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March 9, 2025  
*Season of Lent*

# Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

*The order of worship for the evening service begins on page 8.*

## PRAISE THE LORD GOD ALMIGHTY

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Variations on NETTLETON" ..... Undine S. Moore

*Undine S. Moore (1905-1989), a graduate of Fisk and Columbia Universities, was a prolific composer whose works spanned organ, piano, voice, flute, and chamber ensemble. She is best known for her striking choral compositions.*

ORGAN MEDITATION: Chorale Prelude on "Jewels" ..... Roberta Bitgood

*Roberta Bitgood (1908-2007), an organist and composer from New London, Connecticut, served as President of the National American Guild of Organists, where she championed support for churches with small music programs. She composed this Chorale Prelude for the baptism of her daughter, Grace. The tune was the last thing Grace sang to Roberta before she died.*

*Leo Davis, organ*

♠CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 99:3, 5, 9 ..... Damon Conley

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy!" ..... NICAEA

*Words: Reginald Heber / Music: John B. Dykes / Revelation 4:8*

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,  
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see.  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

✦INVOCATION

✦EPISTLE LESSON: Colossians 1:15-20 ..... Sarah Bacon (8:15)  
Ben Lomo (11:00)

He is the image of the invisible God,  
the firstborn of all creation.

**For by him all things were created,  
in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible,**

whether thrones or dominions or rulers or authorities—  
all things were created through him and for him.

**And he is before all things,  
and in him all things hold together.**

And he is the head of the body, the church.

**He is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead,  
that in everything he might be preeminent.**

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell,  
**and through him to reconcile to himself all things,  
whether on earth or in heaven,  
making peace by the blood of his cross.**

✦DOXOLOGY ..... OLD HUNDREDTH

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

# RECEIVE YOUR MERCIFUL SAVIOR

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal and Almighty Father,  
 You are holy, holy, holy and the whole earth is full of Your glory.  
 Bowing before You, we confess that we are full of sin  
 and unworthy to stand in Your presence.  
 We have lost our way by following the ways of the world  
 and by neglecting Your way of mercy, justice, and truth.  
 We are a people of unclean lips,  
 lips that do not praise You, nor honor our neighbor.  
 Our hearts are dull to Your Word;  
 we are slow to obey and indifferent to Your commands.  
 Our ears are often closed off to the truth,  
 and we refuse to listen to Your indwelling Spirit.  
 Forgive us, we pray,  
 not on the ground of our own righteousness,  
 but on the ground of Your great mercy  
 in the gift of Your Son, Jesus Christ.  
 It is in His matchless name we pray.**

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

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

*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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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "The Lord Is My Shepherd" . . . . .Allen Pote

*Music: Allen Pote / Psalm 23*

The Lord is my shepherd, nothing shall I want.  
 My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters.  
 The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life.  
 Leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord's name.  
 And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death.  
 I will fear no evil, for You are with me, Your rod and staff will comfort me.  
 You prepare a table before me, in the presence of my enemies.  
 You anoint my head with oil, my cup overflows.  
 Surely goodness and mercy will follow me all the days of my life,  
 And in the house of my God, I will live forever.  
 The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

*The Chancel Choir  
 Calvin Ellis, director*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN. . . . .Rachel Weatherly  
*Director of Parents' Day Out*

# TRUST AND FOLLOW YOUR WISE KING

## ✦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. 421 "Jesus, I Come" . . . . . JESUS, I COME TO THEE

*Words: William T. Sleeper / Music: Greg Thompson; arr. Allen Tuten / John 8:36*

1. Out of my bond - age, sor - row, and night, Je - sus, I come,  
 2. Out of my shame - ful fail - ure and loss, Je - sus, I come,  
 3. Out of un - rest and ar - ro - gant pride, Je - sus, I come,  
 4. Out of the fear and dread of the tomb, Je - sus, I come,

Je - sus, I come; in - to thy free - dom, glad - ness, and light,  
 Je - sus, I come; in - to the glo - rious gain of thy cross,  
 Je - sus, I come; in - to thy bless - ed will to a - bide,  
 Je - sus, I come; in - to the joy and light of thy home,

