

ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

March 15, 2026
Season of Lent

Morning Worship

8:15 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.

ENTER HIS PRESENCE WITH PRAISE

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" Barbara B. Kinyon

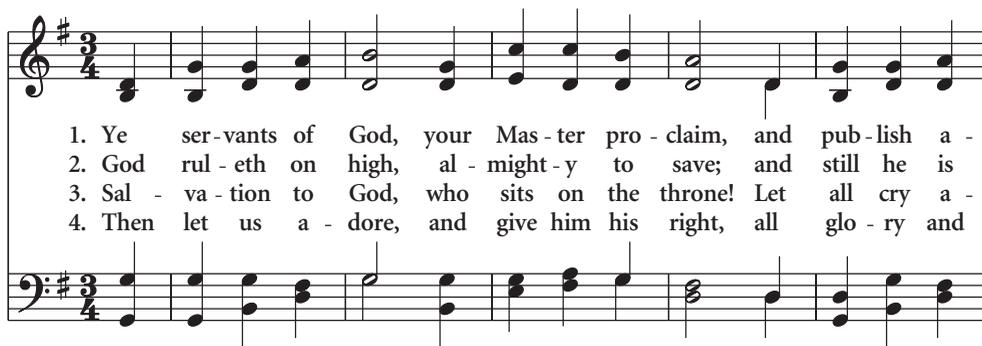
*The Second Ringers
Garrett Heady, Director*

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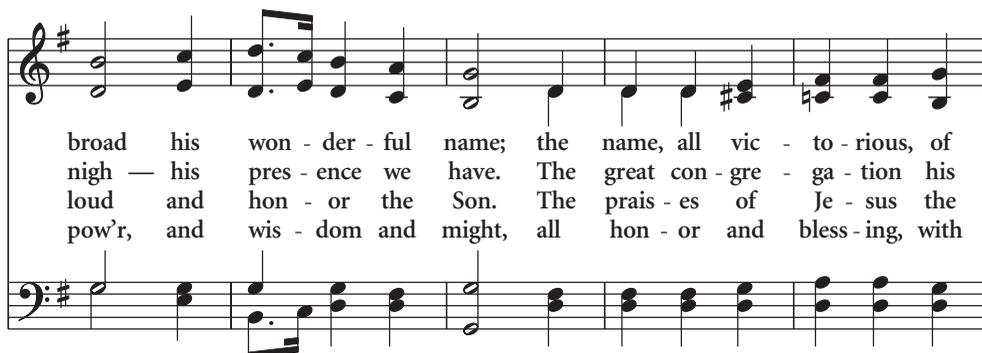
♠CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 96:1-4. Brian Lewis

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 94 "Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim" LYONS

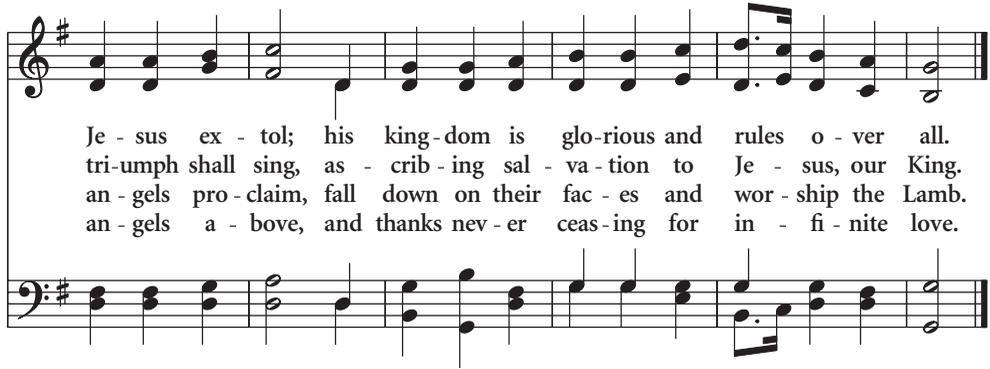
Words: Charles Wesley / Music: Joseph Martin Kraus; harm. William Gardiner / II Peter 3:18



1. Ye ser-vants of God, your Mas-ter pro-claim, and pub-lish a -
2. God rul-eth on high, al-might-y to save; and still he is
3. Sal-va-tion to God, who sits on the throne! Let all cry a -
4. Then let us a-dore, and give him his right, all glo-ry and



broad his won-der-ful name; the name, all vic-to-rious, of
nigh-his pres-ence we have. The great con-gre-ga-tion his
loud and hon-or the Son. The prais-es of Je-sus the
pow'r, and wis-dom and might, all hon-or and bless-ing, with



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SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

Ezra Michael Gresham, born November 14, 2024, son of Savannah and Levi Gresham

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: “Jesus Loves You” JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;
 Little ones to Him belong, you are weak, but He is strong.
 Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
 Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.**

RECEIVE HIS GRACE WITH ASSURANCE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Faithful Covenant God,
 we confess that we have been a faithless people.
 Your will is for us to follow Jesus,
 who is the way, the truth, and the life.
 Yet we often follow our own will,
 choosing our own paths to walk.
 You summon us to gaze upon the beauty and glory of Jesus,
 yet we settle for lesser things that will fade with time.
 Forgive us for cherishing the prizes of this world
 more than we do the promises of the Gospel.
 Change us by the power of the Holy Spirit,
 that we may desire what is good, love what You love,
 and do what You command through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON.....Galatians 3:13

*Christ redeemed us from the curse of the law
 by becoming a curse for us—for it is written,
 “Cursed is everyone who is hanged on a tree.”*

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.

