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August 22, 2021
Trinity Season

WELCOME TO SECOND

- **Messenger:** The best way to find out what's going on at Second is to subscribe to our weekly email newsletter. To subscribe, simply scroll to the orange box at the bottom of our homepage and enter your name and email address—then watch for it to arrive in your inbox on Friday afternoons!
- Please take this order of worship with you as you exit. Hint: You can bring it back for worship this evening at 6:00! The order of worship for the evening service begins on page 8 of this booklet.
- **Nursery:** Our nursery is available for the 8:15 a.m. service and during the CC hour to ages three and under and for the 6:00 p.m. service to ages four and under. Pre-registration is no longer required.
- Visit 2pc.org/live for a livestream of all services.

UPDATED MASK POLICY

In recent weeks, we have seen a steady increase in Covid-19 transmission, cases, and hospitalizations in our county caused by the Delta variant.

In an effort to relieve our overburdened healthcare system and workers, as well as to help protect our children and others who are not eligible for vaccination, a change in our mask guidance is needed. Effective August 16, we are once again recommending that everyone above the age of 2 wear masks inside our buildings.

The CDC, our local health department, and medical professionals within our church family highly recommend universal indoor masking, regardless of vaccination status. Please join us in loving our neighbors in this tangible way.

In addition, social distancing between family units continues to be recommended. Every other pew in the back floor section of the Sanctuary will continue to be roped off for those who prefer greater distancing.

Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

The order of worship for the evening service begins on page 8.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Come, Thou Almighty King" Albert Travis
Samuel Metzger, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Six Piano Pieces, Op. 118-2; Intermezzo in A Major" . Johannes Brahms
Dan Forrest, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP Todd Erickson

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: "Crown Him with Many Crowns" DIADEMATA
Words: Matthew Bridges / Music: George Elvey; arr. Metzger / Revelation 19:12

**Crown Him with many crowns, the Lamb upon His throne:
Hark! how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,
And hail Him as thy matchless King through all eternity.**

**Crown Him the Lord of Love: behold His hands and side—
Rich wounds, yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angel in the sky can fully bear that sight,
But downward bends His wond'ring eye at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown Him the Lord of Life: who triumphed o'er the grave,
Who rose victorious in the strife for those He came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
Who died eternal life to bring and lives that death may die.**

**Crown Him the Lord of heav'n: one with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv'n from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adorned and magnified.**

♠INVOCATION

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "And Can It Be?" arr. Dan Forrest

Words: Charles Wesley / Music: Thomas Campbell; arr. Dan Forrest / Romans 5:8

And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

And can it be that I should gain an int'rest in the Savior's blood?
Died He for me who caused His pain? For me who Him to death pursued?
Amazing love! how can it be that Thou my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above, so free, so infinite His grace;
Emptied Himself of all but love, and bled for Adam's helpless race;
'Tis mercy all, immense and free; for, O my God, it found out me.

And can it be? Amazing love, how can it be?

No condemnation now I dread, Jesus and all in Him is mine!
Alive in Him, my living Head, and clothed in righteousness divine,
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, and claim the crown through Christ my own.

Amazing love, how can it be that Thou my God shouldst die for me?
Amazing love!

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *See pages 10-11 for announcements.*

VIDEO: A WORD TO THE CHILDREN Austin Bates
Director of Recreation

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 242 "Because He Lives" RESURRECTION

Words: Gloria and William Gaither / Music: William Gaither / John 14:19

**God sent His Son, they called Him Jesus,
He came to love, heal, and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
An empty grave is there to prove my Savior lives.**

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow,
Because He lives all fear is gone;
Because I know He holds the future.
And life is worth the living just because He lives.*

**How sweet to hold a newborn baby,
And feel the pride, and joy He gives;
But greater still the calm assurance,
This child can face uncertain days because He lives.**

**And then one day I'll cross the river,
I'll fight life's final war with pain;
And then as death gives way to vict'ry,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He lives.**

