

Worship
Reach
Grow
Share

Trinity Season



August 23, 2026

Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

See page 8 for a preview of the Engagement Party, beginning at 6:00 p.m. today.

Prelude: The prelude is a time for quiet reflection and preparation. As the music begins, worshipers are invited to center their hearts on God and enter the presence of the Holy.

SING THE LORD'S PRAISES

PRELUDE: "The Heavens Declare the Glory of God (Psalm 19)" Benedetto Marcello
Leo Davis, organ

Call to Worship: God invites us into His presence to worship in spirit and in truth—beginning a dialogue that continues throughout the service.

♣CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 103:1-2..... Brett Wynne

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 32 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

Words: Joachim Neander / Music: Stralsund Gesangbuch / Psalm 103

1. Praise to the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre - a -
2. Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly reign -
3. Praise to the Lord, who doth pros-per thy work and de - fend
4. Praise to the Lord, who with mar - vel - ous wis - dom hath made
5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore

tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and sal -
eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so gent - ly sus -
thee! Sure - ly his good - ness and mer - cy here dai - ly at -
thee, decked thee with health, and with lov - ing hand guid - ed and
him! All that hath life and breath, come now with prais - es be -

va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his tem - ple draw
tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de - sires e'er have
tend thee; pon - der a - new what the Al - might - y will
stayed thee. How oft in grief hath not he brought thee re -
fore him! Let the a - men sound from his peo - ple a -

near, join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion.
been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
do, if with his love he be - friend thee.
lief, spread - ing his wings to o'er - shade thee!
gain; glad - ly for - e'er we a - dore him.

◆INVOCATION

Invocation: The word invocation means “to appeal to” or “cry out to.” In this prayer, we lift our hands and call on our Father to come and help us worship Him for who He is and all He has done.

RECEIVE THE LORD’S GRACE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God,
You have made us for intimacy with Yourself,
as a vine with its branches,
yet we have repeatedly and foolishly pulled away from You,
in our thinking, in our speaking, and in our doing.
You have called us to love others as You have loved us,
yet we have walked away from our neighbors in need.
Lord have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.
Grant us the confidence of Your forgiveness,
the joy of Your love, and the favor of Your Presence,
through Jesus Christ, Our Redeemer.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON.....I Timothy 2:5-6a

*For there is one God,
and there is one mediator between God and men,
the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all.*

Assurance of Pardon: Having confessed our sins, the pastor declares God’s promise of forgiveness—assuring us that through Christ’s atonement, those who truly repent are freed from guilt and shame by His mercy.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

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Give by Mail: Second Presbyterian Church, 4055 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" Craig Courtney

Words: William Williams; trans. Peter Williams / Music: arr. Craig Courtney / Psalm 48:14

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah, pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty; hold me with Thy powerful hand;
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more,
Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer, be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side;
Songs of praises, songs of praises I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN. Danny Song

DELIGHT IN THE LORD'S WORD

✦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: "Yet Not I, but Through Christ in Me" CityAlight

