



ALL  
SAINTS  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work,  
Or watch, or weep this night,  
And give your angels charge over those who sleep.  
Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary,  
Bless the dying, soothe the suffering,  
Pity the afflicted, shield the joyous;  
And all for your love's sake. Amen.*

# THE ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday Evening, February 2, 2025

6:00 p.m.



Welcome

Preparation for Worship

Prelude

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

\*Call to Worship. . . . . Psalm 113:1-3

Praise the LORD!

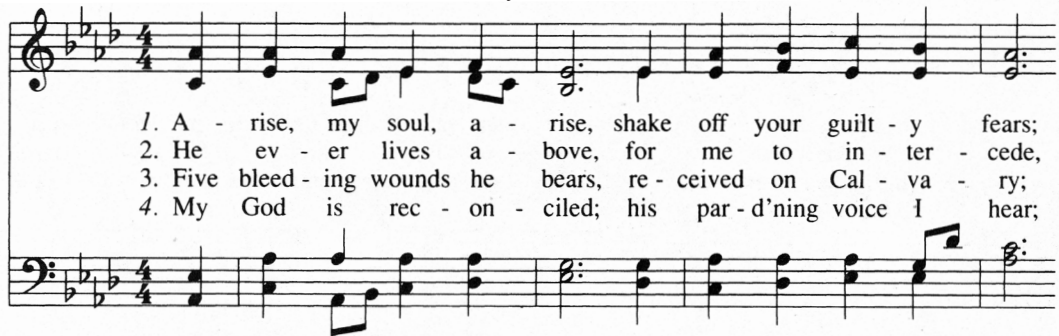
**Praise, O servants of the LORD, praise the name of the LORD!**

Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

**From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

\*Hymn of Our Standing in Christ . . . . . Trinity Hymnal, 305

*Arise, My Soul, Arise*



1. A - rise, my soul, a - rise, shake off your guilt - y fears;  
2. He ev - er lives a - bove, for me to in - ter - cede,  
3. Five bleed - ing wounds he bears, re - ceived on Cal - va - ry;  
4. My God is rec - on - ciled; his par - d'ning voice I hear;

*\*Please stand during these portions of the service.*

*\*A room with the service's live stream is available down the hallway in case parents need to step out with their children\**

the bleed - ing Sac - ri - fice in my be - half ap - pears:  
 his all - re - deem - ing love, his pre - cious blood to plead;  
 they pour ef - fec - tual prayers, they strong - ly plead for me.  
 he owns me for his child, I can no lon - ger fear;

be - fore the throne my Sure - ty stands, be - fore the throne my  
 his blood a - toned for ev - 'ry race, his blood a - toned for  
 "For - give him, O for - give," they cry, "for - give him, O for -  
 with con - fi - dence I now draw nigh, with con - fi - dence I

Sure - ty stands, my name is writ - ten on his hands.  
 ev - 'ry race, and sprin - kles now the throne of grace.  
 give," they cry, "nor let that ran - somed sin - ner die!"  
 now draw nigh, and "Fa - ther, Ab - ba, Fa - ther!" cry.

Charles Wesley, 1742  
 Alt. 1961, mod.

LENOX 6.6.6.6.8.8.8.  
 Louis Edson, 1782

\*Prayer of Invocation

# GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESS

First Scripture Lesson . . . . . 2 Samuel 13:23–39  
*(See page 6)*

\*Sung Response . . . . . Trinity Hymnal, 144, 6<sup>th</sup> stanza  
*(Sung to the tune of Dundee)*

Divine Instructor, gracious Lord, be Thou forever near:  
Teach me to love Thy sacred word and view my Savior there.

The Children’s Lesson . . . . . Rev. Matthew Bradley  
Children of all ages are invited to come forward and sit in front of the Communion Table  
for a lesson from the pastor.

Prayer of the Covenant

Catechism Lesson . . . . . The Shorter Catechism: Questions 79–81

Q 79. What is the tenth commandment?

A. The tenth commandment is, You shall not covet your neighbor’s house, you shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his donkey, nor anything that is your neighbor’s.

