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March 8, 2026  
*Season of Lent*

# Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

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

**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.

## PRaise THE LORD OUR GOD

PRELUDE: "Andantino from the First Organ Sonata" . . . . . Florence Price

*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 104:1-2 . . . . . Todd Erickson

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 27 "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" . . . . . ST. DENIO

*Words: Walter C. Smith / Music: Welsh hymn tune, from John Roberts' Caniadau y Cyssegr / I Timothy 1:17*

1. Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
2. Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing and si - lent as light,  
3. To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small,  
4. Great Fa - ther of glo - ry, pure Fa - ther of light,

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might;  
in all life thou liv - est, the true life of all;  
thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight;

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove  
 we blos - som and flour - ish as leaves on the tree,  
 all praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - mighty, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 and with - er and per - ish, but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

**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.

◆INVOCATION

◆EPISTLE LESSON: Colossians 1:15-23 . . . . . Amanda Coop (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 heavenly host:  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

# RECEIVE YOUR MERCIFUL SAVIOR

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful Father,  
 we come before you acknowledging  
 that Jesus is the head of the body,  
 the Church, and the One who made peace  
 by the blood of His cross.  
 Yet, we confess we have broken the peace He died to establish.  
 We have harbored resentment, caused division,  
 and neglected to be agents of reconciliation  
 in our families and communities.  
 We acknowledge that in Jesus all things hold together.  
 Yet, we confess that we often live  
 as if we are at the center of the universe.  
 Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us.  
 Set us free to love and serve You and our neighbors.  
 It is in the powerful name of Jesus  
 and for His sake that we pray.**

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.

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON.....Colossians 1:13-14

*He has delivered us from the domain of darkness  
 and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son,  
 in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "The Word Was God" .....Rosephanye Powell

*Music: Rosephanye Powell / John 1:1-3*

In the beginning was the Word,  
 And the Word was with God,  
 And the Word was God.  
 The same was in the beginning with God.  
 All things were made that have been made.  
 Nothing was made, He has not made.  
 All things were made by Him.

*The Chancel Choir  
 Calvin Ellis, director*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN.....Randi Meyer  
*Domestic Outreach Coordinator*

# 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. 97 "Fairest Lord Jesus".....CRUSADERS' HYMN

*Words: Anon. German Hymn, Münster Gesangbuch / Music: Schlesische Volkslieder; arr. Richard Storrs Willis / Psalm 45:2*

1. Fair - est Lord Je - sus, Rul - er of all na - ture,  
2. Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,  
3. Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,  
4. Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior! Lord of all na - tions!

Son of God and Son of Man! Thee will I cher - ish,  
robed in the bloom - ing garb of spring: Je - sus is fair - er,  
and all the twink - ling, star - ry host: Je - sus shines bright - er,  
Son of God and Son of Man! Glo - ry and hon - or,

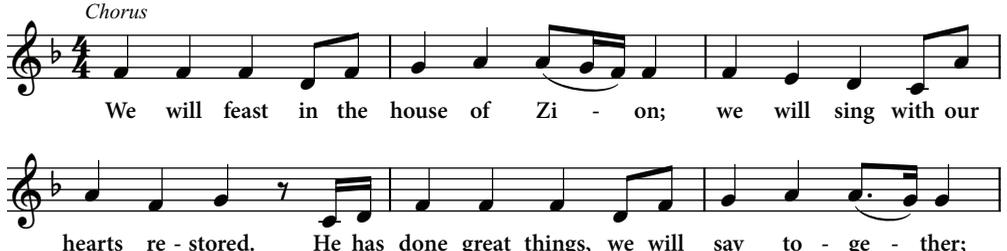
thee will I hon - or, thou, my soul's glo - ry, joy, and crown.  
Je - sus is pur - er, who makes the woe - ful heart to sing.  
Je - sus shines pur - er than all the an - gels heav'n can boast.  
praise, ad - o - ra - tion, now and for - ev - er - more be thine.