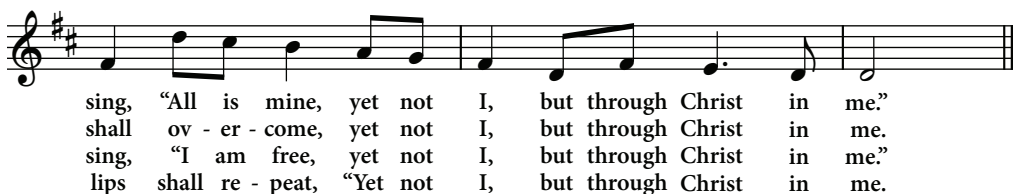
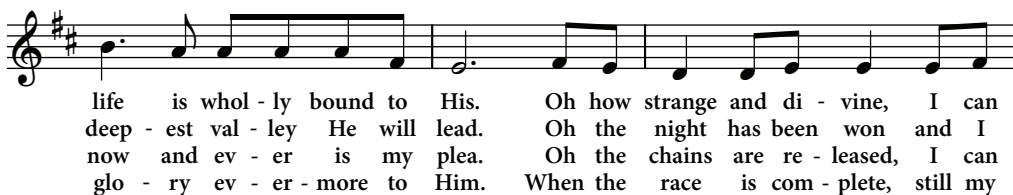
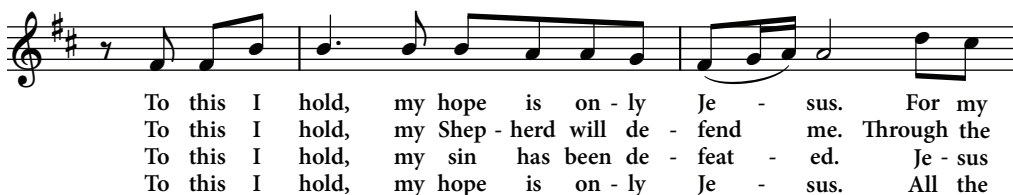
Words and Music: Jonny Robinson, Rich Thompson, Michael Farren



1. What gift of grace is Je - sus my Re - deem - er, there is no
2. The night is dark, but I am not for - sak - en, for by my
3. No fate I dread, I know I am for - giv - en, the fu - ture
4. With ev - 'ry breath, I long to fol - low Je - sus, for He has



more for heav - en now to give. He is my joy, my right - eous - ness and
side, the Sav - ior He will stay. I la - bor on in weak - ness and re -
sure, the price, it has been paid. For Je - sus bled and suf - fered for my
said that He will bring me home. And day by day, I know He will re -



SCRIPTURE LESSON. Romans 15:1-21
 (page 949 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

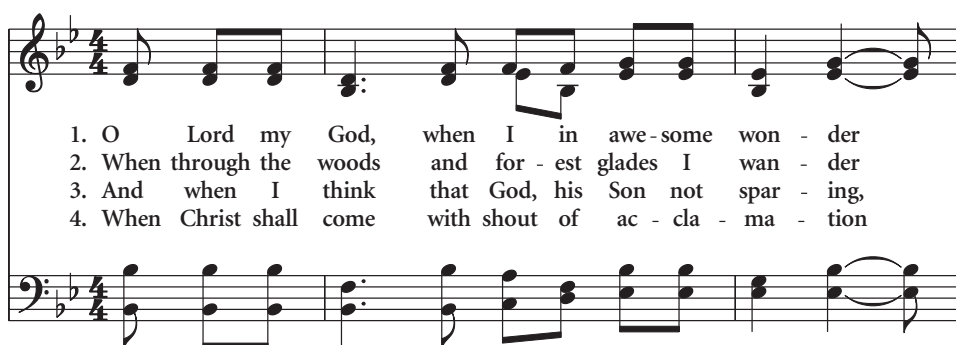
SERMON: "Not for Ourselves, but for Our Neighbors and the Church". George Robertson

- I. **Grow** (4-7, 14-16)
 - A. Ourselves (4,14-15)
 - B. Others (5-7, 14b-17)
- II. **Share** (1-3)
 - A. Bear with (1)
 - B. Please (2)
 - C. Build up (3)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 28: "How Great Thou Art" HOW GREAT THOU ART

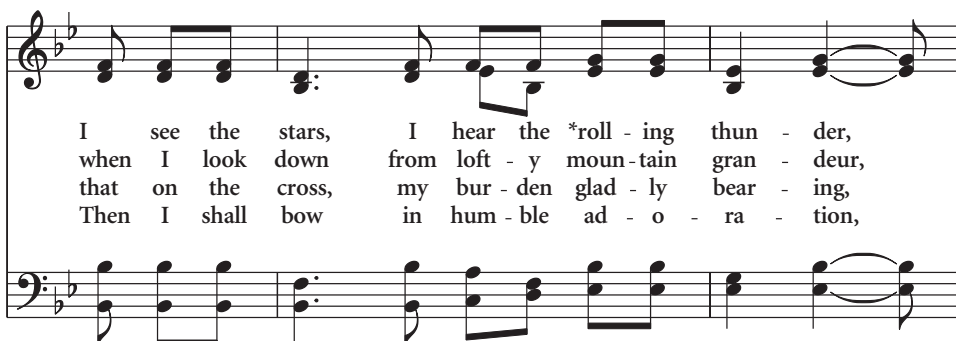
Words: Stuart Hine / Music: Trad. Swedish Folk Tune; adapt. Stuart K. Hine / Psalm 48:1