Je - sus, I come to thee; out of my sick - ness in - to thy  
 Je - sus, I come to thee; out of earth's sor - rows in - to thy  
 Je - sus, I come to thee; out of my - self to dwell in thy  
 Je - sus, I come to thee; out of the depths of ru - in un -

health, out of my want - ing and in - to thy wealth, out of my  
 balm, out of life's storms and in - to thy calm, out of dis -  
 love, out of de - spair in - to rap - tures a - bove, up - ward for -  
 told, in - to the peace of thy shel - ter - ing fold, ev - er thy

*Score continued on next page*

sin and in - to thy - self, Je - sus, I come to thee.  
 tress in - to ju - bi - lant psalm, Je - sus, I come to thee.  
 ev - er on wings like a dove, Je - sus, I come to thee.  
 glo - rious face to be - hold, Je - sus, I come to thee.

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....Ephesians 5:3-14  
 (page 978 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON: Why Would Anyone on Earth Want to Become a Christian? ..... George Robertson

*To love as God loves, we must expose darkness and walk in light.*

**I. Expose the Shaming Power of Darkness (11-12)**

- A. Actions (3-5)
- B. Words (4, 6, 7)

**II. Walk in the Resurrection Power of Light (13-14)**

- A. Actions (3, 5, 9)
- B. Words (4)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 322 "We Are God's People".....SYMPHONY

Words: Bryan Jeffery Leech / Music: Johannes Brahms; arr. Fred Bock / Psalm 100:3

1. We are God's peo - ple, the cho - sen of the Lord, born of his  
 2. We are God's loved ones, the Bride of Christ our Lord, for we have  
 3. We are the Bod - y of which the Lord is Head, called to o -  
 4. We are a tem - ple, the Spir - it's dwell - ing place, formed in great

Spir - it, es - tab - lished by his Word; our cor - ner - stone is  
 known it, the love of God out - poured; now let us learn how  
 bey him, now ris - en from the dead; he wills us be a  
 weak - ness, a cup to hold God's grace; we die a - lone, for



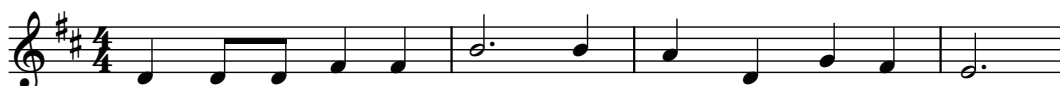
# Sunday Night Worship

6:00 p.m.

♣CALL TO WORSHIP..... Barton Kimbro

♣CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS..... DIADEMATA

*Words: Matthew Bridges, Godfrey Thring / Music: George Elvey / Revelation 19:12*



1. Crown Him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on His throne:  
2. Crown Him the Lord of love: be - hold his hands and side:  
3. Crown Him the Lord of life: who tri - umphed o'er the grave,  
4. Crown Him the Lord of heav'n: en - throned in worlds a - bove;



hark! how the heav'n - ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!  
rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied.  
who rose vic - to - rious in the strife for those He came to save.  
crown Him the King to whom is giv'n the won - drous name of Love!



A - wake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee,  
No an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,  
His glo - ries now we sing, who died and rose on high,  
Crown Him with man - y crowns, as thrones be - fore Him fall;



and hail Him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
but down - ward bends His won - d'ring eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
who died e - ter - nal life to bring and lives that death may die.  
crown Him, ye kings, with man - y crowns, for He is Lord of all.

♣INVOCATION

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PSALM 150 (PRAISE THE LORD) . . . . . Matt Papa and Matt Boswell

Words and Music: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa / Psalm 150

♠ Congregation stands and joins at worship team's direction



1. You made the star - ry hosts, You traced the moun - tain peaks,  
2. You reached in - to the dust, with love Your Spir - it breathed,  
3. Let sym - pho - nies re - sound, let drums and choirs ring out,



You paint the eve - ning skies with won - ders.  
You formed us in Your ve - ry like - ness.  
all heav - en hear the sound of wor - ship.



The earth it is Your throne from de - sert to the sea;  
To know Your won - drous works, to tell Your might - y deeds,  
Let ev - 'ry na - tion bring its hon - ors to the King,



all na - ture tes - ti - fies Your splen - dor.  
to join the ev - er - last - ing cho - rus.  
a roar of har - mon - ies e - ter - nal.

