

# ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The Lord's Day ~ November 14, 2010*

## § Call to Worship.....Psalm 117

*Leader: Praise the LORD, all nations!  
Extol him, all peoples!*

*All: For great is his steadfast love toward us,  
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.  
Praise the LORD!*

## § Invocation

## § Hymn of Adoration.....From All That Dwell Below the Skies

**(Based upon Psalm 117)**

From all that dwell below the skies let the Creator's praise arise;  
Let the Redeemer's name be sung through every land, by every tongue.

In every land begin the song; to every land the strains belong;  
In cheerful sounds all voices raise and fill the world with loudest praise.

Eternal are your mercies, Lord; eternal truth attends your Word.  
Your praise shall sound from shore to shore  
'til suns shall rise and set no more.\*

## § Congregation Standing

*\*CCLI #2432089*

## § Hymn of Response.....Take My Life

Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing always, only, for my King.  
Take my lips, and let them be filled with messages from thee.  
Take my silver and my gold; not a mite would I withhold.  
Take my intellect, and use every power as thou shalt choose.

*Chorus: Here am I, all of me.  
Take my life, it's all for thee.*

Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store.  
Take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee. *(Chorus)\**

## § Benediction

(The benediction is the announcement of God's blessing upon his people.)

## § Dismissal

*Minister: Let us go out to serve Greenville as those  
who love our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

*All: Thanks be to God!*

*If you would like to give toward the ministry of Downtown Presbyterian,  
you may leave your offering in the wooden box located  
inside the double doors of the sanctuary. Thank you.*

## **REMINDERS**

### **NOMINATIONS FOR ELDERS AND DEACONS – BEGINNING TODAY**

We will receive nominations for the offices of Elder and Deacon from Sunday, November 14 through Sunday, December 5. Since this our first time to receive nominations from the congregation, the Session wished to convey some guidelines for the weeks ahead:

- Only church members may submit nominations.
- Nominations must be signed (i.e., no anonymous nominations).
- Each nominee must be a church member of at least one year.
- Nominations from family members are discouraged.
- Each nominee must receive at least 3 nominations to enter the process of training and consideration. Since the qualifications for the offices (given in 1 Timothy 3 and Titus 1) express themselves in observable ways, we would expect that those who possess such qualities may be "recognized" by multiple church members, not just one. This echoes the biblical principle of establishing important matters by multiple "witnesses" (2 Cor. 13:1; 1 Tim. 5:19), not just by one.

### **PICNIC AROUND THE BUILDING – DECEMBER 12**

After worship, we will provide lunch for \$5/person, with a \$15 max for families. This is a great time to fellowship and get to know others at DPC. If you'd like to help with these lunches, contact Sam and Natalie Elder at [natc714@aol.com](mailto:natc714@aol.com). Check the home page of our website to register for the lunch!

### **LESSONS AND CAROLS – DECEMBER 5, 7PM**

Our third annual Lessons and Carols service will be on Sunday night, December 5, at 7:00pm. Mark your calendars! If you'd like to participate in the choir, contact Jennifer Fant at [jfant@charter.net](mailto:jfant@charter.net). If you'd like to help with the dessert reception afterwards, please contact Kelsey Mathias at [kemathias@gmail.com](mailto:kemathias@gmail.com).

#### **WHAT SHOULD I DO IF I'D LIKE TO BECOME MORE INVOLVED?**

- bring your friends and co-workers
- sign up on our website for email updates (we *won't* flood your inbox)
- visit one of our community groups throughout the Greenville area

***For more info, please visit [www.downtownpres.org](http://www.downtownpres.org).***

There is no sin in thought, word, or deed, no matter how personal or secret, that does not inflict injury upon the whole fellowship. An element of sickness gets into the body; perhaps nobody knows where it comes from or in what member it has lodged, but the body is infected. This is the proper metaphor for the Christian community. *We are* members of a body, not only when we choose to be, but in our whole existence. Every member serves the whole body, either to its health or to its destruction. This is no mere theory; it is a spiritual reality.

~ Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

## Guidelines for Reception of the Lord's Supper:

*The Lord's Supper, also called Communion or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who have believed the good news, have repented of their sins, and are baptized members in good standing in the Lord's Church. If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with his people, the Church.*

**Note About Partaking:** *"Whoever, therefore, eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of profaning the body and blood of the Lord. Let a person examine himself, then, and so eat of the bread and drink of the cup. For anyone who eats and drinks without discerning the body eats and drinks judgment on himself." (1 Corinthians 11:27-29)*

**Note About Communion Wine:** *The outer ring of the trays in front contains non-alcoholic grape juice; the other cups, as well as the common cup, contain wine.*



## Prayers of Reflection for Those Not Partaking

*If you are not able to receive the Lord's Supper this morning, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.*

### **Prayer for Those Searching for Truth**

*Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open to me the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life that you promise. Amen.*

### **Prayer for Awakening**

*Lord Jesus, I have heard teaching from the Bible for years, and have been in church for years, but very little of this even seems real to me. Please show me the reality of what you are saying. Unnerve me with the badness of the bad news. Entrhall me with the goodness of the good news. Make what is familiar seem new. Amen.*

### **Prayer of Belief**

*Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever before believed, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared to hope. I thank you for paying my debt, bearing my punishment on the cross, and offering forgiveness and new life. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as Savior and Lord. Amen.*

## Sacrament of Baptism

Julianne Jane Miller  
Emma Kathryn Thompson

### Parental vows

Mark and Kathryn Miller  
Jake and Katie Thompson

- 1. Do you acknowledge your daughter's need of the cleansing blood of Jesus Christ, and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?*
- 2. Do you claim God's covenant promises in her behalf, and do you look in faith to the Lord Jesus Christ for her salvation, as you do for your own?*
- 3. Do you now unreservedly dedicate your children to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before them a godly example, that you will pray with and for them, that you will teach them the doctrines of our holy religion, and that you will strive, by all the means of God's appointment, to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?*

### Congregational vow

*Do you as a congregation undertake the responsibility of assisting the parents in the Christian nurture of these children?*

### Baptism

## Silent Confession

## General Prayer of Confession

Great God and Father, we have violated the law you gave us for our good. We have worshiped created things. We have wanted to change who you truly are. We have used your name without thought or to express our anger. We have worked seven days a week. We have dishonored our parents. We have hated. We have had adulterous hearts. We have told lies. We have taken what was not ours to take, and have still wanted more.

Have mercy on us, Holy Father, and cleanse us. Enable us to delight in the law of liberty. We pray this in the name of your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ, Amen.

**Assurance of Pardoning Grace.....Romans 5:1-2**

Since we have been justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ. Through him we have also obtained access by faith into this grace in which we stand, and we rejoice in hope of the glory of God.

**§ Hymn of Pardoning Grace.....When Peace Like a River**

When peace, like a river, attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
Whatever my lot, thou has taught me to say, it is well, it is well with my soul.

*Refrain:* It is well (*repeat*) with my soul (*repeat*),  
It is well, it is well with my soul.

Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,  
Let this blest assurance control, that Christ has regarded my helpless estate,  
And hath shed his own blood for my soul. (*Refrain*)

My sin, oh, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more,  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! (*Refrain*)

And Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight,  
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,  
Even so, it is well with my soul. (*Refrain*)\*

**Gospel Ministry in India**

Paul Billy Arnold

**Intercessory Prayer and The Lord’s Prayer**

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 the evil one,  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

**Scripture Lesson.....Exodus 20:15; Ephesians 4:28**

*Preschoolers may now be dismissed for children’s church through the double doors in the back of the sanctuary. However, we also welcome children to remain in the worship service. Those attending children’s church will return during the final hymn.*

You shall not steal.

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Let the thief no longer steal, but rather let him labor, doing honest work with his own hands, so that he may have something to share with anyone in need.

**Sermon**

**“The Heart of Theft”**

**Rev. Brian Habig**

**Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper (*Guidelines on next page*)**

Invitation to the Lord’s table  
Serving of the bread and the cup  
Thanksgiving