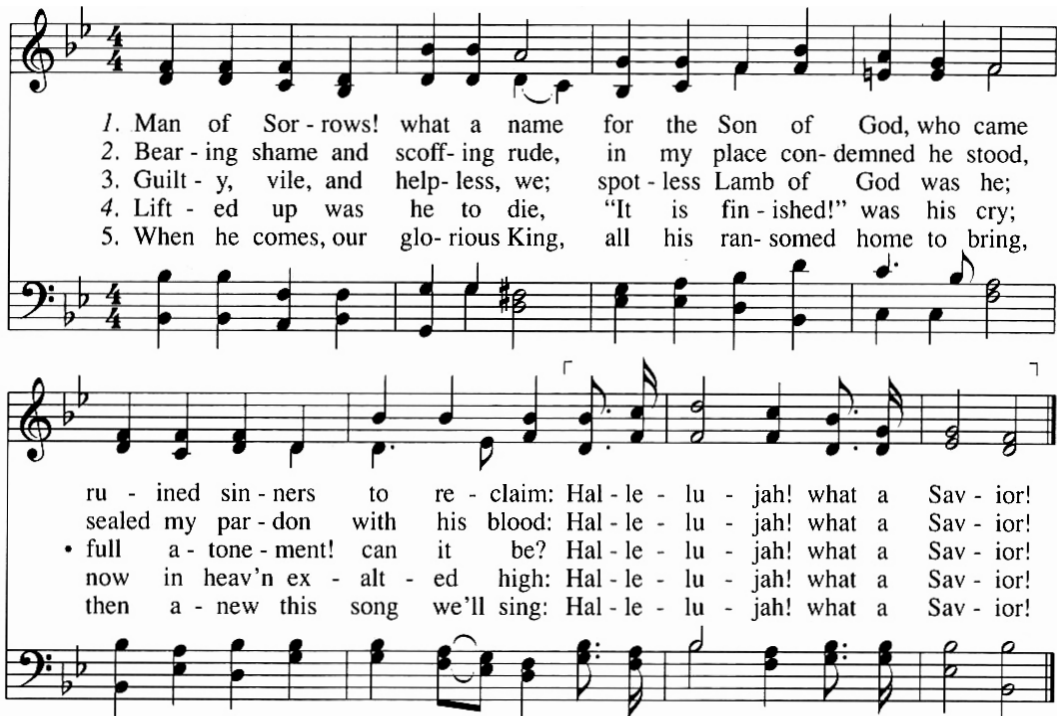
Q 80. What is required in the tenth commandment?

A. The tenth commandment requires full contentment with our own condition, with a right and charitable frame of spirit toward our neighbor, and all that is his.

Q 81. What is forbidden in the tenth commandment?

A. The tenth commandment forbids all discontentment with our own estate, envying or grieving at the good of our neighbor, and all inordinate motions and affections to anything that is his.

\*Hymn of Christ, Our Savior . . . . . Trinity Hymnal, 246  
*Man of Sorrows! What a Name*



1. Man of Sor - rows! what a name for the Son of God, who came  
 2. Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my place con - demned he stood,  
 3. Guilt - y, vile, and help - less, we; spot - less Lamb of God was he;  
 4. Lift - ed up was he to die, "It is fin - ished!" was his cry;  
 5. When he comes, our glo - rious King, all his ran - somed home to bring,  
 ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
 sealed my par - don with his blood: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
 • full a - tone - ment! can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
 now in heav'n ex - alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!  
 then a - new this song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!

Philip P. Bliss, 1875

HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR! 7.7.7.8.  
 Philip P. Bliss, 1875

## GOD TAKES HIS PEOPLE TO THE CROSS

Second Scripture Lesson . . . . . Nehemiah 4:1-23  
 (See page 7)

Preaching of the Word . . . . . Rev. Matthew Bradley  
*The World Opposes God's Work*

Prayer of Thanksgiving

\*Gloria Patri . . . . . Trinity Hymnal, 735

Glory be to the Father  
 and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
 as it was in the beginning,  
 is now and ever shall be,  
 world without end. Amen, amen.

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. *Amen.*

Postlude



## First Scripture Lesson

<sup>23</sup>After two full years Absalom had sheepshearers at Baal-hazor, which is near Ephraim, and Absalom invited all the king’s sons. <sup>24</sup>And Absalom came to the king and said, “Behold, your servant has sheepshearers. Please let the king and his servants go with your servant.” <sup>25</sup>But the king said to Absalom, “No, my son, let us not all go, lest we be burdensome to you.” He pressed him, but he would not go but gave him his blessing. <sup>26</sup>Then Absalom said, “If not, please let my brother Amnon go with us.” And the king said to him, “Why should he go with you?” <sup>27</sup>But Absalom pressed him until he let Amnon and all the king’s sons go with him. <sup>28</sup>Then Absalom commanded his servants, “Mark when Amnon’s heart is merry with wine, and when I say to you, ‘Strike Amnon,’ then kill him. Do not fear; have I not commanded you? Be courageous and be valiant.” <sup>29</sup>So the servants of Absalom did to Amnon as Absalom had commanded. Then all the king’s sons arose, and each mounted his mule and fled.

