



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

January 5, 2025
Epiphany Sunday

Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

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

THE EPIPHANY OF GOD'S GLORY

ORGAN PRELUDE: "We Three Kings of Orient Are"arr. Janet Linker

Molly Pennington, organ

♣CALL TO WORSHIP: Isaiah 60:1-3. Josh Preston

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 551 "O God Beyond All Praising" THAXTED

Words: Michael Perry / Music: Gustav Holst / Psalm 138:1

1. O God be-yond all prais-ing, we wor-ship you to-day
2. The flow'r of earth-ly splen-dor in time must sure-ly die,
3. Then hear, O gra-cious Sav-ior, ac-cept the love we bring,

and sing the love a-maz-ing that songs can-not re-pay;
its fra-gile bloom sur-ren-der to you the Lord most high;
that we who know your fa-vor may serve you as our King;

for we can on-ly won-der at ev-'ry gift you send,
but hid-den from all na-ture the e-ter-nal seed is sown —
and wheth-er our to-mor-rows be filled with good or ill,

at bless-ings with - out num - ber and mer - cies with - out end:
 though small in mor - tal sta - ture, to heav-en's gar - den grown:
 we'll tri - umph through our sor - rows and rise to bless you still:

we lift our hearts be - fore you and wait up - on your Word,
 for Christ the Man from heav - en from death has set us free,
 to mar - vel at your beau - ty and glo - ry in your ways,

we hon - or and a - dore you, our great and might - y Lord.
 and we through him are giv - en the fi - nal vic - to - ry!
 and make a joy - ful du - ty our sac - ri - fice of praise.

✦INVOCATION

THE RICHES OF GOD'S GRACE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God of grace,
You have given us Jesus, the light of the world,
but we confess that we sometimes choose darkness
and cling to things that hide the brightness of Your love.
We often gratify the flesh,
cower to the powers and principalities of this world,
and refuse to walk in the newness of life we have in Jesus.
Forgive us, Father, and fill us with Your Spirit
that we might walk in the light of Jesus,
boldly proclaim the Gospel of Jesus,
and tell of Your glory shining in the face of Jesus,
our Lord and our Light forever.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. I John 1:8-9

*If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.
If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins
and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.*

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INSTRUMENTAL OFFERTORY: "As with Gladness Men of Old" arr. Wayne L. Wold

*As with gladness men of old did the guiding star behold;
As with joy they hailed its light, leading onward, beaming bright,
So, most gracious Lord, may we ever more be led to Thee.*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING THE OFFERING: FORMATION THROUGH GOD'S WORD

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN. Danny Song

THE TRUTH OF GOD'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: "Arise, Your Light Is Come!" MARION

Words: Ruth Duck / Music: Arthur H. Messiter / Isaiah 60:1

1. A - rise, your light is come! The Spir - it's call o - bey;
2. A - rise, your light is come! Fling wide the pris - on door;
3. A - rise, your light is come! All you in sor - row born,
4. A - rise! your light is come! The moun - tains burst in song!

show forth the glo - ry of your God, which shines on you to - day.
pro - claim the cap - tive's lib - er - ty, good tid - ings to the poor.
bind up the bro - ken - heart - ed ones and com - fort those who mourn.
Rise up like ea - gles on the wing, God's pow'r will make us strong.

A - rise, a - rise, a - rise, your light has come!
A - rise, a - rise,

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Matthew 5:43-48
(page 811 in pew Bible)

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

SERMON: Free to Love Brad Morrow
Pastoral Resident, Second Presbyterian Church, Memphis, TN

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

◆HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 439 "My Faith Looks Up to Thee"OLIVET
Words: Ray Palmer / Music: Lowell Mason / Hebrews 12:1-2

1. My faith looks up to thee, thou Lamb of Cal - va - ry,
2. May thy rich grace im - part strength to my faint - ing heart,
3. While life's dark maze I tread, and griefs a - round me spread,
4. When ends life's tran - sient dream, when death's cold sul - len stream

Sav - ior di - vine: now hear me while I pray, take all my
my zeal in - spire; as thou hast died for me, O may my
be thou my guide; bid dark - ness turn to day wipe sor - row's
shall o'er me roll, blest Sav - ior, then, in love, fear and dis -

guilt a - way, O let me from this day be whol - ly thine.
love to thee pure, warm, and change - less be, a liv - ing fire.
tears a - way, nor let me ev - er stray from thee a - side.
trust re - move; O bear me safe a - bove, a ran - somed soul.

◆BENEDICTION

◆CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

◆POSTLUDE: "Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"arr. Wayne L. Wold

◆Indicates congregation standing

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Sunday Night Worship

6:00 p.m.