*Chorus*



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, sing His great - ness all cre - a - tion.



Praise the Lord, raise your voice you heights and all you depths,



from fur - thest east to west, let ev - 'ry - thing that has breath praise the Lord.



west, you dis - tant burn - ing stars, all crea - tures near and far,



from sky to sea to shore, sing out for - ev - er - more:



let ev - 'ry thing that has breath praise the Lord!

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... I Timothy 6:6-10  
(page 993 in pew Bible)

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

SERMON: The Love of Money ..... Josh Preston

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

## THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

✦PROFESSION OF FAITH ..... The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
 Maker of heaven and earth;  
 and in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;  
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
 born of the virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, dead and buried;  
 He descended into hell;  
 the third day He rose again from the dead;  
 He ascended into heaven,  
 and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
 from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
 the holy catholic church;  
 the communion of saints;  
 the forgiveness of sins;  
 the resurrection of the body;  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

COME UNTO JESUS ..... Getty Music

Words and Music: Matt Merker, Laura Story, Jordan Kauflin; arr. Grant Wall / Matthew 11:28-30



1. Come un - to Je - sus, all you who are wea - ry.
2. Joy of the com - fort - less, light for the stray - ing,
3. Come taste the Bread of Life, bro - ken for sin - ners;
4. Come now and fol - low Him, this life for - sak - ing.



Come to the mer - cy seat; fer - vent - ly kneel.  
 hope of the pen - i - tent, peace in our strife;  
 drink from the cup of His prom - ise made sure.  
 All that was gain, count as noth - ing but loss.



Here, bring your wound - ed hearts, bro - ken and need - y.  
 here speaks the Com - fort - er, ten - der - ly say - ing,  
 Feast at His ta - ble as sons and as daugh - ters.  
 Trade all this world for His king - dom un - fad - ing.



1.  
 Come un - to Je - sus, might - y to heal.  
 "My yoke is eas - y, my bur - den is  
 Grace o - ver - flow - ing is yours ev - er -  
 Come un - to Je - sus; take up your



light." Come un - to Je - sus. Come un - to Je - sus.  
 - more.  
 cross.



Lay down your bur - dens; He is e - nough. Come un - to Je - sus; rest in His love.

♣HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS! . . . . . HYFRYDOL

Words: J. Wilbur Chapman / Music: Rowland H. Prichard / Matthew 11:19



1. Je - sus! what a Friend for sin - ners, Je - sus! lov - er of my soul;  
 2. Je - sus! what a strength in weak-ness! Let me hide my - self in Him;  
 3. Je - sus! what a help in sor - row! While the bil - lows o'er me roll,  
 5. Je - sus! I do now re - ceive Him, more than all in Him I find;



friends may fail me, foes as - sail me, He, my Sav - ior, makes me whole.  
 tempt - ed, tried, and some - times fail - ing, He, my strength, my vic - t'ry wins.  
 e - ven when my heart is breaking, He, my com - fort, helps my soul.  
 He hath grant - ed me for - give - ness, I am His, and He is mine.

*Chorus*



Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!



Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Friend!



Sav - ing, help - ing, keep - ing, lov - ing,



He is with me to the end.

♣BENEDICTION

♣GOSPEL AMEN

♣Indicates congregation standing

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## Caring Ministry Update

### Sympathy to:

Ron Kirkpatrick on the death of his wife, *Marilyn Kirkpatrick*, March 1, 2025.

David Bowen on the death of his brother, *Richard Hadley Bowen, Jr.*, March 2, 2025, in Chattanooga, TN.

### In the Hospital: (as of 3/5/25)

Virginia Webb, *Allen Morgan Rehab*  
Ramsay Wall, *Methodist Germantown*

### Congratulations to:

Cesar and Megan Lomo on the birth of a daughter, *Grace Amaia Lomo*, February 15, 2025. Paternal grandmother is Ruth Lomo.

Ben and Paige Arnold on the birth of a daughter, *Kathleen James Arnold*, February 18, 2025. Paternal grandparents are Ben and Meredith Arnold.

