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October 31, 2021  
*Reformation Sunday*

## WELCOME TO SECOND

- Effective today, October 31, our mask policy has been updated; see details in the box below.
- **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 7 of this booklet.
- **Nursery:** Our nursery is available for the 8:15 a.m. service and during the Sunday School hour to ages three and under and for the 6:00 p.m. service to ages four and under.
- Visit [2pc.org/live](https://2pc.org/live) for a livestream of all services.

### Return to Previous Mask Policy

**Effective today, we are returning to our previous on-campus mask policy:**

- Masks are optional for vaccinated individuals on our church campus for all worship services and events.
- If you are not vaccinated, we recommend that you continue to wear a mask to help protect those who cannot be or have not yet been vaccinated.
- Children above age 2 should continue to wear masks.
- 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.
- All pastors, liturgists, singers, and musicians serving on Sundays in the Chancel are vaccinated.
- Volunteers serving in our Children's Ministry (nursery and children's Sunday School), regardless of vaccination status, will continue to wear masks when in the rooms with children, per the CDC's recommendation.

*These adjustments are consistent with CDC recommendations and Shelby County Health Department directives. We are comfortable with this update due to the availability of vaccines, the sufficiency of our ventilation system, and the excellent experience we have had with no COVID infections arising from contacts on campus.*

# Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

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

## GLORY TO GOD ALONE

PRELUDE: "On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand" . . . . . Michael Burkhardt  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: Feierlicher Einzug (Festive Intrada). . . . . Richard Strauss  
*James Ryan, conductor*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . David Bowen

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 65 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" . . . . . EIN' FESTE BURG  
*Words and Music: Martin Luther; arr. Paul Roberts / Psalm 46:1*

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not His equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,  
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same, and He must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.  
The Prince of Darkness grim, we tremble not for him;  
His rage we can endure, for lo! his doom is sure; one little word shall fell him.**

**That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.**

## ♠INVOCATION

CHORAL ANTHEM: I Will Rejoice in the Lord" . . . . .arr. Shoenfeld  
*Words and Music: Georg Philipp Telemann; arr. William M. Shoenfeld / Psalm 104:33-34*

I will rejoice in the Lord who lifts my voice to sing!  
Come join this song of praising and be joyful.

*Spirit and Song Choir  
Mary Lawrence Flinn, accompanist  
Christy Young, director*

✦ CONFESSION OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism Question 1 . . . . . Rusty Shappley (8:15)  
Don Batchelor (11:00)

What is man’s primary purpose?

**Man’s primary purpose is to glorify God  
and to enjoy Him forever.**

✦ DOXOLOGY . . . . . OLD HUNDREDTH, alt.

*Words: Thomas Ken / Music: Genevan Psalter, 1551 / Psalm 150:6*

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below:  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

BY GRACE ALONE  
THROUGH FAITH ALONE  
IN CHRIST ALONE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Heavenly Lord,  
Your name is a strong tower.  
The righteous run to it and are safe,  
for You are the only refuge in troubled times.  
Yet, we confess that our fears are legion.  
We are afraid to love, afraid to commit ourselves,  
afraid of what others think, afraid of rejection,  
afraid of being hurt, afraid of failure,  
and afraid of what the future might bring.  
Show us that Jesus Christ is Your protection of us,  
Your presence with us, and Your power in us.  
Forgive us, for the glory of our Savior’s name,  
Jesus Christ the Lord.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. . . . . Ephesians 1:4d-6

*In love he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ,  
according to the purpose of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace,  
with which he has blessed us in the Beloved.*

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OFFERTORY: "O Clap Your Hands" . . . . . R. Vaughan Williams

*Words and Music: R. Vaughan Williams / Psalm 42:1-2,5-8*

O clap your hands, all ye people; shout unto God with the voice of triumph.  
For the Lord most high is terrible; he is a great King over all the earth.  
God is gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.  
Sing praises to God, sing praises: sing praises unto our King, sing praises.  
For God is the King of all the earth: sing ye praises with understanding.  
God reigneth over the heathen: God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.

