



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

May 2, 2021
Season of Eastertide

WELCOME TO SECOND

- Masks are required while on campus.
- Please observe social distancing of at least 6 feet in all hallways and rooms. Gold dots are placed every 3 feet on the pews to help determine appropriate spacing. Please keep 6 feet between your family and others during worship.
- To help everyone keep proper distance when exiting the Sanctuary, 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.
- Seating is available in the Chapel for those who wish to worship without a mask, but masks must be worn until seated.
- 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.

The order of worship for the evening service begins on page 7.

GLORIFY OUR REIGNING KING

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" Dan Miller

Samuel Metzger, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP David Bowen

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: "Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above" MIT FREUDEN ZART

Words: Johann J. Schütz / Music: Heinrich Reimann; arr. Metzger / Psalm 97:1

**Sing praise to God, who reigns above, the God of all creation,
The God of pow'r, the God of love, the God of our salvation.
With healing balm my soul He fills, and ev'ry faithless murmur stills:
To God all praise and glory!**

**What God's almighty pow'r hath made His gracious mercy keepeth,
By morning glow or evening shade His watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of His might, lo! all is just and all is right:
To God all praise and glory!**

**The Lord is never far away, but, through all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay, our peace and joy and blessing.
As with a mother's tender hand He leads His own, His chosen band:
To God all praise and glory!**

**Thus all my toilsome way along I sing aloud His praises,
That men may hear the grateful song my voice unwearied raises;
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart! Both soul and body bear your part:
To God all praise and glory!**

✦INVOCATION

✦PSALTER LESSON Psalm 97

The Lord reigns, let the earth rejoice; let the many coastlands be glad!
Clouds and thick darkness are all around him;
righteousness and justice are the foundation of his throne.
Fire goes before him and burns up his adversaries all around.
His lightnings light up the world; the earth sees and trembles.
The mountains melt like wax before the Lord, before the Lord of all the earth.

**The heavens proclaim his righteousness,
and all the peoples see his glory.
All worshipers of images are put to shame,
who make their boast in worthless idols;
worship him, all you gods!**

Zion hears and is glad, and the daughters of Judah rejoice,
because of your judgments, O Lord.
For you, O Lord, are most high over all the earth;
you are exalted far above all gods.

**O you who love the Lord, hate evil!
He preserves the lives of his saints;
he delivers them from the hand of the wicked.
Light is sown for the righteous,
and joy for the upright in heart.
Rejoice in the Lord, O you righteous,
and give thanks to his holy name!**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HOLY IS THE LORD

Music: Franz Schubert / Isaiah 6:3

**Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy, holy, holy, holy is the Lord.
Holy is the Father, holy is the Son.
Holy is the Spirit; blessed Three in One.**

TRUST OUR GRACIOUS KING

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy God, You made us to walk with You,
to know You, to love You, and to serve You.
We confess that we are prone to neglect Your will for the sake of idols.
You summon us to gaze upon the beauty of Jesus
and to rest in His finished work,
yet we confess we have often forgotten our first love.
Forgive us, O Triune God, for our half-hearted worship,
our indifference towards our neighbors, our unfaithfulness to Your mission,
our tepid conviction, and our shallow repentance.
In Your deep mercy, spare us.
In Your amazing grace, rekindle our love for You
in seeing anew Jesus' love for us.
It is in His strong name we pray.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON Romans 5:8

*But God shows his love for us in that
while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

Boxes at Exits: We will not pass the offering plate. Boxes are available at the Sanctuary exits.
Give Online: 2pc.org/give
Give by Text: Text SECOND followed by the gift amount to (901) 410-9500 to give to the General Fund.
To give to World Missions, text WORLD followed by an amount to the same number.
Give by Mail: Second Presbyterian Church, 4055 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Hallelujah Chorus" from *Mount of Olives* Ludwig van Beethoven

Words and Music: Ludwig van Beethoven / Psalm 148

Hallelujah! unto God's Almighty Son.
Praise the Lord, ye bright angelic choirs,
In holy songs of joy.
Man, proclaim His grace and glory!
Hallelujah! unto God's Almighty Son.
Praise the Lord in holy songs of joy.

