



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

November 22, 2020
Commitment 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.
- A live stream of services is available at 2pc.org/live for those unable to attend at this time.
- 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.
- **52 Reasons Devotion Series:** In July of this 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.

ENTER HIS COURTS WITH THANKSGIVING

PRELUDE: "Let All Things Now Living" Duane Funderburk

James Ryan, violin; Thomas Loescher, cello; Samuel Metzger, piano

♠CALL TO WORSHIP Todd Erickson

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

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: "Now Thank We All Our God" NUN DANKET

Words: Martin Rinkart / Music: Johann Crüger / 1 Chronicles 29:13

Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love, and still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
With ever-joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in His grace, and guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills in this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God the Father now be given,
The Son, and Him who reigns with them in highest heaven—
The one eternal God, whom earth and heav'n adore;
For thus it was, is now, and shall be evermore.

♠INVOCATION

♠PSALTER LESSON Psalm 95:1-7

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord;
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

**Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving;
let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!**

For the Lord is a great God,
and a great King above all gods.

**In his hand are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.**

The sea is his, for he made it,
and his hands formed the dry land.

**Oh come, let us worship and bow down;
let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!**

For he is our God,

**and we are the people of his pasture,
and the sheep of his hand.**

Words: Thomas Ken / Psalm 150

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him, above ye heav'nly host: Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

RECEIVE HIS PARDON WITH JOY

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God, our heavenly Father,
You are our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
Every good and perfect gift comes from You.
Yet we confess that we have received Your gifts with a thankless heart
and have doubted Your generous heart.
We have murmured and complained against You.
We have failed to give thanks to You in all circumstances.
Empower us to cast off the spiritually unhealthy weight of thanklessness
that is slowing us down in our race of faith.
May Your Holy Spirit so rule us that You give us victory over this
and all the other sinful tendencies of our hearts.
For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... II Corinthians 8:9

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich,
yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.*

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: "Let All the People Praise!" Craig Courtney

Music: Craig Courtney / Psalm 148

Sing praise to the Father, sing praise to the Son,
Sing praise to the Spirit, our God, Three in One.
Let all the people praise the name of the Lord.

All voices and instruments praising together;
The people are many, the Body is one.
In singing and dancing, in writing and painting;
One in the Spirit, the old and the young.

The Lord has been faithful to all generations,
Walking beside us through smoke and through flame.
In sunshine and shadow, protecting, providing;
In all times and seasons, ever the same!

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home!

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS *(See announcements on pages 10-11.)*

VIDEO: A WORD TO THE CHILDRENKevin McQuillen
Director of Student Ministries

EMBRACE HIS CALL WITH HUMILITY

✦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: “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” ST. GEORGE’S WINDSOR

Words: Henry Alford / Music: George Elvey / Matthew 13:39

Come, ye thankful people, come, raise the song of harvest home:
All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:
Come to God’s own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God’s own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown:
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
Give His angels charge at last, in the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified, in Thy presence to abide:
Come, with all Thine angels, come, raise the glorious harvest home.

The Lord spoke to Moses, saying, "On the first day of the first month you shall erect the tabernacle of the tent of meeting. And you shall put in it the ark of the testimony, and you shall screen the ark with the veil. And you shall bring in the table and arrange it, and you shall bring in the lampstand and set up its lamps. And you shall put the golden altar for incense before the ark of the testimony, and set up the screen for the door of the tabernacle. You shall set the altar of burnt offering before the door of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and place the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water in it. And you shall set up the court all around, and hang up the screen for the gate of the court.

"Then you shall take the anointing oil and anoint the tabernacle and all that is in it, and consecrate it and all its furniture, so that it may become holy. You shall also anoint the altar of burnt offering and all its utensils, and consecrate the altar, so that the altar may become most holy. You shall also anoint the basin and its stand, and consecrate it. Then you shall bring Aaron and his sons to the entrance of the tent of meeting and shall wash them with water and put on Aaron the holy garments. And you shall anoint him and consecrate him, that he may serve me as priest. You shall bring his sons also and put coats on them, and anoint them, as you anointed their father, that they may serve me as priests. And their anointing shall admit them to a perpetual priesthood throughout their generations."