*The Chancel Choir  
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

VIDEO: A WORD TO THE CHILDREN . . . . . Peggy Stephens  
*Deacon*

### WORD OF GOD ALONE

✦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: No. 577 "In Christ Alone" . . . . . IN CHRIST ALONE

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

**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 power of Christ I'll stand.**

<sup>1</sup>After this I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was made bright with his glory. <sup>2</sup>And he called out with a mighty voice, "Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! She has become a dwelling place for demons, a haunt for every unclean spirit, a haunt for every unclean bird, a haunt for every unclean and detestable beast. <sup>3</sup>For all nations have drunk the wine of the passion of her sexual immorality, and the kings of the earth have committed immorality with her, and the merchants of the earth have grown rich from the power of her luxurious living."

<sup>4</sup>Then I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you take part in her sins, lest you share in her plagues; <sup>5</sup>for her sins are heaped high as heaven, and God has remembered her iniquities. <sup>6</sup>Pay her back as she herself has paid back others, and repay her double for her deeds; mix a double portion for her in the cup she mixed. <sup>7</sup>As she glorified herself and lived in luxury, so give her a like measure of torment and mourning, since in her heart she says, 'I sit as a queen, I am no widow, and mourning I shall never see.' <sup>8</sup>For this reason her plagues will come in a single day, death and mourning and famine, and she will be burned up with fire; for mighty is the Lord God who has judged her."

<sup>9</sup>And the kings of the earth, who committed sexual immorality and lived in luxury with her, will weep and wail over her when they see the smoke of her burning. <sup>10</sup>They will stand far off, in fear of her torment, and say, "Alas! Alas! You great city, you mighty city, Babylon! For in a single hour your judgment has come."

<sup>11</sup>And the merchants of the earth weep and mourn for her, since no one buys their cargo anymore, <sup>12</sup>cargo of gold, silver, jewels, pearls, fine linen, purple cloth, silk, scarlet cloth, all kinds of scented wood, all kinds of articles of ivory, all kinds of

articles of costly wood, bronze, iron and marble, <sup>13</sup>cinnamon, spice, incense, myrrh, frankincense, wine, oil, fine flour, wheat, cattle and sheep, horses and chariots, and slaves, that is, human souls. <sup>14</sup>"The fruit for which your soul longed has gone from you, and all your delicacies and your splendors are lost to you, never to be found again!"

<sup>15</sup>The merchants of these wares, who gained wealth from her, will stand far off, in fear of her torment, weeping and mourning aloud, <sup>16</sup> "Alas, alas, for the great city that was clothed in fine linen, in purple and scarlet, adorned with gold, with jewels, and with pearls! <sup>17</sup>For in a single hour all this wealth has been laid waste."

And all shipmasters and seafaring men, sailors and all whose trade is on the sea, stood far off <sup>18</sup>and cried out as they saw the smoke of her burning, "What city was like the great city?"

<sup>19</sup>And they threw dust on their heads as they wept and mourned, crying out, "Alas, alas, for the great city where all who had ships at sea grew rich by her wealth! For in a single hour she has been laid waste. <sup>20</sup>Rejoice over her, O heaven, and you saints and apostles and prophets, for God has given judgment for you against her!"

<sup>21</sup>Then a mighty angel took up a stone like a great millstone and threw it into the sea, saying, "So will Babylon the great city be thrown down with violence, and will be found no more; <sup>22</sup>and the sound of harpists and musicians, of flute players and trumpeters, will be heard in you no more, and a craftsman of any craft will be found in you no more, and the sound of the mill will be heard in you no more, <sup>23</sup>and the light of a lamp will shine in you no more, and the voice of bridegroom and bride will be heard in you no more, for your merchants were the great ones of the earth, and all nations were deceived by your sorcery. <sup>24</sup>And in her was found the blood of prophets and of saints, and of all who have been slain on earth."

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON: Selfish Love. . . . . George Robertson

- I. Money**
- II. Sorcery**
- III. Persecution**

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦BENEDICTION

✦GOSPEL AMEN

✦POSTLUDE: "Toccatà" from *Suite Gothique*. . . . . Léon Boëllmann

✦Indicates congregation standing

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*Instrumentalists: Scott Moore, Susan Enger, trumpet; Caroline Kinsey, horn; Greg Luscombe, Wes Lebo, trombone; Mark Vail, bass trombone; Ed Murray, Stuart Plunlee, percussion*

# Sunday Night Worship

6:00 p.m.

