

# TATES CREEK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Presbyterian Church in America

22 January 2012

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

WORSHIP OF THE LIVING GOD

8:30 and 11:00 AM

*We cross the threshold of the secular to the sacred,  
From the common to the uncommon,  
From the profane to the Holy . . .*

## The Prelude

*It Is Well with My Soul*  
String Ensemble

Bliss

## The Call to Worship

The Minister: Praise the Lord, O my soul; all my inmost being, praise His holy name.

**The People: Praise the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all His benefits—**

The Minister: Who forgives all your sins and heals all your diseases, who redeems your life from the pit and crowns you with love and compassion, who satisfies your desires with good things so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

**The People: The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will He harbor His anger forever; He does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.**

The Minister: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His love for those who fear Him.

**The People: As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.**

The Minister: As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear Him.

**The People: From everlasting to everlasting the Lord's love is with those who fear Him, and His righteousness with their children's children.**

The Minister: Praise the Lord, you His angels, you mighty ones who do His bidding, who obey His word. Praise the Lord, all His heavenly hosts, you His servants who do His will.

**The People: Praise the Lord, all His works everywhere in His dominion. Praise the Lord, O my soul.**

## \*The Hymn

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

No. 38

## \* The Invocation

**Unison: Almighty and merciful Father, in the beauty of this Lord's Day give us eyes to see anew the wonder of Your grace. We are faint in our devotion; increase our faith. So fill our hearts with Your Spirit that streams of living water will flow from our lives into the world around us, for the glory of Christ and His Kingdom. Amen.**

## \*The Gloria

*The Gloria Patri*

GREATOREX

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the  
Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost; as it was in the be -  
gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,  
world with - out end. A - men, a - men.

## The Profession of Faith (11:00)

Bailey Cowen

## The Anthem

*Steal Away*

arr. White

*Steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus. Steal away, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here. My Lord, he calls me, he calls me by the thunder; The trumpet sounds within-a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here. Green trees are bendin', poor sinners stand a temblin'; The trumpet sounds within-a my soul, I ain't got long to stay here.*

## The Reading of Scripture

The Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**The People: Thanks be to God!**

**1 John 4:7-21**

Pew Bible page 1023

The Reverend Mark Randle (8:30)

The Reverend Robert Cunningham (11:00)

### The Prayer for the Love of God

Unison: Father of all grace, teach us Your love and the humility of Jesus. You demonstrated Your love for us in that while we were still sinners, You gave Your Son to die for us. When we were indifferent to our Maker and Redeemer, You loved us. When worship and prayer were loathsome for us, You loved us. When we drove the nails into Your hands, You loved us. Teach us to love others as You loved us. Fill us with Your Spirit so that rivers of Calvary's love will flow forth from our hearts. May the love of Jesus breathe into us a love that forgives injury done to us, a love that does good to those who speak against us, and a love that prays for those who delight in our tribulations. May our love for each other be astonishing to the world and point to the life-changing truth and grace of the gospel of Jesus. In His name we pray. Amen.

\*The Hymn *What Wondrous Love Is This* No. 261

\*The Confession of Faith The Apostles Creed

Unison: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son, Our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic<sup>†</sup> Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

<sup>†</sup> Worldwide communion of faith, past, present, and future.

\*The Doxology OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all  
 crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly  
 host: praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

### The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

\*The Offertory Reading

The Minister: Ascribe to the Lord the glory due His name; bring an offering and come into His courts.

The People: For the Lord is good, His mercy is everlasting and His faithfulness continues to all generations.

\*The Offertory Prayer

The Offertory

*Give Thanks*

Jessica Miskelly, violin; Allison Scott, flute; Crawford Wiley, piano

The Trio  
arr. Pethel

(Children 4 yrs – Kindergarten are dismissed for children's worship in Room 118)

### The Sermon

The Reverend John P. Sartelle, Sr.  
Senior Minister

#### “Is God’s Love Transforming You?”

The Text: “In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins. Beloved, if God so loved us, we also ought to love one another.”

1 John 4:10-11

\*The Hymn *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* No. 252

\*The Benediction

The Postlude

*Toccata Eroica*

Broughton