This Moses did; according to all that the Lord commanded him, so he did. In the first month in the second year, on the first day of the month,

the tabernacle was erected. Moses erected the tabernacle. He laid its bases, and set up its frames, and put in its poles, and raised up its pillars. And he spread the tent over the tabernacle and put the covering of the tent over it, as the Lord had commanded Moses. He took the testimony and put it into the ark, and put the poles on the ark and set the mercy seat above on the ark. And he brought the ark into the tabernacle and set up the veil of the screen, and screened the ark of the testimony, as the Lord had commanded Moses. He put the table in the tent of meeting, on the north side of the tabernacle, outside the veil, and arranged the bread on it before the Lord, as the Lord had commanded Moses. He put the lampstand in the tent of meeting, opposite the table on the south side of the tabernacle, and set up the lamps before the Lord, as the Lord had commanded Moses. He put the golden altar in the tent of meeting before the veil, and burned fragrant incense on it, as the Lord had commanded Moses. He put in place the screen for the door of the tabernacle. And he set the altar of burnt offering at the entrance of the tabernacle of the tent of meeting, and offered on it the burnt offering and the grain offering, as the Lord had commanded Moses. He set the basin between the tent of meeting and the altar, and put water in it for washing, with which Moses and Aaron and his sons washed their hands and their feet. When they went into the tent of meeting, and when they approached the altar, they washed, as the Lord commanded Moses. And he erected the court around the tabernacle and the altar, and set up the screen of the gate of the court. So Moses finished the work.

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

SERMON: Stewardship of the ChurchGeorge Robertson

- I. Physically
- II. Beautifully

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

PRAYERFUL CONTEMPLATION OF 2021 PLANNED GIVING

Ways to submit your pledge:

Pledge online (use the link sent to your email this morning or visit 2pc.org/give).

Complete the Giving Intent Card and place it in the boxes at the Sanctuary exits.

Extra cards are available at tables outside the Sanctuary exits.

✦BENEDICTION

✦GOSPEL AMEN

POSTLUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God"..... J.S. Bach; arr. Fox

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Sunday Night Worship

6:00 p.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS David Bowen

Special Thanksgiving Offering: *Tonight's offering, unless otherwise designated for the General Fund, will benefit Calvary Rescue Mission; Memphis Union Mission; and the Central South Presbytery's project to offer school scholarships to children in Beirut.*

Give at Exits: *The offering plate will not be passed; collection boxes are available at the Sanctuary exits.*

Give Online: *2pc.org/give (choose "Thanksgiving Offering" in menu)*

Give by Text: *Text THANKS followed by the gift amount to (901) 410-9500.*

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✦CALL TO WORSHIP

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✦SONGS OF THANKSGIVING

Everyday is a day of thanksgiving.
God's been so good to me, everyday He's blessing me.
Everyday is a day of thanksgiving.
Take the time to glorify the Lord today.

O give thanks unto the Lord for He is good; yes, He is good.
For He is worthy, worthy, for He is good; yes, He is good!

✦INVOCATION

✦MY HEART IS FILLED WITH THANKFULNESS

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who bore my pain,
Who plumbd the depths of my disgrace and gave me life again,
Who crushed my curse of sinfulness and clothed me in His light,
And wrote His law of righteousness with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who walks beside,
Who floods my weaknesses and strengths and causes fear to fly,
Whose ev'ry promise is enough for ev'ry step I take,
Sustaining me with arms of love and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above,
Whose wisdom is my perfect peace, whose ev'ry thought is love,
For ev'ry day I have on earth is given by the King.
So I will give my life, my all to love and follow Him.

Words and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend / Hebrews 12:28

SCRIPTURE LESSON. Psalm 52:8-9

But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God.
I trust in the steadfast love of God forever and ever.
I will thank you forever, because you have done it.
I will wait for your name, for it is good, in the presence of the godly.

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

SERMON: Thank You Forever George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

This is the Lord's table. All who profess their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ are invited to receive communion. If this is not your faith, we would still encourage you to walk forward, knowing that no one will make you take the elements. Any of our elders or pastors will be happy to talk to you about questions or doubts you have about faith in Christ. We encourage children not to take communion until they have joined the church but do welcome them to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. All communion wafers are gluten free.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

✦ JESUS, KEEP ME NEAR THE CROSS

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
Free to all—a healing stream—flows from Calvary's mountain.

*In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
Till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.*

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
There the Bright and Morning Star shed its beams around me.

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day with its shadow o'er me.

Near the cross I'll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river.

Words: Fanny Crosby / Music: William Doane / Galatians 6:14

✦COME, YE THANKFUL PEOPLE, COME

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All is safely gathered in, ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide for our wants to be supplied:
Come to God's own temple, come, raise the song of harvest home.

All the world is God's own field, fruit unto His praise to yield;
Wheat and tares together sown, unto joy or sorrow grown:
First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall appear:
Lord of harvest, grant that we wholesome grain and pure may be.

For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take His harvest home;
From His field shall in that day all offenses purge away;
Give His angels charge at last, in the fire the tares to cast,
But the fruitful ears to store in His garner evermore.

