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May 16, 2021  
*Ascension Sunday*

## 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](https://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](https://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.*

## THE GLORY OF OUR ASCENDED LORD

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" .....arr. Fred Bock  
*Jill Peak, organ; Brad Jones, piano*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Vocalise" ..... Sergei Rachmaninoff  
*Kenneth Coca, cello*

CALL TO WORSHIP ..... Dan Burns

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: "A Hymn of Glory Let Us Sing" ..... LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
*Words: The Venerable Bede / Music: Geistliche Kirchengesänge; arr. Metzger / Acts 1:11*

**A hymn of glory let us sing;**

**New songs throughout the world shall ring: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Christ, by a road before untrod, ascendeth to the throne of God.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The holy apostolic band**

**Upon the Mount of Olives stand; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
And with His followers they see Jesus' resplendent majesty.  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**To whom the angels, drawing nigh:**

**"Why stand and gaze upon the sky?" Alleluia! Alleluia!  
"This is the Savior," thus they say, "this is His noble triumph day."  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**"Again shall ye behold Him so**

**As ye today have seen Him go, Alleluia! Alleluia!  
In glorious pomp ascending high, up to the portals of the sky."  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

♠INVOCATION

# THE GRACE OF OUR ASCENDED LORD

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, our heavenly Father,  
You raised Jesus from death to life and crowned Him Lord of all.  
We confess that we have resisted His rule in our lives.  
Pardon us for embracing and being led by  
the false values, priorities, and commitments  
of this present world that is hostile to You.  
Forgive us for failing to set our minds on heaven  
and giving our ascended King the honor and praise that He deserves.  
Transform us by Your Spirit  
and enable us to obey the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who rules the world and is head of the Church, His body.  
It is in His matchless name we pray.**

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON . . . . . Isaiah 57:15

*For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy:  
"I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit,  
to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.*

## WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Let Everything That Hath Breath" . . . . . Jeffrey Ames

*Words: Psalm 96 / Music: Jeffrey Ames*

Sing unto the Lord a new song.  
Sing unto the Lord all the earth.  
Declare His glory among the nations.  
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!  
Magnify the Lord with me and exalt His name together.  
Hallelujah, bless His name for He's worthy to be praised.  
Clap your hands all ye people.  
Shout with a voice of triumph;  
For the mighty Lord is great and greatly to be praised!  
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!  
Come on and praise the Lord; let's all praise His name.  
Praise Him with the timbrel, praise Him with the dance.  
Stand upon your feet and just lift up holy hands.  
Sing "Hallelujah," praise His holy name.  
For the Lord is worthy to be praised!  
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord!

*The Chancel Choir  
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

VIDEO: A WORD TO THE CHILDREN ..... Lynn Erickson

## THE WORD OF OUR ASCENDED LORD

### ✦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: "Before the Throne of God Above" ..... BEFORE THE THRONE

*Words and Music: Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook; arr. Bruce Greer / Hebrews 4:14-16  
Hymn Intro: Gabriel's Oboe from "The Mission" / Music: Ennio Morricone; arr. Phoebe Chen*

**Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea;  
A great High Priest whose name is Love,  
Who ever lives and pleads for me.  
My name is graven on His hands,  
My name is written on His heart,  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart,  
No tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair  
And tells me of the guilt within,  
Upward I look and see Him there  
Who made an end of all my sin.  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
My sinful soul is counted free;  
For God the just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
To look on Him and pardon me.**

**Behold Him there, the risen Lamb,  
My perfect spotless righteousness,  
The great unchangeable I AM,  
The King of glory and of grace.  
One with Himself I cannot die;  
My soul is purchased by His blood.  
My life is hid with Christ on high,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God,  
With Christ, my Savior and my God.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Revelation 4:1-11

After this I looked, and behold, a door standing open in heaven! And the first voice, which I had heard speaking to me like a trumpet, said, "Come up here, and I will show you what must take place after this." At once I was in the Spirit, and behold, a throne stood in heaven, with one seated on the throne. And he who sat there had the appearance of jasper and carnelian, and around the throne was a rainbow that had the appearance of an emerald. Around the throne were twenty-four thrones, and seated on the thrones were twenty-four elders, clothed in white garments, with golden crowns on their heads. From the throne came flashes of lightning, and rumblings and peals of thunder, and before the throne were burning seven torches of fire, which are the seven spirits of God, and before the throne there was as it were a sea of glass, like crystal. And around the throne, on each side of the throne, are four living creatures, full of eyes

in front and behind: the first living creature like a lion, the second living creature like an ox, the third living creature with the face of a man, and the fourth living creature like an eagle in flight. And the four living creatures, each of them with six wings, are full of eyes all around and within, and day and night they never cease to say,

"Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"

And whenever the living creatures give glory and honor and thanks to him who is seated on the throne, who lives forever and ever, the twenty-four elders fall down before him who is seated on the throne and worship him who lives forever and ever. They cast their crowns before the throne, saying,

"Worthy are you, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they existed and were created."

