

PLANTING GOSPEL



SEEDS
TOGETHER

February 28, 2021
World Missions Sunday

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

- It is helpful for us to know who is worshipping on campus. If you haven't registered to attend, please visit 2pc.org now and use the buttons at the top of the homepage to let us know you're here!
- To help everyone keep proper distance when exiting, please exit by row to the closest exterior Sanctuary door (back rows to the North doors; front rows to the South doors). Also, please keep masks on throughout the worship service and while on campus.
- 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 7 of this booklet.
- A live stream of services is available at 2pc.org/live for those unable to attend at this time.
- **52 Reasons Devotion Series:** In July of last year, Pastor George introduced an encouraging weekly devotional regarding the importance of corporate worship for the people of God. To follow that series, click "media" at the top of our homepage at 2pc.org, subscribe to our social media channels (@2PCMemphis), or find it in the Messenger email newsletter each Friday.
- **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!

Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

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DECLARE HIS GLORY AMONG THE NATIONS

ORGAN AND BRASS PRELUDE: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" Joshua Evanovich

James Ryan, conductor

✦CALL TO WORSHIP Marcelo Robles, *Argentina*

For the protection of our community during the pandemic, singing along to hymns is discouraged.

✦PROCESSIONAL HYMN: "Lift High the Cross" CRUCIFER

Words: George Kitchen / Music: Sydney Nicholson; arr. Cathy Moglebust / John 12:32

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
Till all the world adore His sacred Name.*

Come, brethren, follow where our Savior trod,
Our King victorious, Christ, the Son of God.

Led on their way by this triumphant sign,
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine.

O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,
As Thou hast promised, draw men unto Thee.

Thy kingdom come, that earth's despair may cease
Beneath the shadow of its healing peace.

For Thy blest cross which doth for us atone,
Creation's praises rise before Thy throne.

✦INVOCATION

PROCLAIM HIS GOSPEL TO THE NATIONS

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION Enoch W., *East Asia*

**Gracious Father,
thank You for Your compassion
for the lonely, oppressed, and harassed peoples of the world.
You sent Jesus to seek and to save the lost,
but we confess we have not shared His compassion for the crowds.
You have called us to make disciples of all nations,
but we confess our reluctance to personally engage that mission.
Forgive us for being more apathetic than active,
callous than compassionate, and isolated than involved.
Have mercy upon us and fill us with all of Your fullness
that we may truly live as those blessed to be a blessing.
We pray in the exalted name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON Psalm 103:10-12

*He does not deal with us according to our sins, nor repay us according to our iniquities.
For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
as far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Shalom" Dan Forrest

Music: Dan Forrest / John 14:27

Peace, shalom.

Peace, I leave with you, peace I give to you: Peace, Shalom.

Peace, I leave with you, My peace I give to you: Peace, Shalom.

Not as this world gives, I give to you. Do not be afraid

Shalom, My peace I leave with you. Peace, Shalom.

*The Chancel Choir
James Ryan, violin
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING Dan Burns

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

VIDEO: A WORD TO THE CHILDREN Amanda U., *Middle East*

JOIN HIS MISSION FOR THE NATIONS

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER George Robertson

**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.**

✦INTRODUCTION OF GUEST SPEAKER

◆HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Facing a Task Unfinished" AURELIA

Words and Music: Frank Houghton, Samuel Wesley, Keith and Kristyn Getty, Ed Cash, Fionán de Barra / Matthew 24:14

Facing a task unfinished that drives us to our knees,
A need that, undiminished, rebukes our slothful ease.
We, who rejoice to know Thee, renew before Thy throne
The solemn pledge we owe Thee to go and make Thee known.

Where other lords beside Thee hold their unhindered sway;
Where forces that defied Thee defy Thee still today.
With none to heed their crying for life, and love, and light,
Unnumbered souls are dying and pass into the night.

