

# THE COMMUNITY OF FAITH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## THE ORDER OF SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

January 31, 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- *May God be gracious to us and bless us and use us,*

P- **So that God's way may be known in all the earth and God's saving power among all people everywhere.**

L- *Call us to praise loving God! Let all people praise you!*

P- **Let every nation be glad and sing for joy, for you judge all people fairly.**

L- *Bring us before you in joy and in love. Let us and all people offer praise to you!*

P- **Our God blesses us in planting and in harvest, in raw materials and finished product at the moment of seminal thought through the act it engenders God blesses us.**

L- *May God continue to bless us; let all creation revere him. Let all people rejoice when we sense God's presence.*

### +HYMN 483 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

*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.*

We have been taught from our childhood that "what we see is what we get". And because this is an imperfect world full of imperfect people, we have found truth in that wisdom. But such sayings affect our faith and diminish the hope we would otherwise find in you. In the confines of our souls it makes for a grayer day. What will it take for us to build on our faith, especially in the face of disappointment and our sometime understandings that you didn't hold up your end of the bargain? We believe, O God, "help our unbelief!"

## SILENT PERSONAL CONFESSION

### ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

L- *Jesus said, "Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."*

### +PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

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

ANTHEM Created for the Glory of the Lord

Harlan

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

We believe that you live among us and that you will do all that you must to open us to your Word. To this end we wait and worship.

THE LESSON FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT Deuteronomy 34:1-7

THE SERMON The View from Here

Donald H. Smith

*Contemporary exposition of the Word of God*

### +THE CREED

*from the Confession of 1967*

*Toward what we believe...*

To be reconciled to God is to be sent into the world as his reconciling community. This community, the church universal, is entrusted with God's message of reconciliation and shares his labor of healing the enmities which separate people from God and from each other. Christ has called the church to this mission and given it the gift of the Holy Spirit. The church maintains continuity with the apostles and with Israel by faithful obedience to his call.

## THE SERVICE OF INSTALLATION AND ORDINATION

**M -** *Now there are varieties of gifts,*

**P -** **But the same Spirit who gives them.**

**M-** *There are varieties of services,*

**P -** **But the same Lord who is served.**

**M -** *There are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone.*

**P - To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.**

**M- Together we are the body of Christ,**

**P - and individually members of him.**

**M - Though we have different gifts, together we are a ministry of reconciliation led by the risen Christ. We work and pray to make Christ's church useful in the world; thus whoever among you wants to be great must become the servant of all, and if that person wants to be first among you, she or he must be the slave of all.**

**P - Just as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life to set others free.**

## PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

### THE CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS

#### PRAYER

#### THE CHARGE

+HYMN 525 Here I Am, Lord

#### 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 367 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

#### +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