♣CALL TO WORSHIP..... Brad Morrow

♣A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

**A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing;  
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.  
For still our ancient foe doth seek to work us woe;  
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate, on earth is not His equal.**

**Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;  
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.  
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,  
Lord Sabaoth, His Name, from age to age the same, and He must win the battle.**

**And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,  
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.**

**That Word above all earthly pow'rs, no thanks to them, abideth;  
The Spirit and the gifts are ours through Him who with us sideth.  
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;  
The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still, His kingdom is forever.**

*Words and Music: Martin Luther; arr. Heartsong Contemporary / Psalm 46:1*

♣INVOCATION

♣HOW GREAT

**Your blood that stained the ground is where my hope is found.  
Your scars caused by my sin is where my life begins.**

*How great is Your love; how great is Your love for me!*

**My heart cannot contain this joy brought by Your pain.  
Such grace, I can't repay; still, I give my everything.**

**So high, so deep, so great that it's overwhelming.  
So high, so deep, so great is Your love, Your love, for me.**

*Words and Music: Dustin R. Smith, Michael Farren, Corey Voss*

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SCRIPTURE LESSON. . . . . Nehemiah 9:38-10:1, 8, 9, 14, 28-39

*Chapter 9*

<sup>38</sup>Because of all this we make a firm covenant in writing; on the sealed document are the names of our princes, our Levites, and our priests.

*Chapter 10*

<sup>14</sup>On the seals are the names of Nehemiah the governor... <sup>8</sup>the priests... <sup>9</sup>the Levites... [and] <sup>14</sup>the chiefs of the people...

<sup>28</sup>“The rest of the people, the priests, the Levites, the gatekeepers, the singers, the temple servants, and all who have separated themselves from the peoples of the lands to the Law of God, their wives, their sons, their daughters, all who have knowledge and understanding, <sup>29</sup>join with their brothers, their nobles, and enter into a curse and an oath to walk in God’s Law that was given by Moses the servant of God, and to observe and do all the commandments of the LORD our Lord and his rules and his statutes.

<sup>30</sup>We will not give our daughters to the peoples of the land or take their daughters for our sons.

<sup>31</sup>And if the peoples of the land bring in goods or any grain on the Sabbath day to sell, we will not buy from them on the Sabbath or on a holy day. And we will forego the crops of the seventh year and the exaction of every debt.

<sup>32</sup>“We also take on ourselves the obligation to give yearly a third part of a shekel for the service of the house of our God: <sup>33</sup>for the showbread, the regular grain offering, the regular burnt offering, the Sabbaths, the new moons, the appointed

feasts, the holy things, and the sin offerings to make atonement for Israel, and for all the work of the house of our God. <sup>34</sup>We, the priests, the Levites, and the people, have likewise cast lots for the wood offering, to bring it into the house of our God, according to our fathers’ houses, at times appointed, year by year, to burn on the altar of the LORD our God, as it is written in the Law. <sup>35</sup>We obligate ourselves to bring the firstfruits of our ground and the firstfruits of all fruit of every tree, year by year, to the house of the LORD; <sup>36</sup>also to bring to the house of our God, to the priests who minister in the house of our God, the firstborn of our sons and of our cattle, as it is written in the Law, and the firstborn of our herds and of our flocks; <sup>37</sup>and to bring the first of our dough, and our contributions, the fruit of every tree, the wine and the oil, to the priests, to the chambers of the house of our God; and to bring to the Levites the tithes from our ground, for it is the Levites who collect the tithes in all our towns where we labor. <sup>38</sup>And the priest, the son of Aaron, shall be with the Levites when the Levites receive the tithes. And the Levites shall bring up the tithe of the tithes to the house of our God, to the chambers of the storehouse. <sup>39</sup>For the people of Israel and the sons of Levi shall bring the contribution of grain, wine, and oil to the chambers, where the vessels of the sanctuary are, as well as the priests who minister, and the gatekeepers and the singers. We will not neglect the house of our God.”

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

SERMON: Signed, Sealed, Delivered. . . . . 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



BEFORE THE THRONE OF GOD ABOVE

Before the throne of God above, I have a strong, a 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 to 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.

*Words and Music: Charitie Lees Bancroft, Vikki Cook; arr. Bruce Greer / Hebrews 4:14-16*

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.

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.

