

ORDER FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

TRINITY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

June 28, 2009 ❖ 10:30 AM

Organ Prelude

Douglass McFarland, *organist*

Thoughts for Worship Preparation

"For the sons of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than the sons of light." Luke 16:8

"The rogue acted with prompt foresight. If only my followers would do as much – from nobler motives." George Buttrick's rewrite of Luke 16:8

Emphatically, it can be said, Jesus is not asking his disciples to become children of darkness. Jesus is calling his disciples to be children of light who live in the world with realistic eyes, who act with zeal, and who demonstrate foresight. Jesus wants the children of light to become "shrewd saints."

"I am sending you out like sheep among wolves. Therefore be as shrewd as snakes and as innocent as doves." Matthew 10:16

Pastoral Welcome

The Rev. John McCracken

☞ God's Greatness ☜

*Call to Worship

Isaiah 43:18-21

Mr. McCracken

Minister: Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.

People: **See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?**

Minister: I am making a way in the desert and streams in the wasteland to give drink to my people, my chosen,

People: **the people I formed for myself that they may proclaim my praise!**

*Hymn of Adoration, No.38

"Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise"

JOANNA

*Prayer of Adoration

Mr. Michael Wichlan

"Every Promise of Your Word"

Townend



1. From the break - ing of the dawn to the set-ting of the sun, I will stand on ev-'ry
2. When I stum - ble and I sin, con-dem - na-tion press- ing in, I will stand on ev-'ry
3. When I'm faced with an-guished choice I will lis - ten for your voice, and I'll stand on ev-'ry
4. Hope that lifts me from des - pair; love that casts out ev - 'ry fear as I stand on ev-'ry



pro-mise of Your Word. Words of po - wer, strong to save, that will ne - ver pass a
 pro-mise of Your Word. You are faith - ful to for - give, that in free - dom I might
 pro-mise of Your Word. Through this dark and troub - led land you will guide me with your
 pro-mise of Your Word. Not for - sak - en, not a - lone, for the Com - for - ter has



way; I will stand on ev-'ry pro-mise of Your Word. For your co - ve - nant is
 live, so I stand on ev'ry pro-mise of Your Word. Guilt to in - no - cence re -
 hand as I stand on ev-'ry pro-mise of Your Word. And You've pro - mised to com
 come, and I stand on ev-'ry pro-mise of Your Word. Grace suf - fi - cient, grace for



sure, and on this I am se - cure: I can stand on ev-'ry pro-mise of Your Word.
 stored; you re - mem - ber sins no more. So I'll stand on ev-'ry pro-mise of Your Word.
 plete ev - 'ry work be - gun in me, so I'll stand on ev-'ry pro-mise of Your Word.
 me, grace for all who will be - lieve. We will stand on ev-'ry pro-mise of Your Word.

Public Confession of Sin

John Krieger, *Ruling Elder*

Most holy and merciful Father; we acknowledge and confess before You our sinful nature prone to evil and slothful in good, and all our shortcomings and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from Your ways; in wasting Your gifts, in forgetting Your love. But You, O Lord have mercy upon us who are ashamed and sorry for all wherein we have displeased You. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins, for the sake of Your dear Son. And most holy and loving Father help us, we beseech You, to live in Your light and walk in Your ways according to the commandments of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

Romans 9:14-16

Elder: *Hear the promises of God to those who truly repent of their sins and trust in Christ:*

What shall we say then? Is there injustice on God's part? By no means! For he says to Moses, "I will have mercy on whom I have mercy, and I will have compassion on whom I have compassion." So then it depends not on human will or exertion, but on God, who has mercy.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Song of Gratitude

"I'm So Glad"

Spiritual

1. I'm so glad, Je - sus lift - ed me__ I'm so glad,
 2. Satan had me bound, Je - sus set me free.. Satan had me bound

Je - sus lift - ed me__ I'm so glad, Je - sus lift - ed me__ sing-ing
 Je - sus set me free.. Satan had me bound, Je - sus set me free.. sing-ing

glo - ry, hal - le - lu - jah!__ Je - sus lift - ed me.
 glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah!__ Je - sus set me free.

∞ God's Gifts ∞

Prayers for Christ's Church and the World

Mr. Krieger

The Collection of Tithes and Offerings

The Musical Offering

**"I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness"
Trinity Choir**

Anton Dvorak

I will sing new songs of gladness, I will sing Jehovah's praises upon a ten-string psaltery. Every day will I extol Thee and will bless Thy Holy Name, I will bless Thy Holy Name. Great is God and great His mercy. Who shall tell of all His greatness? Who shall His power declare? My song shall be of praise and honor, and of Thy glorious acts. Thy works are wonderful, past our knowing. Yeah, men shall tell of Thy great kindness and of Thy wondrous might, and my voice shall proclaim aloud Thy glory.

The Offering Consecration

Mr. Wichlan

***The 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.

***The Passing of the Peace**

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

Service of Friendship

Mr. Wichlan

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.

Commissioning of Short Term Missions Team to Mexico

Mr. McCracken

Gabe Gabriel, Kristin Gabriel, Alyssa Gorman, Cathy Gorman, Emma Gorman, Savannah Gorman, Candace Hinds, Will Krieger, Patrick Poteet, Thomas Primozic, Michelle Sherman, Sarah Sherman, Tracey Sherman and Danielle Woodard.

Extending the Gospel Moment

Mr. Paul Miller

Reformed University Fellowship, Texas A&M Corpus Christi

☞ God's Grace ☜

***Prayer for Illumination**

Mr. McCracken

***Scripture Reading**

Luke 16:1-13
Pew Bible, pg. 875

The Morning Sermon

"Shrewd Saints"
From the sermon series "The Parables of Jesus"

***Hymn of Response**

"Stir Your Church, O God, Our Father"

HYFRODOL

Stir your church, O God, our Father, move throughout its life today;
Cultivate a sense of mission in our hearts and minds, we pray.
Help us to renew commitment to a way of ministry
Which interprets for our culture how your truth can make us free.

Challenge us, O God, our Father, to the tasks which must be done
For your church to find fulfillment in the way taught by your Son.
With awareness of our purpose, with commitment to your call,
May we help prepare the time when Christ will reign as Lord of all.

☞ God's Blessing ☜

*The Charge and Benediction

Mr. McCracken

Minister: The wisdom of the prudent is to give thought to their ways...a prudent man gives thoughts to his steps...the prudent are crowned with knowledge...the plans of the diligent lead to profit as surely as haste leads to poverty. Pay attention and listen to the sayings of the wise; apply your heart to what they teach, for it is pleasing when you keep them in your heart and have all of them ready on your lips so that your trust may be in the LORD.

Proverbs 14:8, 15, 18; 21:5 22:17-19

People: **With God's help we will.**

Minister: May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Romans 15:13

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

Organ Postlude

"Christ, Our Strength and Consolation"

Edward Broughton

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

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