

# THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 17, 2010

11:00am

### THE PRELUDE

*Preparation for worship*

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Before we begin, we review the "news of the day".*

### MINUTE FOR OUTREACH

*Because mission is always on our mind.*

### +CALL TO WORSHIP

*Everybody! It's time to begin,*

*L- Your steadfast love and mercy envelop all the heavens, and every earth;  
your faithfulness moves beyond the stars but lives within our hearts.*

**P- Your righteousness is incalculable, your judgments all consuming;**

*L- You have saved us dear God and we are glad, you have brought us near and we are grateful.*

**P- How precious is your steadfast love, O God!**

### +HYMN

*Praise to the One we have gathered to worship.*

### CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

*In preparation for the hearing of God's Word and exposition of it, we confess our sins as the people of God, the body of Christ.*

Loving God, help us in our journey toward you. Jesus taught us that the pathways to destruction are easily accessible and deceptively kind to travelers. Your way is narrow and often difficult. Sometimes we believe that the temptations we pray you "lead us not into" go unheard and we find ourselves in the comfortable places traveling the broad ways looking for those "roadside attractions". Help us when we stray in our faith. Strengthen us for the times when evil drives us toward the easier ways. Give us focus, intention, and the will to continue along your Way.

### SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS (from *The Theological Declaration of Barmen*)

L- *"As Jesus Christ is God's assurance of the forgiveness of all our sins, so in the same way and with the same seriousness is he also God's mighty claim upon our whole life. Through him befalls us a joyful deliverance from the godless fetters of this world for a free, grateful service to his creatures."* Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

**P- In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

## +PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

*The forgiven people of God may move about the sanctuary offering and receiving the peace of Jesus Christ.*

## ANTHEM

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Loving God again we approach and again we ask: for clarity, insight, and the joy of all dancing in the mystery of your Word.

THE LESSON FROM THE EPISTLE     I Corinthians 12:1-11

+HYMN    125    Come Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire

THE LESSON FROM THE GOSPEL     John 2:1-11

THE SERMON     Beyond Miracles

Donald H. Smith

*Contemporary exposition of the Word of God*

## +THE CREED

*Toward what we believe...*

L- *The new life finds its direction in the life of Jesus, his deeds and words, his struggles against temptation, his compassion, his anger, and his willingness to suffer death.*

**P- The teaching of apostles and prophets guides us in living this life, and the Christian community nurtures and equips us for our ministries.**

L- *The members of the church are emissaries of peace and seek the good of all in cooperation with powers and authorities in politics, culture, and economics.*

**P- But we have to fight against pretensions and injustices when these same powers endanger human welfare. Our strength is in our confidence that God's purpose rather than human schemes will finally prevail.**

## THE SERVICE OF GIVING

*This is the time when we bring our sacrifice before the Lord.*

Signing the Friendship Register

Prayer of Dedication

Offertory

## +DOXOLOGY

## JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

*What is on our minds and hearts this morning?*

## THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

*This prayer is informed by our Joys and Concerns, but not exclusively.*

## +HYMN

## +THE CHARGE

*A challenge placed before the people of God. A reminder that we are not to leave what we have heard and done here this morning, but to take it with us into the world.*

## +THE BENEDICTION

*The blessing of God, for you...*

## + THE POSTLUDE

*A time of thoughtfulness, meditation and quiet*

+ All who are able may stand