Nik Weber, guitar

SCRIPTURE LESSON. Revelation 13:11-18

¹¹Then I saw another beast rising out of the earth. It had two horns like a lamb and it spoke like a dragon. ¹²It exercises all the authority of the first beast in its presence, and makes the earth and its inhabitants worship the first beast, whose mortal wound was healed. ¹³It performs great signs, even making fire come down from heaven to earth in front of people, ¹⁴and by the signs that it is allowed to work in the presence of the beast it deceives those who dwell on earth, telling them to make an image for the beast that was wounded by the sword and yet lived. ¹⁵And

it was allowed to give breath to the image of the beast, so that the image of the beast might even speak and might cause those who would not worship the image of the beast to be slain. ¹⁶Also it causes all, both small and great, both rich and poor, both free and slave, to be marked on the right hand or the forehead, ¹⁷so that no one can buy or sell unless he has the mark, that is, the name of the beast or the number of its name. ¹⁸This calls for wisdom: let the one who has understanding calculate the number of the beast, for it is the number of a man, and his number is 666.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

but the Word of our God will stand forever. (*Isaiah 40:8*)

SERMON: Battling the Beasts II. George Robertson

I. God’s Word Provides Tests for Prophets (*Revelation 13:11-15*)

II. God’s Word Provides Tenacity for His People (*Revelation 13:16-18*)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD’S TABLE

✦PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH The Apostles’ Creed

**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 Ghost,
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 Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

✦GLORIA PATRI GREATOREX

Music: Henry W. Greatorex / Psalm 29:2

**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.**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving Father,
we humbly confess that we are an anxious, fearful people.
We are slow to seek You in prayer, weak in perseverance,
and quick to forget the faithfulness of Your power and providence.
Forgive us for doubting Your goodness.
Forgive us for being conformed to this world
and for placing our trust in possessions, power, and the wisdom of man.
Renew our minds and hearts that we might walk by faith and not by sight.
By Your mercy, keep us steadfastly devoted to Christ
and cause us to endure to the end, that we might receive Your great salvation.
It is in the strong name of Jesus we pray.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... Romans 8:38-39

*For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers,
nor things present nor things to come, nor powers,
nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation,
will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION 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 evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

During this time, we invite you to join in singing the hymn printed in bold below.

“Come to Me” arr. Dan Forrest

Music: arr. Dan Forrest / Matthew 11:25, 28-29; II Corinthians 6:16; I John 3:1

**Come to Me, all you who labor, come to Me, and I will give you rest.
Come to Me, all who are weary and burdened, and you will find rest for your souls.
Come, My Child, learn My heart, for I am gentle and lowly.
See how great My love, for you, that I have called you My child.**

Phillip Bond, soloist

No. 538: “My Jesus, I Love Thee” arr. Dan Forrest

Words: William R. Featherstone / Music: Adoniram J. Gordon; arr. Dan Forrest / I John 4:19

**My Jesus I love Thee, I know Thou art mine;
For Thee all the follies of sin I resign.
My gracious Redeemer, my Savior art Thou;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.

I love Thee because Thou hast first loved me,
And purchased my pardon on Calvary’s tree.
I love Thee for wearing the thorns on Thy brow;
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, ‘tis now.**

**I'll love Thee in life, I will love Thee in death;
And praise Thee as long as Thou lendest me breath;
And say, when the death dew lies cold on my brow:
If ever I loved Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦HYMN OF THANKSGIVING arr. Dan Forrest

Words: William R. Featherstone / Music: Adoniram J. Gordon; arr. Dan Forrest / I John 4:19

**In mansions of glory and endless delight,
I'll ever adore Thee in heaven so bright;
I'll sing with the glittering crown on my brow:
If ever I love Thee, my Jesus, 'tis now.**

✦BENEDICTION

✦GOSPEL AMEN

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Amazing Grace" Christopher Pardini

✦Indicates congregation standing

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*Instrumentalists: Diane Zelickman and Andy You, violin;
Beth Luscombe, viola; Ruth Valente Burgess, cello*

Guest Accompanist Dan Forrest

At our Music Ministry Appreciation Banquet on August 20, we had the privilege of hearing from Dan Forrest—renowned pianist, educator, and composer of choral, orchestral, instrumental, and wind band works. We are honored to have him help lead worship this morning and are excited to sing many of his hymn arrangements. Please join us in welcoming Dan!

CITYSERVE



Please plan to join us for morning and evening worship on CityServe Sunday, August 29, as we hear from Pastor Rufus Smith of Hope Church.

In light of our 2021 theme—Our City, My Neighborhood—we will hear from many of our local ministry partners in adult CCs about how we can better love and serve our neighbors. Don't miss this opportunity to hear more about the unique ways we can partner with these local ministries that are seeking to bring the kingdom of God to neighborhoods throughout our city.