*We go to all the world, with kingdom hope unfurled.
No other name has pow'r to save but Jesus Christ, the Lord.*

We bear the torch that flaming fell from the hands of those
Who gave their lives proclaiming that Jesus died and rose.
Ours is the same commission, the same glad message ours;
Fired by the same ambition, to Thee we yield our pow'rs.

O Father who sustained them, O Spirit who inspired,
Savior, whose love constrained them to toil with zeal untired.
From cowardice defend us, from lethargy awake!
Forth on Thine errands send us to labor for Thy sake.

SCRIPTURE LESSON. Romans 15:22-33

This is the reason why I have so often been hindered from coming to you. But now, since I no longer have any room for work in these regions, and since I have longed for many years to come to you, I hope to see you in passing as I go to Spain, and to be helped on my journey there by you, once I have enjoyed your company for a while. At present, however, I am going to Jerusalem bringing aid to the saints. For Macedonia and Achaia have been pleased to make some contribution for the poor among the saints at Jerusalem. For they were pleased to do it, and indeed they owe it to them. For if the Gentiles have come to share in their spiritual blessings, they ought also to be of service to them in material

blessings. When therefore I have completed this and have delivered to them what has been collected, I will leave for Spain by way of you. I know that when I come to you I will come in the fullness of the blessing of Christ.

I appeal to you, brothers, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in your prayers to God on my behalf, that I may be delivered from the unbelievers in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may be acceptable to the saints, so that by God's will I may come to you with joy and be refreshed in your company. May the God of peace be with you all. Amen.

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

SERMON: The Beautiful Global Body of Christ Dr. Mike Kuhn, *North Africa/Middle East*

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

PLEDGING OURSELVES TO THE GREAT COMMISSION

HYMN OF MEDITATION "O Zion, Haste" arr. Craig Courtney

Words: Mary Thomson / Music: James Walch, arr. Courtney / Acts 13:32

Look to the fields ripe with harvest. Yet are the laborers few.
Pray that the Lord of the harvest would send forth laborers.

How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed?
And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard?
And how shall they hear without a preacher?
And how shall they preach, except they be sent?
How beautiful, how beautiful are the feet of them that preach
The Gospel of peace and bring glad tidings of good news.

O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling, to tell to all the world that God is Light;
That He who made all nations is not willing one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace; tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.

Proclaim to every people, tongue, and nation that God, in whom they live and move, is Love;
Tell how He stooped to save His lost creation, and died on earth that man might live above.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace; tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

Give of your sons to bear the message glorious, give of your wealth to speed them on their way;
Pour out your soul for them in prayer victorious, and all your spending Jesus will repay.
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace; tidings of Jesus, redemption and release.

Go ye into all the world and preach good news!

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE: Final from "Symphony No. 1"Louis Vierne

✦Indicates congregation standing

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*Instrumentalists: Susan Enger and Alex Schuettrumpf, trumpet;
Greg Luscombe and Mark Vail, trombone; Ed Murray, timpani/percussion*

Morning Worship Guest Speaker

Mike Kuhn and his family spent 22 years in France, North Africa, and the Middle East, working among Muslims and Christians. After more than 10 years in a Middle Eastern country, Mike was deported and blacklisted in 2005. They returned to the U.S. where he served as a pastor at Cedar Springs Presbyterian Church and taught Arabic at local colleges.

In 2012, he and Stephanie returned to the Middle East where he served as professor of discipleship and Biblical theology and helped launch an online program at the Arab Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mike returned to the States in 2018 to serve with the International Theological Education Network (ITEN) of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church.

Combined CC Guest Speaker

Enoch W. was born and raised in China and became a believer at a young age. After graduating from Beijing University, he came to the U.S. for post-graduate studies at Michigan State University and worked in the technology industry for over a decade.

Having a heart for the Chinese church, Enoch has been actively resourcing the Chinese church for 20 years. He sees East Asia Partnership as a strategic organization that can enable true partnership between Chinese and American churches in ways not done before.