**His amazing love!**

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

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦BENEDICTION

✦GOSPEL AMEN

✦Indicates congregation standing

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*The Gospel Choir: Adrianna Christmas, Daija McNeil, Grace Howard,  
Haleigh Boykin, Jessica Ulke, James Ryan, Chris Pruett, Calvin Ellis  
Instrumentalists: Ben Hughes, Joe Mariencheck, Jeremy Nall,  
James Ryan, Rebeca Rathlef, Samuel Metzger*

## Caring Ministry Update

**In the Hospital** (*as of 10/27/21*):

Eva Miller, *Allen Morgan Rehab*; Olin Morris, *Allen Morgan Rehab*; Billy Ruth Van Brocklin, *Baptist Rehab*; Jim Werkhoven, *Baptist*

## Weekly Prayer Focus

**World Missions–Larry:** Larry has ministered in Malawi for many years and has served in different capacities at African Bible College. He and his son Carey arrived in Memphis in July. Carey graduated from African Bible College Christian Academy as class valedictorian in June. He is now a freshman at John Brown University in Arkansas. Larry will be on home mission assignment until June 2022. He will return to Malawi at that time to resume his ministry, and Carey will remain in the States to complete university. Pray that Carey will adjust to his new life as a university student in Arkansas and for Larry as he adjusts to being an empty nester. Pray for Larry as he contacts supporting churches and individuals, seeking to strengthen relationships, especially those that have been disrupted by Covid.

**Mission Memphis–Streets Ministries:** Through the love of Jesus, Streets Ministries engages, encourages, and equips youth to achieve their potential by realizing their God-given purpose. Streets praises God that students are back in their centers to benefit from their ministry programming this semester. Please pray for students to sign up to be mentored, to attend a block party this semester and hear the gospel, to join a Bible study, and/or to participate in the after school program, Streets Smart. Pray as well for the emotional wellbeing of their students, who have endured much hardship during the last 18 months.

**2PC Ministry–Middle Adults:** Between our young and senior adults at Second are our Middle Adults. This age group is spread throughout numerous Sunday School classes: Emmaus, Internationals, and Fellowship (pastored by Dan Burns) and Sojourners, Faith Works, Acts 2:42, Cornerstone, Growing in Grace, and Community for Life (pastored by Todd Erickson). Please pray for the parents in this age group, particularly amid the challenges of the pandemic and these otherwise complex times—that God would grant them the wisdom, grace, and perseverance they need to shape their children into mature disciples who seek after God and take personal ownership for their spiritual growth. Additionally, please pray for God to grant our Middle Adults peace and a full measure of the Holy Spirit as they balance work and family commitments (both with their children and their parents), serve the church, and maintain a gospel witness in the community.

## Introducing Second Day Prayer: November 2

In conjunction with churches all across the city, Second is dedicating one day each month to lift our voices to the Lord in prayer for 24 consecutive hours, asking God to expand and flourish His kingdom here in Memphis as it is in heaven.

To make it especially easy to remember, Second's day of prayer is—you guessed it—every *second* day of the month. **We'll start Tuesday, November 2**, utilizing a 2PC-specific prayer guide. You can pray from anywhere—your home, your office, your car, the park, on campus, or anywhere else you find yourself. Together, we'll cover the day in prayer. **Visit [2pc.org/pray](http://2pc.org/pray) to sign up for a time slot.**

## Congregational Prayer Meeting: November 3

In addition to our new individual prayer initiative, don't miss our third and final church-wide prayer meeting of the fall semester on Wednesday, November 3, at 12:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

## Sunday Night Fellowship Dinner: November 7

Join us for fellowship and a chili dinner outdoors on Sunday, November 7, from 4:30-5:30 p.m. We'll gather in the parking lot on the Central Avenue side of the B building between the two playgrounds before evening worship.

## October Flowers

**The flowers in the Sanctuary this month are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:** *Virginia and Ralph Braden* by their family; *Mildred Neal Gadberry and James Clayton Green* by Charlotte and Bob Neal; *James Marvin Garner* by Mary and Orin Davidson; *Janice Sullins Shubert* by her daughter, Linda Shubert Courtney, and her family; *Sigi Stiller* by Ingrid Bolding and her family; and *Fred Tarkington* by his daughter, Ferrin Mavar; **and in honor of:** *Margaret Jones Fletcher* in celebration of her 90th birthday on October 18, by her three children, eight grandchildren, and nineteen great-grandchildren.

## General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance	Last Year Actual
September	\$ 575,058	\$ 536,806	\$ (38,252)	\$ 638,687
YTD 7/1/21-9/30/21	\$ 1,804,782	\$ 1,960,759	\$ 155,977	\$ 1,911,323



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