CityServe Food Drive

Help collect food and other supplies for the most vulnerable in our city by donating to the annual Food Drive through August 29.

Suggested items include canned vegetables, peanut butter, chunky-style soup, granola bars, canned tuna, macaroni and cheese, laundry detergent, paper towels, toilet paper, diapers, bar soap, deodorant, etc.

Collection bags are available today in the hallways (near decorated donation barrels from the Sanctuary to the Fellowship Hall). Questions? Contact Kevin Fukala at kevin.fukala@2pc.org or (901) 454-0034.

Sunday Night Worship

6:00 p.m.

✦CALL TO WORSHIP Philip James

✦THIS IS AMAZING GRACE

**Who breaks the power of sin and darkness;
Whose love is mighty and so much stronger?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder;
Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.**

*This is amazing grace; this is unfailing love;
That You would take my place, that You would bear my cross.
You laid down Your life that I would be set free!
O, Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.*

**Who brings our chaos back into order?
Who makes the orphan a son and daughter?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.
Who rules the nations with truth and justice,
Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance?
The King of Glory, the King above all kings.**

Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; worthy is the King who conquered the grave.

Words and Music: Jeremy Riddle, Josh Farro, Phil Wickham; arr. Mott / I Chronicles 17:16

✦INVOCATION

✦NO. 383: COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

**Come, Thou fount of ev'ry blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of God's unchanging love.**

**Here I raise my Ebenezer; hither by Thy help I'm come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wand'ring from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, interposed His precious blood.**

**O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be;
Let that grace now, like a fetter, bind my wand'ring heart to Thee.
Prone to wander—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:
Here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for Thy courts above.**

Words: Robert Robinson / Music: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second / I Samuel 7:12

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ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

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SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Nehemiah 2

¹In the month of Nisan, in the twentieth year of King Artaxerxes, when wine was before him, I took up the wine and gave it to the king. Now I had not been sad in his presence. ²And the king said to me, "Why is your face sad, seeing you are not sick? This is nothing but sadness of the heart." Then I was very much afraid. ³I said to the king, "Let the king live forever! Why should not my face be sad, when the city, the place of my fathers' graves, lies in ruins, and its gates have been destroyed by fire?" ⁴Then the king said to me, "What are you requesting?" So I prayed to the God of heaven. ⁵And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, and if your servant has found favor in your sight, that you send me to Judah, to the city of my fathers' graves, that I may rebuild it." ⁶And the king said to me (the queen sitting beside him), "How long will you be gone, and when will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me when I had given him a time. ⁷And I said to the king, "If it pleases the king, let letters be given me to the governors of the province Beyond the River, that they may let me pass through until I come to Judah, ⁸and a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the king's forest, that he may give me timber to make beams for the gates of the fortress of the temple, and for the wall of the city, and for the house that I shall occupy." And the king granted me what I asked, for the good hand of my God was upon me.

⁹Then I came to the governors of the province Beyond the River and gave them the king's letters. Now the king had sent with me officers of the army and horsemen. ¹⁰But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite servant heard this, it displeased them greatly that someone had come to seek the welfare of the people of Israel.

¹¹So I went to Jerusalem and was there three days. ¹²Then I arose in the night, I and a few men with me. And I told no one what my God had put into my heart to do for Jerusalem. There was no animal with me but the one on which I rode. ¹³I went out by night by the Valley Gate to the Dragon Spring and to the Dung Gate, and I inspected the walls of Jerusalem that were broken down and its gates that had been destroyed by fire. ¹⁴Then I went on to the Fountain Gate and to the King's Pool, but there was no room for the animal that was under me to pass. ¹⁵Then I went up in the night by the valley and inspected the wall, and I turned back and entered by the Valley Gate, and so returned. ¹⁶And the officials did not know where I had gone or what I was doing, and I had not yet told the Jews, the priests, the nobles, the officials, and the rest who were to do the work.

¹⁷Then I said to them, "You see the trouble we are in, how Jerusalem lies in ruins with its gates burned. Come, let us build the wall of Jerusalem, that we may no longer suffer derision." ¹⁸And I told them of the hand of my God that had been upon me for good, and also of the words that the king had spoken to me. And they said, "Let us rise up and build." So they strengthened their hands for the good work. ¹⁹But when Sanballat the Horonite and Tobiah the Ammonite servant and Geshem the Arab heard of it, they jeered at us and despised us and said, "What is this thing that you are doing? Are you rebelling against the king?"

