put that to my account.”* D. M. Lloyd-Jones

*“The doctrine of propitiation is precisely this – that God loved the objects of his wrath so much that he gave his own son to the end that he by his blood should make provision for the removal of his wrath.”* John Murray

### Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John R. McCracken

### Prelude and Gathering Song

*“Can You Believe It?”*

Ken Medema

Jenni Till Rasberry, Solo; Trinity Choir

*Teach me to stop and listen, teach me to center down, teach me the use of silence, teach me where peace is found. Teach me to hear your calling, teach me to search your Word, teach me to hear in silence things I have never heard. Teach me to be collected, teach me to be in tune, teach me to be directed, silence will end so soon. Then when it's time for moving, grant it that I may bring to every day and moment peace from a silent spring.*

### Call to Worship

Ephesians 1:3, 7; 2:8, 13

The Rev. Patrick Potet

Minister: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ.

People: **In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us with all wisdom and understanding.**

Minister: Now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near through the blood of Christ.

People: **For it is by grace we have been saved, through faith—and this not from ourselves, it is the gift of God!**

\*Prayer of Adoration

Mr. McCracken

\*Affirmation of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism (1563)

Mr. Poteet

Q. How are you righteous before God?

A. Only by a true faith in Jesus Christ; so that though my conscience accuse me, that I have grossly transgressed all the commandments of God and kept none of them, and am still inclined to all evil; notwithstanding, God, without any merit of mine, but only of mere grace, grants and imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness and holiness of Christ; even so, as if I never had had, nor committed any sin; yea, as if I had fully accomplished all that obedience which Christ has accomplished for me, inasmuch as I embrace such benefit with a believing heart.

\*Hymn of Praise

"How Deep the Father's Love"

Stuart Townend

1. How deep the Fa - ther's love for us, how vast be - yond all meas - ure that  
 2. Be - hold the Man up - on the cross, my sin up - on His shoul - ders. A -  
 3. I will not boast in an - y thing: no gifts, no pow'r, no wis - dom. But  
 he should give His on - ly Son to make a wretch His treas - ure. How  
 shamed, I hear my mock - ing voice call out a - mong the scof - fers. It  
 I will boast in Je - sus Christ; His death and res - ur - rec - tion. Why  
 great the pain of sear - ing loss. The Fa - ther turns His face a - way as  
 was my sin that held Him there un - til it was ac - com - plished; His  
 should I gain from His re - ward? I can - not give an an - swer. But  
 wounds which mar the Cho - sen One bring man - y sons to glo - ry.\_\_\_\_\_  
 dy - ing breath has brought me life. I know that it is fin - ished.\_\_\_\_\_  
 this I know with all my heart: His wounds have paid my ran - som.\_\_\_\_\_

Confession of Sin

Mr. Joe Gage, *Ruling Elder*

Holy and merciful God,  
 In your presence we confess our sinfulness,  
 our shortcomings  
 and our offenses against you.  
 You alone know how often we have sinned  
 in wandering from your ways,  
 in wasting your gifts,  
 in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord,  
for we are ashamed and sorry  
for all we have done to displease you.  
Forgive our sins,  
and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways,  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

### Silent Confession

### Declaration of Pardon

Elder: *Hear these words of assurance from God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ:*

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. *I John 1:8*

*My friends, I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Hymn of Pardon, No. 307

**"Nothing But the Blood"**

PLAINFIELD

Ron Bowser, Soloist

*What can wash away my sin? nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
What can make me whole again? nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Oh, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*Nothing can for sin atone--nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Nothing good that I have done--nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Oh, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

*This is all my hope and peace--nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
This is all my righteousness--nothing but the blood of Jesus.  
Oh, precious is the flow that makes me white as snow;  
No other fount I know, nothing but the blood of Jesus.*

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Mr. Gage

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings (with monthly Mercy Offering)

The Musical Offering

**"Laudate Dominum" from Solemn Vespers**

W.A. Mozart

Trinity Choir and soloist; Douglass McFarland, pianist

(translation from Latin)

*Sing praise to God above all ye nations, praise Him ye people, all ye souls on earth. For he hath shown his kindness toward us, His love and merciful kindness, and the truth of God lasteth forever, for all eternity. Glory to the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit; as it was then and will ever be, both now and always through the centuries everlasting. Amen.*

**The Offering Consecration**

Mr. McCracken

**\*The Doxology**

DUKE STREET

**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.**

**\*The Passing of the Peace**

Mr. McCracken

**Minister:** The peace of Christ be with you.  
**People:** And also with you.

**Service of Friendship**

*Children between the ages of 4 through 1st grade may now be dismissed for Celebration Chapel, Room 101. At this time, please locate the black Friendship pad at the left end of your row, fill it out and pass it back to the beginning of the row.*

**\*Prayer for Illumination**

Mr. McCracken

**\*Scripture Reading**

**Romans 3:21-26**  
Pew Bible, pg. 941

**The Morning Sermon**

**“The Heart of the Gospel”**  
*From the series Romans: The Church Under Grace*

**Hymn of Response**

**“Softly and Tenderly”**  
Jenni Till Rasberry, soloist

*arr. Raymond Brown*

**\*The Charge and Benediction**

**Jude 1: 20-21, 24-25**

Mr. McCracken

**Minister:** But you, beloved, build yourselves up in your most holy faith; pray in the Holy Spirit; keep yourselves in the love of God, waiting for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ that leads to eternal life.

**People:** With God’s help we will.

**Minister:** Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

**People:** Thanks be to God! Amen.

**Organ Postlude**

**“Grand Triumphal Chorus”**

*Alexander Guilmant*

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*\*All in the congregation, who are able, please stand.*