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

VIDEO: A WORD TO THE CHILDRENMichelle Catalano

FOLLOW OUR WISE KING

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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.**

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Man of Sorrows" Dan Galbraith

Words and Music: Matt Crocker, Brook; arr. Dan Galbraith / Isaiah 53:3

**Man of sorrows, Lamb of God, by His own betrayed.
The sin of man and wrath of God has been on Jesus laid.
Silent as He stood accused, beaten, mocked, and scorned;
Bowing to the Father's will, He took a crown of thorns.**

*Oh that rugged cross, my salvation,
Where Your love poured out over me;
Now my soul cries out hallelujah,
Praise and honor unto Thee.*

**Sent of heaven, God's own Son, to purchase and redeem
And reconcile the very ones who nailed Him to that tree.**

**Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full,
By the precious blood that my Jesus spilled.
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me;
Whom the Son sets free oh is free indeed.**

**See the stone is rolled away—behold the empty tomb.
Hallelujah, God be praised! He's risen from the grave!**

SCRIPTURE LESSON. Revelation 3:14-22

“And to the angel of the church in Laodicea write: ‘The words of the Amen, the faithful and true witness, the beginning of God’s creation.

and the shame of your nakedness may not be seen, and salve to anoint your eyes, so that you may see. Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline, so be zealous and repent. Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and eat with him, and he with me. The one who conquers, I will grant him to sit with me on my throne, as I also conquered and sat down with my Father on his throne. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

“I know your works: you are neither cold nor hot. Would that you were either cold or hot! So, because you are lukewarm, and neither hot nor cold, I will spit you out of my mouth. For you say, I am rich, I have prospered, and I need nothing, not realizing that you are wretched, pitiable, poor, blind, and naked. I counsel you to buy from me gold refined by fire, so that you may be rich, and white garments so that you may clothe yourself

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON: Decommitted Part I. George Robertson

I. Wretched

II. Pitiful

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE: “Carillon de Westminster” Louis Vierne

*Lord, through this hour, be Thou our guide,
So, by Thy power, no foot shall slide.*

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Gathering on the Grounds: Tonight!

We are looking forward to evening worship outside today on our Poplar Field! We'll start gathering at 5 p.m., and worship will begin at 6.

Please bring your own picnic food (we will not have food trucks this time) and sit in lawnchairs or on blankets with your family group, keeping plenty of social distance between your group and others.

A live stream of the service will begin at 6:00 p.m. at 2pc.org/live for those who wish to watch from home.

Gathering on the Grounds

5:00 p.m. Fellowship and Live Music · 6:00 p.m. Sunday Night Worship

Held on the Poplar Field; worship will also be live streamed at 2pc.org/live

♣CALL TO WORSHIP..... Brandon Terry

♣AGAIN I SAY, REJOICE!

**Rejoice in the Lord always, and again I say,
And again I say rejoice in the Lord always,
And again I say, and again I say, rejoice!**

**Come bless the Lord, come bless the Lord,
Draw near to worship Christ the Lord.
And bless His name, His holy name, declaring He is good!**

O that men would praise Him, O that men would praise Him.

O that men would praise His name, praise His name to the ends of the earth.

Words: Israel Houghton / Music: Aaron Lindsey; arr. Galbraith / Philippians 4:4

♣PROMISES

**God of Abraham, You're the God of covenant, of faithful promises.
Time and time again, You have proven You do just what You say.**

**Though the storms may come and the winds may blow, I'll remain steadfast;
And let my heart learn when You speak a word, it will come to pass.**

**Great is Your faithfulness to me. Great is Your faithfulness to me.
From the rising sun to the setting same, I will praise Your name.
Great is Your faithfulness to me.**

Seasons change; You remain the same.

**God, from age to age, though the earth may pass away, Your word remains the same.
Your history can prove there's nothing You can't do; You're faithful and true.**

Oh Your faithfulness—it never runs out, it never runs out.

**I put my faith in Jesus, my anchor to the ground,
My hope and firm foundation—He'll never let me down.**

*Words and Music: Joe Barnes, Carrington Gaines, Aaron Moses, Dante Brown,
Kaila Marin, and Lemuel Marin / Matthew 7:24-27*

♣PRAYER OF ADORATION

♣GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....Genesis 12:1-9

Now the Lord said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. And I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and him who dishonors you I will curse, and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

in Haran, and they set out to go to the land of Canaan. When they came to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the Lord appeared to Abram and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the Lord, who had appeared to him. From there he moved to the hill country on the east of Bethel and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east. And there he built an altar to the Lord and called upon the name of the Lord. And Abram journeyed on, still going toward the Negeb.