♣CALL TO WORSHIP David Bowen

♣HOUSE OF THE LORD Phil Wickham

Words and Music: Jonathan Smith, Phil Wickham / Psalm 122:1

**We worship the God who was; we worship the God who is;
We worship the God who evermore will be.
He opened the prison doors; He parted the raging sea—
My God, He holds the victory.**

*There's joy in the house of the Lord.
There's joy in the house of the Lord today,
And we won't be quiet—we shout out Your praise.
There's joy in the house of the Lord, our God is surely in this place,
And we won't be quiet—we shout out Your praise.*

**We sing to the God who heals; we sing to the God who saves;
We sing to the God who always makes a way.
'Cause He hung up on that cross, then He rose up from that grave—
My God's still rolling stones away!**

**We were the beggars, now we're royalty.
We were the prisoners, now we're running free.
We are forgiven, accepted, redeemed by His grace,
Let the house of the Lord sing praise!**

♣INVOCATION

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I SPEAK JESUSCharity Gayle

Words and Music: Abby Benton, Carlene Prince, Dustin Smith, Jesse Reeves, Kristen Dutton, Raina Pratt

♠ Congregation stands and joins at worship team's direction

Verse



1. I just want to speak the name of Je - sus
2. I just want to speak the name of Je - sus
3. I just want to speak the name of Je - sus



o - ver ev - 'ry heart and ev - 'ry mind.
'til ev - 'ry dark ad - dic - tion starts to break.
o - ver fear and all anx - i - e - ty.



'Cause I know there is peace with-in Your pre - sence, I speak Je - sus.
De - clar - ing there is hope and there is free - dom, I speak Je - sus.
To ev - 'ry soul held cap - tive by de - pres - sion, I speak Je - sus.

Chorus



Your Name is pow - er, Your Name is heal - ing, Your Name is life.



Break ev - 'ry strong - hold, shine through the sha - dows, burn like a fire.

Bridge



Shout Je - sus from the moun - tains, Je - sus in the streets,



Je - sus in the dark - ness o - ver ev - 'ry en - e - my.



Je - sus for my fam' - ly I speak the ho - ly name, Je - sus.

♠ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

♠ GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS George Robertson

Deacons: Sarah Bacon*, Allen Bobango*, Rong Guo*, Luke Jensen*, Ben Lomo*, Hunter Meriwether*, Lane Patikas*, Brian Poole*, Daniel Pouget*, Lisa Ritenour, Buck Towner V*, Jessica Uke*, Brad Washam, Walt Wepfer*

Elders: Chip Dickinson, Duncan Galbreath*, Seth Harkins, Ross Hurst*, Brad Jones*, Ross Montague*, Steve Nash, Tread Thompson*, Steve Threlkeld*, Albert Throckmorton, Andy Turnage, David Willson*

*to be ordained

CHARGE TO OFFICERS AND CONGREGATION

OFFICERS' VOWS John Alexander
Clerk of Session

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you, the members of this congregation, receive these persons as deacons and elders, and do you promise to yield them and all your officers all that honor, encouragement, and obedience in the Lord to which their ordination and installation as deacons and elders entitle them, according to the Word of God and the Constitution of the Evangelical Presbyterian Church? Do you?

PRAYER OF ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON I Thessalonians 4:1-8
(page 987 in pew Bible)

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

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PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

NO. 557: 'TIS SO SWEET TO TRUST IN JESUS TRUST IN JESUS

Words: Louisa M. R. Stead / Music: William J. Kirkpatrick; arr. James Ryan / Galatians 2:20

1. 'Tis so sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to take him at his word;
 2. O how sweet to trust in Je - sus, just to trust his cleans-ing blood;
 3. Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Je - sus, just from sin and self to cease;
 4. I'm so glad I learned to trust thee, pre-cious Je - sus, Sav - ior, Friend;

just to rest up - on his prom - ise; just to know, "Thus saith the Lord."
 just in sim - ple faith to plunge me 'neath the heal - ing, cleans-ing flood!
 just from Je - sus sim - ply tak - ing life and rest, and joy and peace.
 and I know that thou art with me, wilt be with me to the end.

Je - sus, Je - sus, how I trust him! How I've proved him o'er and o'er!

Je - sus, Je - sus, pre - cious Je - sus! O for grace to trust him more!

♠HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: NO. 324 "O CHURCH, ARISE" O CHURCH, ARISE

Words and Music: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend, orch. Paul Campbell / Ephesians 6:11

1. O church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; hear the
 2. Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to
 3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the
 4. So Spir - it, come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give

call of Christ our Cap - tain, for now the weak can say that
 rage a - gainst the cap - tor; and with the sword that makes the
 Son of God is strick - en; then see his foes lie crushed be -
 grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle; that we may run with faith, to

they are strong, in the strength that God has giv - en.
 wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - or.
 neath his feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en.
 win the prize of a ser - vant, good and faith - ful.

With shield of faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a -
 When faced with trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the
 And as the stone is rolled a - way and Christ e -
 As saints of old still line the way, re - tell - ing

Score continues on next page

gainst the dev - il's lies; an ar - my bold, whose bat - tle
 out - come is se - cure. And Christ will have the prize for
 merg - es from the grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues
 tri - umphs of his grace, we hear their calls, and hun - ger

cry is love, reach - ing out to those in dark - ness.
 which he died, an in - her - i - tance of na - tions.
 till the day, ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see him.
 for the day when, with Christ, we stand in glo - ry.