²⁰Then I replied to them, "The God of heaven will make us prosper, and we his servants will arise and build, but you have no portion or right or claim in Jerusalem."

The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)

SERMON: In the Face of Opposition..... Barton Kimbro

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦BLESS THE LORD (10,000 REASONS)

*Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul.
Worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.*

**The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning.
It's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me,
Let me be singing when the evening comes.**

**You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger;
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing,
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.**

**And on that day when my strength is failing;
The end draws near, and my time has come;
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending,
Ten thousand years and then forevermore.**

Words and Music: Jonas Myrin, Matt Redman; arr. Galbraith / Psalm 103

✦BENEDICTION

✦GOSPEL AMEN

✦Indicates congregation standing

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*This evening, we are being led in worship by some of the children
who attended Rejoice Music Arts Camp this summer.*

*Singers: Molly Massey, Carrington Ellis, Joy Fulmer,
Phoebe Wallace, Abbay Wallace, Terrance Davis, Harris Stine*

*Instrumentalists: Ronshel Kurasanthony, Ellery Morgan, violin;
Elijah Wells, piano; Miles Jackson, Dominic Devine, percussion*

Fall Adult Bible Studies

Various Bible study options are available for women on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays, some beginning August 25 and others in early September. Visit 2pc.org/women to learn more and register.

AMEN Men's Bible Study will be offered on Thursday mornings beginning September 9 and recorded for those who cannot attend at that time. Visit 2pc.org/amen to view the teaching schedule and register.



Ellie Holcomb in Concert September 17

We are excited to welcome singer-songwriter Ellie Holcomb in concert on September 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary!

Visit 2pc.org to purchase tickets.

Caring Ministry Update

Sympathy to:

Kathy Hammond on the death of her father, *Bobby Belue*, August 12, 2021, in Tuscumbia, AL.

Bette Bush and Roy West on the death of their brother, *Mercer E. West IV*, August 15, 2021.

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Collins who were married August 21, 2021. Mrs. Collins is the former Margaret Walker.

In the Hospital: (as of 8/18/21)

Eva Miller, *Signature Health & Rehab*
Nick Gotten, *Methodist Germantown*

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions–Faith and Seme Ludanga: The Ladangas had planned a big celebration for their first anniversary, since so many missed their wedding last year, but a second lockdown cancelled those plans. However, they rejoice in still being able to meet and serve in various members’ homes. They are leading some teenagers through a Commitment Class, teaching the basics of Christianity. Pray for accurate translation of difficult Christian vocabulary and for these young hearts to grow more devoted to Jesus. Baby Elias is growing; pray for his continued good health. Finally, pray for wisdom in bringing practical gospel ministry to their community, and pray for the most vulnerable in Uganda during this pandemic.

Mission Memphis–Binghampton Christian Academy: BCA is a Christian day and boarding school that seeks to develop students both as scholars and godly leaders. Praise the Lord for His protection of BCA students and staff during the 2020-21 school year. Please pray for the 2021-22 school year at BCA, that it will be a wonderful experience for students to grow academically and spiritually.

2PC Ministry–Women in Ministry: Our WIM team helps Second’s sisters make progress in knowing, becoming like, and making Christ known in their various callings and contexts. Led by Mary Willson Hannah, Yvonne Hardin, and Lisa Grace, the team is diverse in age, occupation, ethnicity, and personality yet unified in Christ. Pray for the Bible Studies launching this semester. For teachers—that God would strengthen them to open both their mouths to teach His Word and their hearts to pray and care for every woman they teach. For participants—that God would refresh their spirits and “[equip them] for every good work” through their study of the Scriptures. For all female saints at Second, many of whom are weary from navigating countless challenges due to the pandemic and other hardships—that God would “[strengthen them] with all power according to his glorious might, for all endurance and patience, with joy.”

August Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary for the month of August are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: *Ann Neal Ashwood* and *Dr. Eugene W. Gadberry* by Charlotte and Bob Neal; *Dr. Orin L. Davidson, Jr.* by Mary and Orin Davidson; *Ruth Morrison* by Brandon and Joe Morrison.

General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance	Last Year Actual
July	\$ 618,064	\$ 585,005	\$ (33,059)	\$ 604,280
YTD 7/1/21–7/31/21	\$ 618,064	\$ 585,005	\$ (33,059)	\$ 604,280



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