He is also an ordained minister in one of China's first presbyteries and received a Master of Arts in Religion at Westminster Theological Seminary. He lives with his wife and children in New Jersey.

9:45 a.m. Combined CC Hour in the Sanctuary

All adult CCs and youth will meet in the Sanctuary for a presentation from Enoch W.

This session will also be live streamed at 2pc.org/live.

Sunday Night Worship

6:00 p.m.

WELCOME..... Enoch W., East Asia

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✦HE REIGNS/AWESOME GOD

Our God is an awesome God, He reigns from Heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love, our God is an awesome God.

You're marvelous, and You're glorious!
Your love has made me victorious!
You took away the fear in us —
Now we praise You 'cause You can deliver us.

There ain't no stoppin' us;
Devil, there ain't no blockin' us.
Come on and clap your hands with us!

He reigns!

He reigns forever and ever.

Music: Kirk Franklin; arr. Dan Galbraith / Jude 1:25

✦INVOCATION

✦GOD SO LOVED

Come, all you weary, come, all you thirsty; come to the well that never runs dry.
Drink of the water; come, and thirst no more.

Come, all you sinners, come find His mercy. Come to the table, He will satisfy.
Taste of His goodness, find what you're looking for.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us;
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

Bring all your failures, bring your addictions, come lay them down at the foot of the cross.
Jesus is waiting there with open arms.

For God so loved the world that He gave us His one and only Son to save us;
Whoever believes in Him will live forever.

The power of hell forever defeated; now it is well, I'm walking in freedom.
For God so loved, God so loved the world.

Praise God, praise God from whom all blessings flow.

Praise Him, praise Him for the wonders of His love.

Words and Music: Andrew Bergthold, Ed Cash, Franni Cain, Martin Cash, and Scott Cash / John 3:16

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SERMON: 30 Years of Global Partnership Marcelo Robles, *Argentina*

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE Dan Burns

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

◆VIDEO: LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

A recording from Covenant City Church in Indonesia

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's Name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame.
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood, He has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord Who bought us, pitied us when enemies,
Called us by His grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with His blood, He has washed us with His blood,
He has washed us with His blood, He presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threatens hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong Salvation, holds in view the conqueror's crown:
He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood, soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder; grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
He, Who washed us with His blood, He, Who washed us with His blood,
He, Who washed us with His blood, has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted Him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou hast washed us with Thy blood;
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood; Thou art worthy, Lamb of God!

Words: John Newton / Music: Laura Taylor / Revelation 1:5-6

✦ISAIAH SONG

This is the Word of the Lord, your Creator:
I am the God who stood before the world was framed.
I am the first, the last, and everything between.
I hold your future, who could know these things but Me?

So don't fear. I will be your song.

*Sing, sing, O barren land; water is coming to the thirsty.
Though you are empty, I am the well. Draw from me; I will provide.*

This is the Word of the Lord, your Creator:
I stand from age to age, the Ancient of Days.
I am the Holy One, the Fairest of Ten Thousand,
And all who call upon My name shall be saved.

I'm a river in the desert, pouring My Spirit on the broken,
Giving beauty for your ashes, joy for your sadness and mourning
Heavens open, He's making ways in the wilderness.
He's making rivers in the desert.

No more dry ground, heaven's open.

I might be empty, but He is the well.
Draw from Me; I will provide.

Words and Music: Chandler Moore, Leamond Sloan, and Benita Jones / Isaiah 43:18-21

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦BENEDICTION

✦GOSPEL AMEN

✦*Indicates congregation standing*

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*Gospel Choir: Daija McNeil, Jauna Ellis, Kristin Jones, Savannah Patton, Brenae Johnson,
Haleigh Boykin, Mandy Webb, Shelbie Pittman, Chris Pruett, Gregory Mason, Julian Cross, Sam Ryden*

*Instrumentalists: Nick Kokoropoulos, Joe Mariencheck, Earl Lowe,
Nick Kokoropoulos, Devereau Williams, Claude Hinds, Samuel Metzger, James Ryan*

Evening Worship Guest Speaker

Marcelo Robles is a church planter and the senior pastor of La Misión Church in Buenos Aires, Argentina. La Misión has congregations in distinct neighborhoods of the city that focus on training church planters and pastors, ministering to children and the poor, and connecting with university students. Marcelo recently served as moderator of the St Andrews Presbytery in Argentina and continues to serve on the board of City to City Latin America. Second is celebrating 30 years of partnership with him this year! He is engaged to be married this spring. He and his daughter, Vicky, live in the Palermo neighborhood of Buenos Aires.

