
Order for the Public Worship of God

OCTOBER *the* THIRTIETH Two-Thousand Eleven

Community Reformation Service

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SANCTUARY

BRASS AND ORGAN PRELUDE: “Te Deum” Marc-Antoine Charpentier

✦CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. James H. Grant, Jr.
Trinity Reformed Church

Based on Calvin’s Genevan Liturgy (1542)

The Lord be with you!

And also with you.

Our help is in the name of the Lord!

Who made heaven and earth.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!
Come into His presence with singing! Enter His gates with thanksgiving,
and His courts with praise! Give thanks to Him; bless His Name!

✦HYMN No. 1: “All People that on Earth Do Dwell” OLD HUNDREDTH
(Psalm 100)

INVOCATION/WORDS OF GREETING. Rev. Sanders L. Willson
Second Presbyterian Church

Sola Scriptura

(the Scriptures alone)

GENEVA CONFESSION (1536/37), Section 1 Rev. Phil Newton
South Woods Baptist Church

First we declare that for the rule of faith and religion, we wish to follow the Scriptures alone, without mixing with it any other thing which might be fabricated by the opinion of men apart from the Word of God; and we do not pretend to receive any other doctrine for our spiritual government than that which is taught us by the same Word, without addition or reduction, according to the command of our Lord.

**“All Scripture is breathed out by God
and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction,
and for training in righteousness,
that the man of God may be competent,
equipped for every good work.”** [2 Timothy 3:16-17]

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Based on Bucer’s Strasbourg Liturgy (1539)

As the word trains us in righteousness, let us make confession to the Lord:

**Almighty, eternal God and Father,
we confess and acknowledge unto You
that we were conceived in unrighteousness
and are full of sin and transgression in all our life.
We do not fully believe Your Word
nor follow Your holy commandments.
Remember Your goodness, we beseech You,
and for Your Name’s sake be gracious unto us,
and forgive us our iniquity which, alas, is great. Amen.**

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance:
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. [1 Tim. 1:15]
Let everyone, with St. Paul, truly acknowledge this in his heart
and believe in Christ and receive the forgiveness of sins.

✦HYMN No. 92: “A Mighty Fortress is Our God” EIN’ FESTE BURG

Sola Gratia Sola Fide

(Grace alone through Faith alone)

HEIDELBERG CATECHISM (1563), Answer 21 Rev. Mark Winder
Wolf River Orthodox Presbyterian Church

True faith is not only a certain knowledge, whereby I hold for truth all that God has revealed to us in His word, but also an assured confidence, which the Holy Ghost works by the gospel in my heart; that not only to others, but to me also, remission of sin, everlasting righteousness and salvation, are freely given by God, merely of grace, only for the sake of Christ’s merits.

**For by grace you have been saved through faith.
And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God,
not a result of works, so that no one may boast.** [Ephesians 2:8-9]

CHORAL REFLECTION: “Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing” NETTLETON
arr. Mack Wilberg

Come, Thou fount of ev’ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise,
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I’m fixed upon it, mount of Thy unchanging love.

Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I’m come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand’ring from the fold of God:
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I’m constrained to be;
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wand’ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here’s my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.**

Solus Christus

(through Christ alone)

✦WESTMINSTER CONFESSION OF FAITH (1646), VIII.1
LONDON BAPTIST CONFESSION OF FAITH (1689), VIII.1 . . . Rev. Doug Barcroft
Hickory Withe Presbyterian Church

It pleased God, in His eternal purpose, to choose and ordain the Lord Jesus, His only begotten Son, to be the Mediator between God and man, the Prophet, Priest, and King, the Head and Savior of His Church, the Heir of all things, and Judge of the world: unto whom He did from all eternity give a people, to be His seed, and to be by Him in time redeemed, called, justified, sanctified, and glorified.

**For there is one God,
and there is one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all,
which is the testimony given at the proper time.** [1 Timothy 2:5-6]

CHORAL RESPONSE: “Lift High the Cross” CRUCIFER
arr. Lloyd Larson

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred Name.

Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu’ring ranks combine.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw men unto Thee.

Thy kingdom come, that earth’s despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

For Thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
Creation’s praises rise before Thy throne.

**Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred Name.**

Lift high the cross of Christ!

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER . . Rev. Jordan Thomas
Grace Church

**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.**

SERMON: “Solus Christus” Rev. Richie Sessions
Hebrews 1:1-3 Independent Presbyterian Church

✦HYMN No. 296: “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name” CORONATION
stanzas 1, 3, 5 & 6

Soli Deo Gloria

(Glory to God alone)

✦ CONFESSION OF FAITH (The Nicene Creed) Rev. Raun Swafford
New Beginnings Community Church

**We believe in one God, the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of the Father before all worlds;
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God;
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who, for us and for our salvation
came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary,
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again, according to the Scriptures;
and ascended into heaven, and sits on the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again, with glory, to judge the quick and the dead;
whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life;
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son
together is worshipped and glorified;
who spoke by the prophets.**

**And we believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

✦ HYMN No. 358: “For All the Saints” SINE NOMINE

✦ BENEDICTION: Number 6:24-26 Rev. Cole Huffman
First Evangelical Church

“The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you;
the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.”

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “A Festive Processional” B. Marcello

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*

*Instrumentalists: John Scheusselin, Charles Gates, Peter Himebook, trumpet; Terry Himebook,
Greg Luscombe, trombone; Kevin Sanders, tuba; Ron Man, timpani; Lenora Morrow, organ.*

James Brown, Gabriel Statom, Jim Carnes, conductors.

Participating Churches:

- First Evangelical Church, Memphis
- Grace Church, Memphis
- Hickory Withe Presbyterian Church, Hickory Withe
- Independent Presbyterian Church, Memphis
- Living Hope Church, Memphis
- New Beginnings Community Church, Memphis
- Providence Reformed Presbyterian Church, Bartlett
- Riveroaks Reformed Presbyterian Church, Germantown
- Saint Andrews Presbyterian Church, Cordova
- Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis
- South Woods Baptist Church, Memphis
- Trinity Reformed Church, Rossville
- Unity Baptist Church, Millington
- Wolf River Orthodox Presbyterian Church, Collierville

C O M M U N I T Y



Reformation Service

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After Darkness, Light

The Latin phrase *Post Tenebras Lux* is translated, “After Darkness, Light.” This was adopted as a motto for the Reformation in Geneva, Switzerland, and was eventually used by Protestants as an expression of hope that the light of the Gospel will break through the darkness that sometimes envelopes the church.

The symbol of the burning bush refers to Moses’ encounter in Exodus 3:2. This was adopted by the French Huguenots at the time of the Reformation, reminding us that the light of the Gospel will not be extinguished. The great Scottish preacher Samuel Rutherford once said, “The bush has been burning these five thousand years, and no man yet saw the ashes of that fire.”