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON: The Throne of God ..... George Robertson

- I. **The Sovereign Judge** (Revelation 4:1-5)
- II. **The Sovereign Redeemer** (Revelation 4:6-11)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦BENEDICTION

CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

POSTLUDE: "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" ..... Jack Jones

✦Indicates congregation standing

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# Sunday Night Worship

6:00 p.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS . . . . . Brett Wynne

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CALL TO WORSHIP

✦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

✦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*

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Psalm 37:4-5

Delight yourself in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart. Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON: He Will ..... David Bowen

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

✦MAN OF SORROWS

**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!**

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





## 2021 Summer Youth Interns



**Josh Butler** (Jr. & Sr. High) is from Vestavia Hills, Alabama, and is a rising sophomore at the University of Alabama where he's involved in campus ministry and is studying management and real estate. Josh loves the outdoors and

playing sports, including spikeball, ping pong, soccer, and basketball. His goal this summer is to create meaningful relationships with students and his fellow interns.



**Christopher Coleman** (Jr. & Sr. High) is a rising senior at Texas A&M University with a major in communication and a double minor in classics and English. He was born in Jackson, Mississippi, but has lived most of his life in Bryan,

Texas. He loves to read, especially theology and philosophy. He also loves many different sports—his favorite being angleball (ask him to explain it to you).



**Carter Patikas** (Sr. High) grew up in Memphis and recently completed her freshman year as a pre-nursing major at Auburn University. Some of her favorite things are hugs, flowers, and chocolate. She is excited to form relationships with the students

of Second and share in the joy and love that Christ has to offer.



**SK Smith** (Jr. High) grew up in Atlanta and is a student at Berry College in Rome, Georgia, where she is studying religion, biology, and dance. Between classes, she spends time in the lab taking care of anemones and jellyfish while doing exciting research

with their genes. SK enjoys Cookout milkshakes, looking at old books in the library, and hanging out with friends.



**Lydia Steimer** (Sr. High) grew up in Knoxville and recently completed her sophomore year at University of Tennessee Knoxville where she is a psychology major with a minor in business. She is part of the UT improv team and (naturally)

thinks she's hilarious. She is passionate about ice cream, Taylor Swift, and hiking and is looking forward to spending the summer with our students.



**Lilly West** (Jr. High) grew up in Memphis and is a member of Second. She is a rising sophomore at the University of Virginia where she is involved with RUF campus ministry, plays intramural soccer, and is majoring in Religious Studies

and Global Studies. She is excited to spend time with students this summer and can't wait for the fun adventures to come!

**Summer  
at Second**

Second will offer a variety of events this summer 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](http://2pc.org/summer) for more details!

**VBS Pop-Up Olympics**  
June 28-July 1; 9:00-11:00 a.m.  
*Hosted at various locations*

**Family Fun Wednesdays**  
June 9 & 23, July 14 & 28  
10:00-11:30 a.m.

**Camp Narnia**  
July 6-9; 9:30-11:30 a.m.

**Rejoice Music Arts Camp**  
July 12-16; 10:00am-3:00 p.m.

## Inquirers Class: June 2, 5 & 6

The Inquirers Class is designed to answer questions about the Christian faith and community at Second and gives participants the opportunity to meet pastors, staff, and church members as well as to pursue membership. The next class will be June 2, 5, and 6. Visit [2pc.org/inquirers](http://2pc.org/inquirers) to learn more and register.

## Weekly Focus on Missions

**World Missions:** Rob and Tunde remain busy with their work at Cornerstone Church, which was planted in Budapest in 2015. Rob serves as head pastor and feels called to continue planting churches. With the help of other local evangelical churches and Redeemer's City to City church planting training center, he is developing an internship program for young men considering ministry. Cornerstone's Sunday morning services have been live streamed on social media, reaching more than 1,000 viewers each week. Rob is encouraged by the church's youth

program; it has expanded to over 40 youth with two new leaders. Tunde, who currently leads three small groups at Cornerstone, completes her degree in Biblical counseling through Westminster this month. Please pray for her as she finishes coursework.

**Mission Memphis:** Our partners at Visible Music College are thankful that the Lord continues to call young people to ministry leadership through music! Please pray for the Visible students graduating this month and for the faculty as they prepare for new students who will start in August.

## Caring Ministry Update

**Sympathy to:** Dennis Berry on the death of his brother, *Carter Berry*, May 7, 2021, in Columbus, GA.

**In the Hospital:** (*as of 5/12/21*)  
Ruth Warren, *Allen Morgan*

## May Flowers

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 Broemnelsick 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
April	\$ 750,947	\$ 886,653	\$ 135,706	\$ 782,526
YTD 7/1/20-4/30/21	\$ 8,191,413	\$ 8,071,556	\$ (119,857)	\$ 7,845,252



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