Even so, Lord, quickly come to Thy final harvest home;
Gather Thou Thy people in, free from sorrow, free from sin;
There forever purified, in Thy presence to abide:
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*Gospel Choir: Mandy Webb, Shelbie Pittman, Sarah Caitlin Wheat, Daija McNeil, Hannah Crowley,
Kristin Jones, Chris Pruett, Gregory Mason, Levi Gresham, Calvin Ellis*

Instrumentalists: Pablo Reyes, Robb Roaten, David Pruitt, Sam Ryden, Claude Hinds

Sermon Notes

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Nursery Update

Our nursery, which is normally open for our 8:15 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. services, will be closed following the Thanksgiving and Christmas Eve holidays, on Sundays, November 29 and December 27. Visit 2pckids.org to learn more and register for other Sundays during Advent. To volunteer in the nursery, please email kids@2pc.org or call (901) 454-0034.

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.

Weekly Focus on Missions

World Missions: Jackie serves with Covenant City Church in Indonesia. While the pandemic has caused her to minister remotely, she senses that God is doing something incredible in Indonesia. Her church is seeing people coming to faith and participating in virtual community groups. Jackie is grateful for the internet allowing her to mentor those new to the faith and to lead several women's Bible study groups from halfway around the world. As new church leaders emerge, the dream of planting a church in the Indonesian language is becoming a reality. Jackie, along with two CCC pastoral interns, will be the core leaders for this new church plant. Pray that the Lord will raise up 16 members as a core team for the new church plant by December 1. Jackie recently received a visa to return to Indonesia—pray that she would successfully be able to enter the country in January.

Mission Memphis: Calvary Rescue Mission is a Gospel-focused ministry that provides shelter, food, clothing, Christian counseling, and discipleship to homeless men in the Memphis area. Our partners there ask that we pray for health and provision for their staff and volunteers so that the ministry can remain open during the winter months of the pandemic.

Caring Ministry Update

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Kyle Proctor who were married on November 14, 2020. Mrs. Proctor is the former Grace Baker.

Mr. and Mrs. Liam Coyle who were married on November 21, 2020. Mrs. Coyle is the former Rylie Pittard.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Eastlack who were married on November 21, 2020. Mrs. Eastlack is the former Lauren Price.

In the Hospital (as of 11/18/20): Colby Morgan, *Methodist Germantown*; Skip Quinn, *Methodist University*; Russell White, *Baptist—Memphis*

General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance	Last Year Actual
October	\$ 631,780	\$ 624,214	\$ (7,566)	\$ 570,755
YTD 7/1/20–10/31/20	\$ 2,481,799	\$ 2,535,538	\$ 53,739	\$ 2,357,561

Advent Season Begins November 29

Perhaps more than ever before, we feel the yearning of the Old Testament prophets this Advent season, awaiting the promised Messiah. We long to see the day when “the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together” (*Isaiah 40:5*). But unlike Isaiah, we have seen this hope revealed! Our Messiah has come and we can sing with the angels, “Glory to God in the Highest!”

So, as we look with expectant hope for our present and coming Messiah, join us in worshiping our King this Advent season, beginning with the **Hanging of the Green service on November 29 at 6:00 p.m.**

Visit 2pc.org/advent for the full Advent schedule.

Holiday Service Opportunities

There are many ways we can serve our neighbors this holiday season, from providing gifts for children in foster care to helping wrap books for elementary students.

Visit 2pc.org/serve for ways to serve in addition to those featured below.

Gifts for OMOM Children:

Our partners at Orange Mound Outreach Ministries would like to provide Christmas gifts for the children they serve and are collecting donated gifts to distribute to children ages 5-14. To donate gifts (such as board games, stuffed animals, dolls, Power Rangers, Legos, nail polish, hair bows, sports balls, jump ropes, etc.), contact Mrs. Tucker at (901) 644-1416 or Deb Coleman at (901) 289-3379.

A Book for Every Child:

Contact Meghan Rintoul at meghan.rintoul@2pc.org to help wrap books and deliver them to the students of Berclair Elementary School.

Red Tubs with MFCC:

Memphis Family Connection Center’s Red Tub Day meets the holiday desires of children in foster care in Memphis and supports therapeutic healing all year long. Sponsoring a Red Tub is perfect for small groups as well as families and individuals. Please contact Jennifer Thompson at jenniferthompson2@gmail.com to be assigned a child’s wish list or visit memphisfamilycc.org/red-tub-day to sign up online.

Red Tubs are available in the Connector today.

November Flowers

The flowers in the Narthex today are given to the glory of God and in honor of: Mr. and Mrs. Dan Eastlack who were married yesterday. Mrs. Eastlack is the former Lauren Price. **The flowers in the Sanctuary for the month of November are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:**

Milla Gieselmann by her parents and sister; *Anna Leita Werkhoven and Andrew Werkhoven* by Margaret and James Werkhoven; *Ann and Oscar Edwards* by Mary and Jimmy Edwards and their family; *Our dear parents, Polly and Evan Fellman*, by their devoted daughters, Joanne Fleming and Peg Stringer; *George Shea Flinn* by his sons George, Fred, Carl, and their families; *Laura Lowrey Cook* by Mr. and Mrs. Michael Cook and their family; and *Dr. Max Wesley Painter* by his family.



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