So Abram went, as the Lord had told him, and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. And Abram took Sarai his wife, and Lot his brother's son, and all their possessions that they had gathered, and the people that they had acquired

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON: A "So That" People Josh Preston

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦IN CHRIST ALONE

**In Christ alone my hope is found, He is my light, my strength, my song;
This Cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease.
My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.**

**In Christ alone, Who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
'Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied.
For ev'ry sin on Him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.**

**There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain;
Then, bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
For I am His and He is mine, bought with the precious blood of Christ.**

**No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in me;
From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from His hand;
'Till He returns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.**

Words and Music: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend / Philippians 3:8-9

✦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 Pruet, Gregory Mason, Julian Cross, Sam Ryden, Calvin Ellis
Instrumentalists: Joe Mariencheck, David Pruitt, Nick Kokoropoulos, Koleton Williams, Claude Hinds, James Ryan*

Sermon Notes

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Congregational Prayer Meeting: May 5

The final of our three monthly spring prayer meetings will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, May 5 at noon (observing National Day of Prayer a day early).

During this time, we will call upon the name of the Lord (Jeremiah 29:12) and seek His plans and guidance for our church, our city, our country, and our world. We invite you to join us; registration not required.



**Vacation Bible School is popping up
all over Memphis this year!**

VBS will be at various members' homes and locations around our city.

Monday, June 28–Thursday, July 1
9:00-11:00 a.m.

Learn More & Register at 2pc.org/vbs

Registration Is Open!

All children ages 3 to 6th grade are invited!

Volunteers Are Needed!

Rising 7th Graders through age 105 are welcome to help!

Location Details

Your child's pop-up location will be assigned closer to VBS week. Space is limited; early registration is recommended!



Summer at Second

This summer, Second will offer a variety of events for children and families to enjoy, including opportunities to get outside, participate in fun camps, and enjoy fellowship with other families. Visit 2pc.org/summer for more details about Camp Narnia, Rejoice Music Arts Camp, VBS, Family Camp, and more!

Nursery, Children's Sunday School & Adult CCs

Our nursery is open on Sundays during the 8:15 a.m. service, the CC hour, and the 6:00 p.m. service. Also, children's Sunday School for PK-5th grade meets on campus at 9:45 a.m. Registration is required and must be completed weekly. Registration opens at noon on Mondays and closes at 9:00 a.m. on Fridays, prior to each Sunday. Visit 2pckids.org for more details and to register.

Many of our adult Congregational Communities are meeting on campus, and some are meeting online. Visit 2pc.org/cc for more information.

Weekly Focus on Missions

World Missions: Norm and Ruth Ann report he has a new role on the facilitation team for EuroInTent, the two-year training initiative for their workers across Europe, while she continues serving on the board of the Huguenot Fellowship, which supports John Calvin Seminary in their country. They are encouraged by God moving in relationships with their French neighbors, new programming at the seminary, and their discipleship groups meeting online. Their AWM team is currently engaging with more than 40 new Arab Christians or seekers in the Muslim world. Pray the Lord would strengthen the faith

of those in online discipleship groups and provide face-to-face interactions with other believers. Pray also for the Leducs as they seek new housing.

Mission Memphis: Our partners at Brinkley Heights Urban Academy are praising the Lord that all students will be on campus every day for the final nine weeks of this semester! Please pray for the staff, teachers, and students to finish strong as summer is quickly approaching. Pray also for the Lord to send additional teachers to the school and for the staff as they plan for a major intervention next year to address learning loss due to the pandemic.

Caring Ministry Update

In the Hospital (*as of 4/28/21*)

Ruth Warren, *Baptist Rehab*; Claire Coleman, *Memphis Jewish Home*

May Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of: *the bride's parents, Yvonne and Bill Hardin, and the groom's father, David Zeiler, and in memory of: the groom's mother, Elizabeth Zeiler, by Mr. and Mrs. Austin Zeiler who were married yesterday. Mrs. Zeiler is the former Hannah Hardin.*

The flowers in the Sanctuary for the month of May are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: *Virginia and Ralph Braden by their children and grandchildren; Sara Misner by her daughter; William Price "Buddy" Morrison by his children; Dorothy Street Sherman by her sons, Dr. Phillip Sherman, Jr. and Hugh Street Sherman; Virginia Buchman Smith by the Nearn family and the Smith family; Robert Tipton, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. George Dunklin by Deborah and Mary Tipton; Judy Broemmelsick Oakes by her mother and sisters; Marilyn Kay Martin by Mrs. Jose Magallanes and in honor of: Maryanna Popper on her 100th birthday by Laura Popper Crawford and John Robert Popper.*

General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance	Last Year Actual
March	\$ 656,185	\$ 569,510	\$ (86,675)	\$ 738,483
YTD 7/1/20–3/31/21	\$ 7,440,466	\$ 7,182,423	\$ (258,043)	\$ 7,062,726



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