1. O Lord my God, when I in awe-some won - der
 2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der
 3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
 4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion



con - sid - er all the *worlds thy hands have made,
 and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees,
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!



I see the stars, I hear the *roll - ing thun - der,
 when I look down from loft - y moun-tain gran - deur,
 that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: how great thou



art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to

thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

Benediction: God's people receive the Lord's blessing and are sent into the world, carrying the hope of the Gospel.

✠BENEDICTION

✠BENEDICTION RESPONSE HOW GREAT THOU ART

How great Thou art, how great Thou art!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

†POSTLUDE:

"Praise the Lord with Drum and Cymbal," Opus 101, No. 5 Sigfrid Karg-Elert; arr. Denis Janzer

✠Indicates congregation standing

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Sermon Notes

Engagement Party

TODAY AT 6:00 P.M. · STARTING IN THE SANCTUARY

Don't miss this exciting evening! Adults and youth will begin together in the Sanctuary at 6:00 p.m. for a short time of worship before rotating through a variety of the sessions listed below. Choose three sessions that interest you—every session is open to everyone, regardless of age or stage of life. It's a great way to discover how you can participate and serve in various ministries.

Children up to 5th grade may be dropped off beginning at 5:45pm for their own evening of programming, and we'll feed them pizza! Drop-off locations are as follows: Infants and Preschool: Nursery; Kindergarten and 1st Grade: C102; 2nd and 3rd Grade: C101; 4th and 5th Grade: C100.

MINISTRY	LOCATION
Children's Ministry	Fellowship Hall East
College Ministry	B100
Local Outreach Mission Memphis, 2PC Sports, and Memphis City Seminary	B102 (Seminary Library)
Men's Ministry	C310 West
Senior Adults	B101
Shine Ministry	Shine Classroom (N100)
Women in Ministry	C310 East
World Missions	Chapel
Worship Music Ministry and Ushers	Choir Room
Youth Ministry	Salmon Room

Plan ahead for where you want to be during each rotation!

6:15 – Session 1

6:30 – Session 2

6:45 – Session 3

7:00 – Dinner in the Fellowship Hall

(cheeseburger sliders, chicken tenders, fruit, veggies, cheese and sausage)

7:30 – Pick up children

Congregational Meeting Today

The Session has called the congregation to meet this morning at the 8:15 and 11:00 a.m. worship services to approve the slate of 2027 officer nominees for training and to hear reports from the Staff and Finance & Facilities Committees.

Exciting Sunday School News

This morning at 9:45, all adult and youth Sunday School classes will begin “Growing Devotion,” a 13-week curriculum exploring what it means to grow in devotion to God, God’s people, and God’s kingdom. As we step into our 10-year vision together, we’re excited for our whole church to share this common curriculum while exploring it in the unique setting and style of each class.

Not currently in a Sunday School class? Now is a great time to start. Whether you’re new to Second or have been here for years, you can begin alongside the rest of the church! Need help finding a class? Stop by the “New Here” banner just outside the Sanctuary or the reception desk near the bookstore, where someone can help you find a class that’s a good fit.

Fall

at Second

2PC.ORG/FALL

We’re looking forward to being with you this Fall!

MidWeek begins this Wednesday, August 26! From dinner and children’s choirs, to Connect and youth programs, to Bible Studies and new equipping classes (including a five-week local missions elective beginning this week), there is something for everyone!