♠BENEDICTION

♠GOSPEL AMEN

♠Indicates congregation standing

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Gospel Priorities Preaching Series

Throughout the month, we will hear from pastors during morning and evening worship on themes related to and discussed in Luke 4 as Jesus begins His public ministry. Join us these Sundays for worship as we refocus on those things which Jesus made a priority in His ministry, that we might make them a priority in ours.

Our Speaker Today

Brad Morrow is one of our pastoral residents at Second. A native of Jackson, TN, he earned a Bachelor's in Business Administration with a focus on Marketing from the University of Memphis and is currently pursuing an M.Div. at Memphis City Seminary. Brad met his wife, Bri, in college, and they married in 2021. After graduation from U of M, he joined the Memphis Fellows Program and served as our Recreation Coordinator before beginning the pastoral residency.

Upcoming Speakers

January 12: Greg Ealey, *South Campus Pastor, Colonial Presbyterian Church, Kansas City, MO*

January 19: Claude Atcho, *Pastor, Church of the Resurrection, Charlottesville, VA*

January 26: Afshin Ziafat, *Lead Pastor, Providence Church, Frisco, TX*

Caring Ministry Update

Sympathy to:

Elizabeth Hickman on the death of her mother, *Jean Stevenson Beall*, December 30, 2024, in Little Rock, AR.

In the Hospital: (as of 12/31/24)

Lynn Ballinger, *Baptist Rehab (no visitors)*
Jean Jones, *Memphis Jewish Home*
Ron Kirkpatrick, *Baptist Memphis (no visitors)*

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions–Virginia: Virginia serves in East Asia providing theological education and training. The current economic conditions in the area are very difficult as people are losing jobs, losing houses, and losing peace. Many of the meeting places for house churches have been shut down including the venue where Virginia taught classes this past semester. Many church leaders in neighboring countries are reluctant to help because of the threats. Despite the difficult circumstances, the number of students in Virginia’s classes has increased. Larger churches have become smaller groups finding ways to minister. Virginia asked for prayer as the smaller groups need leaders, and for wisdom as the church seeks to spread the gospel, provide sound teaching, and give to those with material, mental, and spiritual needs.

Domestic Missions–World Relief Memphis: World Relief Memphis comes alongside refugees and other immigrants in vulnerable situations as they rebuild their lives in the United States. In 2012, their Memphis office opened, and they’ve been welcoming their neighbors to the Bluff City ever since while also empowering churches, community organizations, and people to adapt to the challenges of the moments for the sake of refugees. Pray for those resettling in Memphis, that the conflicts driving the crisis of forced displacement will be resolved and that those who seek refuge are welcomed by those around them. Pray for God to empower local churches and believers to be leaders in the community in caring for newcomers. Pray also for the staff as they grow in number and capacity, that God would guide them in the most effective ways of serving their clients, community, and local church.

2PC Ministry–Parents Day Out: Led by Rachel Weatherly, Emily Farnsworth, and a team of teachers, Parents Day Out at Second seeks to provide a secure, nurturing, and loving environment where children can develop socially, academically, and spiritually. As PDO begins a new semester, pray that the children and families will feel loved and see the love of Christ displayed first-hand by our staff. Pray also that they will be warmly welcomed by our church community and, for those without a church home, may they find a place to belong and grow at Second.

Try Something New in 2025

We'd love for you to find a fresh way to get involved at Second this year! There are many ways to connect with others around God's Word — from Sunday School electives and Bible studies to support ministry groups (divorce recovery and GriefShare) and programs for youth and children. Wednesday Night dinner and many activities resume January 8.

We're also excited about two upcoming special events: the Word-Filled Women Workshop (January 31–February 1) and our annual World Missions Conference (February 19–23).

Visit 2pc.org/winter for more details.

Adult Inquirers Class

Interested in learning more about Second or becoming a member? Our next Inquirers class for adults will meet January 10-12.

Register online at 2pc.org/inquirers by January 8. Contact Britton Laughlin at britton.laughlin@2pc.org or (901) 454-0034 with questions.

Wednesday Night Meals

Join us from 5:00-6:15 p.m. each Wednesday for a fresh-cooked family meal from the 2PC kitchen. An option of a hot meal or salad is available; both with various desserts.

Payment is taken at the door (cash or credit card); \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids. Visit 2pc.org/dinner to view the menu.

January Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this month are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: *Babies in Heaven* by an anonymous donor; *Beverly and John Pettey* by their children and grandchildren; *Stephen Warner Flinn* by his family; *Wilton Hazelwood, Andy Humphries, John Roberts, Jody Bellott and Sharon Bellott Luck, Bill Hardin, and Ann Adamson* by Lucy and John Wepfer; *William Franklin Rodgers, Jr. and Benjamin Walter Stott* by Wood and Carolyn Rodgers; *Courtney and Daniel Shores, John Arthur Newton, Liza Wellford Fletcher, Robert Tipton, Joy and Bill Wepfer, and John Dabney Walt* by the Wepfer Family; *Tom and Billie Batchelor* by their sons, Don and Dane, and their families; *Elaine and Frank Oakes* by the Oakes Family; **and in honor of:** *Peg and Sam Stringer* by their grandchildren; *Kelly Wells* by her Overflow Bible Study small group.

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