♠HYMN OF COMMITMENT: "We Will Feast in the House of Zion" . . . . . Sandra McCracken

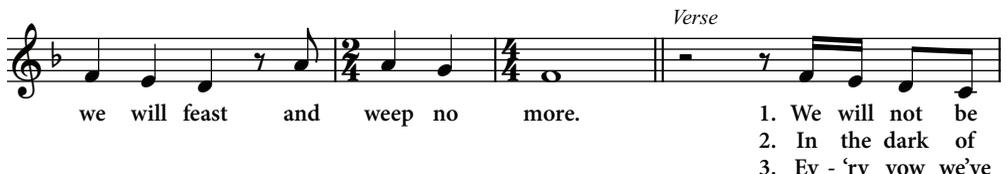
Words and Music: Sandra McCracken, Joshua Moore / Psalm 126:1-3

*Chorus*

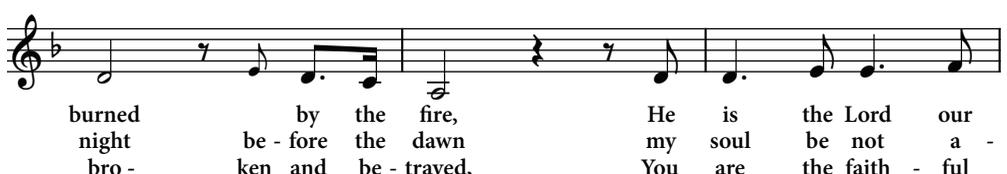


We will feast in the house of Zi - on; we will sing with our  
 hearts re - stored. He has done great things, we will say to - ge - ther;

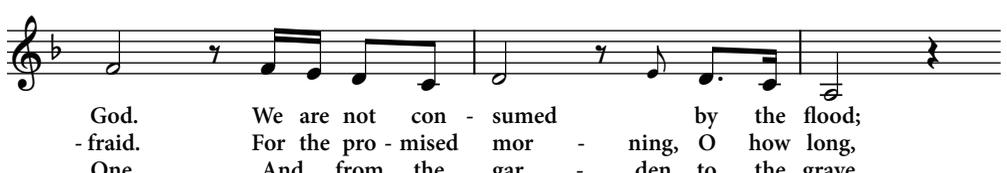
*Verse*



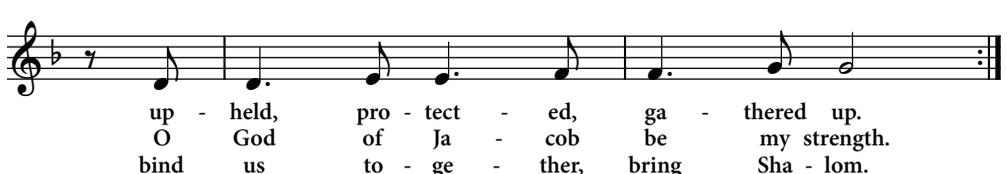
we will feast and weep no more. 1. We will not be  
 2. In the dark of  
 3. Ev - 'ry vow we've



burned by the fire, He is the Lord our  
 night be - fore the dawn my soul be not a -  
 bro - ken and be - trayed, You are the faith - ful



God. We are not con - sumed by the flood;  
 - afraid. For the pro - mised mor - ning, O how long,  
 One. And from the gar - den to the grave,



up - held, pro - tect - ed, ga - thered up.  
 O God of Ja - cob be my strength.  
 bind us to - ge - ther, bring Sha - lom.

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

♠BENEDICTION

♠BENEDICTION RESPONSE . . . . . Sandra McCracken

**We will feast in the house of Zion;  
 We will sing with our hearts restored.  
 He has done great things, we will say together;  
 We will feast and weep no more.**

♠POSTLUDE: "Finale from the First Organ Sonata" . . . . . Florence Price

♠Indicates congregation standing

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# Sunday Night Worship

6:00 p.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS ..... Brad Morrow

## ✦CALL TO WORSHIP

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

## ✦JEHOVAH..... Chris Brown, Brandon Lake

*Words and Music: Chris Brown, Brandon Lake / Psalm 46:1*

**He shames every idol; He reigns without rival.  
He goes by the name of Jehovah, Jehovah.  
He speaks into nothing, and darkness goes running.  
He goes by the name of Jehovah, Jehovah.**

**Call the name, call the name, call the name: Jehovah.  
All our praise, all our praise,  
All our praise belongs to Him.**