Some programs, including children’s choirs, Bible studies, and support groups, require registration to help us plan for materials and room set-ups. **Please visit 2pc.org/fall to register as soon as possible!**

Also, save these dates:

- Concert with Lenora Morrow Jeffcoat: *September 11*
- Adult Inquirers Class: *September 18–20*
- CityServe Weekend: *September 26–27*
- Gathering on the Grounds: *October 18*

Caring Ministry Update

Sympathy to:

Les Fortier on the death of her brother,
Paul Stone, August 6, 2026, in Lenoir
City, TN. (*Audubon Parish*)

Ceci Fortier on the death of her father,
Jeronimo Zenteno, August 7, 2026, in Mexico.
(*Audubon Parish*)

Bankie McCarty on the death of her
husband, *Charles Pat McCarty, Jr.*,
August 15, 2026. (*Kirby Woods Parish*)

In the Hospital: (as of 8/19/26)

Becky Dickey, *Allen Morgan* (*Senior Parish*)

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions–Jeff and Katie: Jeff and Katie serve through RUF in Tokyo and report several “kairos” moments from Kairos Student Community. “Cora” started attending events at the invitation of another Japanese student but hung out on the periphery and used a translator to keep interactions easy for the others. However, several Kairos women reached out to Cora in spite of the language difficulties. She experienced the deep love of God through a worshipping community and has signed up for a weekly Bible study. Another Japanese student, Saito, also kept his distance but was drawn in by the love Kairos students showed one another. Yui found Kairos on social media and eagerly joined a Bible study to learn more. After several months, she expressed her desire to become a Christian and was baptized earlier this year. They ask that we join them in prayer for the Lord’s good work to continue in the lives of students, for Him to provide a more permanent space to meet, and for the raising up of Japanese RUF staff.

Mission Memphis–Memphis Union Mission: Memphis Union Mission ministers to the physical, spiritual, and emotional needs of men, women, and families who are homeless, addicted, and in crisis. Their ultimate goal is for their clients to become mature disciples of Jesus Christ, achieve freedom from substance abuse, reunite with family and loved ones, and reemerge as self-sufficient members of the community. Please pray that the men and women in Memphis Union Mission’s long-term programs are given the soft hearts needed to make changes in their lives through Christ. Please also pray that the staff leans on the Lord’s ability, not their own, to change lives. Lastly, pray that God would stir many hearts to be interested in partnering with them in this work.

2PC Ministry–Campus Services: As we begin our ministry year, please keep our housekeeping, kitchen, maintenance, and security teams in your prayers. Pray for their energy, stamina, and protection, and that they would feel the Lord’s pleasure and joy as they work to support all the congregational and outreach ministries across our campus. Our ministries depend on their dedication to cleaning and maintaining our buildings, setting up for countless meetings and events, keeping us safe, and feeding us well. They, along with our floral guild and hospitality teams, our library and bookstore, ensure that our campus is a welcoming and beautiful environment for all to gather to study, play, and worship together.

August Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this month are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: *Achol Nebk* by Brandon and Joe Morrison; *Frances Siler Dear* by David E. Dear, Dr. Carolyn L. Dear, and Dr. Alexander E. Dear; *Jenny Udouj* by Gray and Price Morrison; *Justin Towner* by his family; *Mari and Jack Colcolough* by Gray and Price Morrison; *Dr. Orin L. Davidson, Jr.* by Mary and Orin Davidson; *Ruth and Buddy Morrison* by their family; and *Jerry Summerlin* by his family, Jennifer, Joel, Joel, and Graydon Hobson.

General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance to Budget	Prior Year Actual	Variance to Prior Year
July	\$ 799,540	\$ 850,101	\$ 50,561	\$ 656,962	\$ 193,139
YTD 7/1/26–7/31/26	\$ 799,540	\$ 850,101	\$ 50,561	\$ 656,962	\$ 193,139

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