Congregational Meeting March 7

The Session has called a congregational meeting following the morning services on March 7 to approve the purchase by Second Presbyterian Church of property adjacent to our campus at 4007 Central. The proposed purchase comes with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Diaconate, and the Session.

Spring Break Schedule for Children's Ministry & Youth

On Sunday, March 7, our youth and children's Sunday School classes are taking a Spring Break and will not meet.

Our nursery will be open for the 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. services. Pre-registration is required and opens at 2pckids.org on Mondays at noon and closes at 9:00 a.m. on Fridays, prior to each Sunday.

Also, volunteers are needed for children's Sunday school and in the nursery. Please visit 2pckids.org to sign up to help on Sundays in March or April.

Adult Congregational Communities

Some of our adult Congregational Communities are meeting on campus on Sunday mornings, and others continue to meet online. Visit 2pc.org/cc for a full list of CCs or contact your CC leaders directly for more information.

Reminder: Today at 9:45am, all adult and youth CCs will meet together in the Sanctuary for a special World Missions Sunday presentation.

Officer Nominations Requests

The Nominations Committee is requesting names from the congregation for persons they recommend to serve as elders or deacons for the term beginning January 2022. Suggestion cards are available at the reception desk. You may also email suzanne.saunders@2pc.org or mail a suggestion to the church office. The deadline for receiving suggestions is February 28, 2021.

Weekly Focus on Missions

World Missions: As we focus on what the Lord is doing around the world this weekend and how we can learn about and join with our missionaries in planting the seeds of the Gospel, pray that God would touch our hearts in a new way. Pray also that we would feel called to be more involved by praying, giving, and possibly even going to places where there are those who need to know Jesus.

Mission Memphis: Memphis Gridiron Ministries was able to deliver goodie bags to 30 kids in their community for Christmas and praises the Lord for the servant-hearted volunteers who helped with that project. Please pray for players and their families as they navigate through virtual schooling. Pray they would stay encouraged as well as safe and healthy. Pray also as MGM plans for spring programming.

Caring Ministry Update

Congratulations to:

Anthony and Sarah Mattox on the birth of a son, *Graham Thomas Mattox*, February 21, 2021.

AJ and Hannah Crowley on the birth of a son, *James Robinson Crowley*, February 22, 2021. Maternal grandparents are John and Antoinette Good.

Sympathy to:

Mary Ruth Witt on the death of her brother, *John Paul Jones*, February 13, 2021.

The family of *Norma Jean Anderson Long* on her death, February 14, 2021.

February Flowers

The flowers in the Connector today are given to the glory of God and in honor of: *their family and friends* by Mr. and Mrs. Tucker Davis who were married yesterday. Mrs. Davis is the former Sarah Lawrence Allen.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for the month of February are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: *Dee Bonner and Agnes Perkins* by Debbie and Mark Perkins, *Robert Y. Fleming* by his wife, Joanne, and his family; *Robert Eugene Tipton, Jr.* by Deborah and Mary Elisabeth Tipton; *David G. Williams, Sr., Anne and Ernest B. Williams, Jr., and Ernest B. Williams III* by Billie Anne Williams and family.

General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance	Last Year Actual
January	\$ 639,906	\$ 756,235	\$ 116,329	\$ 591,352
YTD 7/1/20–1/31/21	\$ 6,151,675	\$ 6,116,637	\$ (35,038)	\$ 5,732,711



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