**His foes will be silenced; He's fighting for Zion.  
There's no other God like Jehovah, Jehovah.  
His arm never tires; His eyes are like fire.  
There's no other God like Jehovah, Jehovah.**

**Jehovah Nissi, fight your battles;  
Jehovah Jireh, meet your need;  
Jehovah Rapha, heal your body;  
Jehovah Shalom, be your peace!**

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Words and Music: Brian Johnson, Phil Wickham / Jeremiah 29:7

✦ Congregation stands and joins at worship team's direction

Verse



1. We've seen what You can do, O God of won - ders,  
2. You rose in vic - to - ry and now, You're seat - ed



Your pow - er has no end. The things You've done be - fore  
for - ev - er on Your throne.



in great - er mea - sure, You will do a - gain.



So why should my heart fear what You've de - feat - ed?



I will trust in You a - lone.



There's no pri - son wall You can't break through, no moun-tain You can't move,



all things are pos - si - ble. There's no bro - ken bod - y You can't raise



no soul that You can't save, all things are pos - si - ble.

Chorus



The dark - est night, You can light it up; You can light it up,



O God of Re - vi - val. Let hope a - rise, death is o - ver - come;



You've al - read - y won, O God of Re - vi - val.

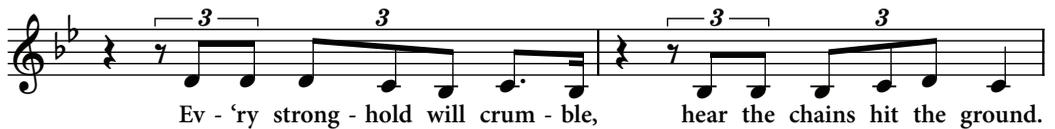
*Bridge*



Come a - wak - en Your peo - ple, come a - wak - en this cit - y.



O God of Re - viv - val, pour it out, pour it out.



Ev - 'ry strong - hold will crum - ble, hear the chains hit the ground.



O God of Re - vi - val, pour it out, pour it out.

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Mark 9:2-13  
 (page 844 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON: The Mountain That Prepares Us for the Cross..... Todd Erickson

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 Spirit,  
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 is seated on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from there He will come to judge the living and the dead;  
I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic\* church;  
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**The Apostles' Creed:** This concise summary of core Christian beliefs offers a clear framework for understanding who God is, the work of Jesus, the nature of the Christian life, and our hope for eternity. Though not written by the apostles, it summarizes what they taught.

*\*universal*

## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

## SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

LORD, HAVE MERCY . . . . .Steve Merkel

*Words and Music: Steve Merkel / Exodus 33:19*

**Jesus, I've forgotten the words that You have spoken.  
Promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim.  
With a doubting heart, I follow the paths of earthly wisdom.  
Forgive me for my unbelief; renew the fire again.**

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy on me.

Lord, have mer - cy, Christ, have mer - cy, Lord, have mer - cy on me.

**I have built an altar where I've worshiped things of man.  
I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from You.  
Now I am returning to Your mercies ever flowing.  
Pardon my transgressions; help me love You again.  
I have longed to know You and all Your tender mercies,  
Like a river of forgiveness ever flowing, without end.  
So I bow my heart before You in the goodness of Your presence,  
Your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night.  
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.**

◆HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: NO. 28 "HOW GREAT THOU ART" . . . . . HOW GREAT THOU ART

Words: Stuart K. Hine / Music: Trad. Swedish Folk Tune / 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,

thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.  
 and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;  
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin.  
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.

\*Author's original words are "works" and "mighty."

Score continues on next page

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

✦GOSPEL AMEN

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## Caring Ministry Update

### Sympathy to:

Peggy McPherson on the death of her husband, *George Thomas McPherson*, February 28, 2026. Mr. McPherson was the father of Ivy McPherson Hayes.

### Congratulations to:

*Mr. and Mrs. Ty Timmermann* who were married March 7, 2026. Mrs. Timmermann is the former Maeve Harper.