<sup>30</sup>While they were on the way, news came to David, “Absalom has struck down all the king’s sons, and not one of them is left.” <sup>31</sup>Then the king arose and tore his garments and lay on the earth. And all his servants who were standing by tore their garments. <sup>32</sup>But Jonadab the son of

Shimeah, David’s brother, said, “Let not my lord suppose that they have killed all the young men, the king’s sons, for Amnon alone is dead. For by the command of Absalom this has been determined from the day he violated his sister Tamar. <sup>33</sup>Now therefore let not my lord the king so take it to heart as to suppose that all the king’s sons are dead, for Amnon alone is dead.”

<sup>34</sup>But Absalom fled. And the young man who kept the watch lifted up his eyes and looked, and behold, many people were coming from the road behind him by the side of the mountain. <sup>35</sup>And Jonadab said to the king, “Behold, the king’s sons have come; as your servant said, so it has come about.” <sup>36</sup>And as soon as he had finished speaking, behold, the king’s sons came and lifted up their voice and wept. And the king also and all his servants wept very bitterly.

<sup>37</sup>But Absalom fled and went to Talmai the son of Ammihud, king of Geshur. And David mourned for his son day after day. <sup>38</sup>So Absalom fled and went to Geshur, and was there three years. <sup>39</sup>And the spirit of the king longed to go out to Absalom, because he was comforted about Amnon, since he was dead.

*2 Samuel 13:23–39, ESV*

## Second Scripture Lesson

<sup>1</sup> Now when Sanballat heard that we were building the wall, he was angry and greatly enraged, and he jeered at the Jews. <sup>2</sup> And he said in the presence of his brothers and of the army of Samaria, “What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they restore it for themselves? Will they sacrifice? Will they finish up in a day? Will they revive the stones out of the heaps of rubbish, and burned ones at that?” <sup>3</sup> Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, “Yes, what they are building—if a fox goes up on it he will break down their stone wall!” <sup>4</sup> Hear, O our God, for we are despised. Turn back their taunt on their own heads and give them up to be plundered in a land where they are captives. <sup>5</sup> Do not cover their guilt, and let not their sin be blotted out from your sight, for they have provoked you to anger in the presence of the builders.

<sup>6</sup> So we built the wall. And all the wall was joined together to half its height, for the people had a mind to work.

<sup>7</sup> But when Sanballat and Tobiah and the Arabs and the Ammonites and the Ashdodites heard that the repairing of the walls of Jerusalem was going forward and that the breaches were beginning to be closed, they were very angry. <sup>8</sup> And they all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and to cause confusion in it. <sup>9</sup> And we prayed to our God and set a guard as a protection against them day and night.

<sup>10</sup> In Judah it was said, “The strength of those who bear the burdens is failing. There is too much rubble. By ourselves we will not be able to rebuild the wall.” <sup>11</sup> And our enemies said, “They will not know or see till we come among them and kill them and stop the work.” <sup>12</sup> At that time the Jews who lived near them came from all directions and said to us ten times, “You must return to us.” <sup>13</sup> So

in the lowest parts of the space behind the wall, in open places, I stationed the people by their clans, with their swords, their spears, and their bows. <sup>14</sup> And I looked and arose and said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, “Do not be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons, your daughters, your wives, and your homes.”

<sup>15</sup> When our enemies heard that it was known to us and that God had frustrated their plan, we all returned to the wall, each to his work. <sup>16</sup> From that day on, half of my servants worked on construction, and half held the spears, shields, bows, and coats of mail. And the leaders stood behind the whole house of Judah, <sup>17</sup> who were building on the wall. Those who carried burdens were loaded in such a way that each labored on the work with one hand and held his weapon with the other. <sup>18</sup> And each of the builders had his sword strapped at his side while he built. The man who sounded the trumpet was beside me. <sup>19</sup> And I said to the nobles and to the officials and to the rest of the people, “The work is great and widely spread, and we are separated on the wall, far from one another. <sup>20</sup> In the place where you hear the sound of the trumpet, rally to us there. Our God will fight for us.”

<sup>21</sup> So we labored at the work, and half of them held the spears from the break of dawn until the stars came out. <sup>22</sup> I also said to the people at that time, “Let every man and his servant pass the night within Jerusalem, that they may be a guard for us by night and may labor by day.” <sup>23</sup> So neither I nor my brothers nor my servants nor the men of the guard who followed me, none of us took off our clothes; each kept his weapon at his right hand.

*Nehemiah 4:1–23, ESV*

# Welcome to All Saints Presbyterian Church!

Join us every week here at the Martin Center:

Morning Worship  
Sunday 9<sup>AM</sup>

Evening Worship  
Sunday 6<sup>PM</sup>

Prayer Meeting  
Wednesday 6:30<sup>PM</sup>

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