## Weekly Prayer Focus

**World Missions–Sarah L:** Sarah praises God for the open doors with Campus Outreach in Birmingham, UK. At the beginning of the term Sarah and her team were invited to participate in all of the campus events, and God used that time for them to befriend 150 students. Ask the Lord to reveal Himself to each of them, especially: Zahid, Layla, and Mina. Praise God for their involvement in Bible study and for bringing Ali and Tamara to salvation. Pray for the first ever student leadership team, for all who came to the bonfire and chai tea time, those she met in the dorms, and those who come to coffee and donuts. Finally, ask the Lord to meet with Sarah daily in His Word.

**Mission Memphis–Refugee Memphis:** Refugee Memphis was established in 2014 to befriend, serve, and share Jesus with refugees. They partner with local churches to provide an extended, high-touch, Christian response to the emotional, physical, social, and spiritual needs of these new friends. In addition to their ministry to refugees, Refugee Memphis also trains Memphians who feel called to serve overseas as missionaries. Pray for deepening discipleship among young Afghan and Ukrainian Christians and an insatiable love for Jesus and His Word. Pray also for effective demonstrations and explanations of the gospel among Muslim and Orthodox friends, and for the Holy Spirit to grant faith. Finally, pray for the small Refugee Memphis team and church volunteers.

**2PC Ministry–Women in Ministry:** Our Women in Ministry team helps Second's sisters make progress in knowing, becoming like, and making Christ known in their various callings and contexts. Led by Mary Willson Hannah, Allie Eick, and Janet Jorgenson, the team is dedicated in Christ to hear, do, and retell God's Word. They are thrilled about the upcoming women's retreat at the end of this month. Please pray for the retreat as women enjoy reflecting on several sisters' encounters with Jesus, as narrated in the Gospel according to Luke. Pray for God to do His good work through His Word during their time at Victory Ranch.

## March Flowers

**The flowers in the Sanctuary this month are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of:** *Gloria Joyce Cape* by her family; *Libbee Clifford* by her grandchildren, Olive, Lytle, Elizabeth, Louisa, and Libby Kate; *Dr. Phillip Sherman* by his sons, Dr. Phillip Sherman, Jr. and Hugh S. Sherman.

### **Spring Break**

Dinner and Wednesday night activities will not meet March 12 due to Spring Break. In addition, many other activities will not meet this week—check with your program leader for the schedule!

### **Family Sunday School Today**

This morning at 9:45 a.m., children (nursery to 5th grade) will join their parents in adult Sunday School to kick off Spring Break and give our volunteers a Sunday off!

### **Registration Is Open for Vacation Bible School!**

Spring Break got you thinking about the summer? We sure are! Registration for Vacation Bible School is now open! June 2-5 from 9:00-11:45 a.m., we are excited to walk through the story of redemption in the book of Exodus, focusing on God's covenant relationship with His people. The week will be filled with song, dance, crafts, recreation, and snacks! Children who have completed PreK-5th grade are eligible to participate.

We also need volunteers! Volunteer opportunities include crafts, snacks, hospitality, registration, and more. Nursery is available for younger children of volunteers.

Visit [2pc.org/vbs](http://2pc.org/vbs) to register children to attend and to sign up to volunteer!

### **Pledging to Support World Missions**

What a wonderful time we had at the World Missions Conference recently! Thank you to those who have already submitted pledge cards for World Missions partnership—your support helps spread the Gospel and transform lives around the world. If you haven't committed to pray, welcome, go, and/or give, we encourage you to visit [2pc.org/wmc](http://2pc.org/wmc) to do so online or use a pledge card found in the pew rack today.

### **Women's Retreat: March 28-30**

The Women's Retreat is coming up on March 28-30 at Victory Ranch! It will be a weekend filled with fellowship, fun games, and digging into God's Word together! The theme of this year's teaching is "When Hope Finds You: Encounters with Jesus in Luke's Gospel." We will also have the wonderful opportunity to hear applicational testimonies from Ginger Threlkeld, Shelley Cox, Bri Morrow, and Ceci Fortier.

Visit [2pc.org/womensretreat](http://2pc.org/womensretreat) by March 21 to register. Limited spots are available.

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