### In the Hospital: (as of 3/4/26)

Jenny Udouj, *Hospice at Home*  
Peggy McPherson, *Baptist Rehab*

## Weekly Prayer Focus

**World Missions:** Abbie serves in Southeast Asia where the Lord is using her skills in early childhood development to teach two special children, ages 6 and 8. This year starts Abbie's second year on the field, and she prays for increased aptitude in the local language and for favor with the nationals. Pray for discernment and peace, partnered with wisdom and trust, as she follows the Lord in dealing with new challenges in her teaching role. May she be blessed with restorative sleep and may her team face fluctuating challenges with the mind of Christ. Abbie is so thankful for her family's visits and for the increased fellowship she is enjoying! May the Lord bless and strengthen these and future relationships.

**Mission Memphis–Agape Child & Family Services:** Agape Child & Family Services' mission is to fight poverty, through God, for families to flourish. Please pray for continued success in their events that gather people from different churches, races, and neighborhoods in Memphis. Pray also for the poverty-reduction services, that God would use them to change the lives of those the ministry serves. Finally, pray for the work they do to support local churches in neighborhoods throughout Memphis and that congregations would be equipped to serve their communities well and to share the gospel faithfully.

**2PC Ministry–Women in Ministry:** Our women's team helps Second's sisters make progress in knowing, becoming like, and making Christ known in their various callings and contexts. Join us in thanking God for the good work He's accomplishing through the women's studies of Romans. May He continue molding the women of our church into women who gladly respond to His grace in Christ by offering their bodies to Him as a living sacrifice. For the 100 women presently registered for the women's retreat, April 10–12, ask God to prepare them so that they are richly encouraged during their time away together by His Word, His Spirit, and one another. Pray that God would bless the retreat teacher, Mindy Belz, and help her experience God's love through the women of Second.

## 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 newest grandson, Fitz; *Julia H. Davidson* by Mary and Orin Davidson; *Tom Garrott* by his family; *Dr. Phillip Sherman* by his sons, Dr. Phillip Sherman, Jr. and Hugh S. Sherman.

# Easter

Learn More Online at  
[2pc.org/easter](http://2pc.org/easter)

*Nursery is available for select services;  
see website for more details.*

## **Palm Sunday: March 29**

8:15 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

## **Holy Week Services & Lunches**

### **Monday, March 30–Wednesday, April 1**

12:00–12:30 p.m. Services in the Sanctuary

*Lunch in the Fellowship Hall before and after worship*

### **Maundy Thursday Service: April 2**

6:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary

### **Good Friday Service: April 3**

Noon in the Sanctuary

### **Egg Hunt: April 4**

10:00 a.m. on the Poplar Field

*Help us get ready for the Egg Hunt by donating pre-stuffed eggs; visit [2pc.org/egghunt](http://2pc.org/egghunt) for details!*

### **Easter Sunday: April 5**

6:30 a.m. at Memphis Botanic Garden

*Please bring a chair or blanket for seating.*

8:00, 9:30 & 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary

*No Sunday School or Evening Service*

## **Sing with Us on April 12**

Mark your calendars for a special evening of worship on Sunday, April 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary as our music ministry presents a Hymn Festival led by guest conductor Jason Max Ferdinand.

All are invited to sing with the choir for this unique event—think Festival of Carols, but featuring beloved hymns, choir and congregational singing, and a full orchestra. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays from 6:30–7:30 p.m. in the Choir Room. Email [calvin.ellis@2pc.org](mailto:calvin.ellis@2pc.org) to join the choir for this event.

## **Spring Break Schedule**

Spring Break is coming up for many schools, so some programming will take a short break next week.

Bible studies, including Overflow, AMEN, Men's Intensive, and The Walk, as well as Wednesday night dinner and programming will not meet March 9–13.

## **Next Week: Parish Sunday**

On Sunday, March 15, we will meet for one combined morning worship service at 8:15 a.m. (nursery available for children ages 5 and under).

During the Sunday School hour, all ages will gather in parish groups on campus from 9:45–10:45 for a time of fellowship and to work on a project to show love and encouragement to our 60+ world missionaries.

There will be no 11:00 a.m. service, but the evening worship service will meet as usual at 6:00 p.m.

## **Register Now for VBS**

Registration for Vacation Bible School, June 1–4 from 9:00–11:45 a.m., is now open! Children who have completed PreK–5th grade are eligible to participate. Adult and teen volunteers are also needed!

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

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