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SOLO OFFERTORY: "Crucifixion" arr. Colin Lett

They crucified my Lord and He never said a mumbalin' word.

They crucified my Lord and He never said a mumbalin' word.

Not a word, not a word, not a word.

They nailed Him to the tree and He never said a mumbalin' word.

They nailed Him to the tree and He never said a mumbalin' word.

Not a word, not a word, not a word.

They pierced Him in the side and He never said a mumbalin' word.

They pierced Him in the side and He never said a mumbalin' word.

Not a word, not a word, not a word.

The blood came streaming down and He never said a mumbalin' word.

The blood came streaming down and He never said a mumbalin' word.

Not a word, not a word, not a word.

He hung His head and died and He never said a mumbalin' word.

He hung His head and died and He never said a mumbalin' word.

Not a word, not a word, not a word.

Marcus King, bass-baritone

Leo Davis, piano

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN..... Sarah Logan Song

Director of Children's Ministry

RESPOND TO HIS WORD WITH FAITHFULNESS

✦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: "The Lord Almighty Reigns"..... Getty Music

Words and Music: Keith and Kristyn Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa / Revelation 19:6-8

1. There's an end - less song wait - ing to be sung

with the voice of ev - 'ry tribe, the sound of ev - 'ry tongue.

2. We will join the feast, rest from bat - tles won,
3. Cer - tain of that day, Christ we will pro - claim.

brings with joy un - to the Lamb a mul - ti - tude of praise.
tell with great re - joic - ing all the won - ders God has done.
O that more would share the prize, sal - va - tion in His name.

And like the roar of might - y seas and
And like the roar of might - y seas and
Then great - er will the an - them ring, a

rolls of thun - der, hear His peo - ple sing:
rolls of thun - der, all the church will sing:
might - y cho - rus ris - ing to the King:

Chorus

Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, for the Lord Al - might - y

reigns. Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah

for the Lord our God the Al - might - y reigns.

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

SERMON: Grace for Failures George Robertson

- I. Return in Trust (1-6)
- II. Repent with Honesty (7-12)
- III. Receive Free Grace (13-24)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

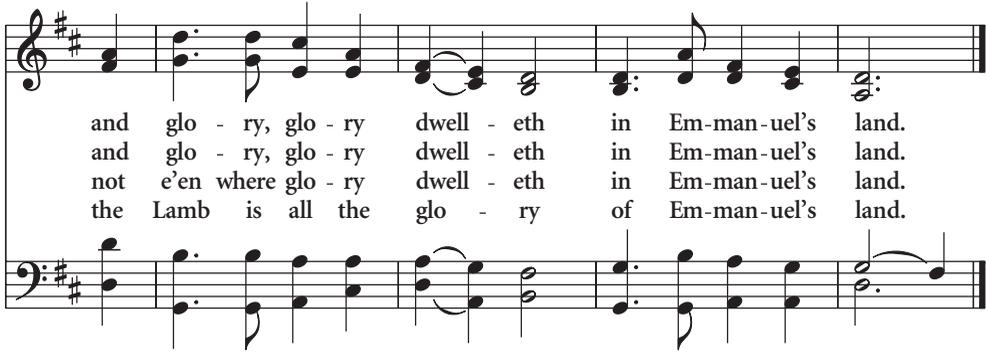
♣HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 445 "The Sands of Time Are Sinking" DEVER

Words: Anne Ross Cousin / Music: Connie Dever / Revelation 22:4

1. The sands of time are sink - ing, the dawn of heav - en breaks;
 2. O Christ, he is the foun - tain, the deep, sweet well of love!
 3. O I am my be - lov - ed's, and my be - lov - ed's mine!
 4. The Bride eyes not her gar - ment but her dear Bride-groom's face;

the sum - mer morn I've sighed for—the fair, sweet morn a - wakes:
 The streams on earth I've tast - ed more deep I'll drink a - bove:
 He brings a poor vile sin - ner in - to his "house of wine."
 I will not gaze at glo - ry but on my King of grace.

dark, dark hath been the mid - night, but day - spring is at hand,
 there to an o - cean ful - ness his mer - cy doth ex - pand,
 I stand up - on his mer - it — I know no oth - er stand,
 Not at the crown he giv - eth but on his pierc - ed hand:



and glo - ry, glo - ry dwell - eth in Em-man-uel's land.
 and glo - ry, glo - ry dwell - eth in Em-man-uel's land.
 not e'en where glo - ry dwell - eth in Em-man-uel's land.
 the Lamb is all the glo - ry of Em-man-uel's land.

♠BENEDICTION

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

♠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

♠POSTLUDE: "Marche Triomphale" Marc Cheban

Leo Davis, organ

♠Indicates congregation standing

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Parish Gatherings Today! 9:45 a.m.

Today during the Sunday School hour, all ages will gather by parish groups from 9:45-10:45 a.m. for a time of fellowship and service. Regular adult, youth, and children's Sunday School classes will not meet, and the nursery will be closed.

We'll be working together on a project to encourage our 60+ world missionaries.

Parishes are grouped together and will meet in the following rooms:

- **C310:** Audubon, Sea Isle, White Station, Laurelwood
- **PDS Cafeteria:** Graham/Waring, Waring/Mendenhall
- **C100:** Normal Station, Belle Meade/The Village, Highland
- **Fellowship Hall West:** Richland, Parkway/Graham, West
- **Fellowship Hall East:** Kirby Woods, Shelby Farms, Germantown

Don't know which parish you're in? Stop by the "New Here" booth in the Connector following worship, check one of the maps in the hallway, or jump in with any parish!

Sunday Night Worship

6:00 p.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Brett Wynne

♠CALL TO WORSHIP

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

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



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



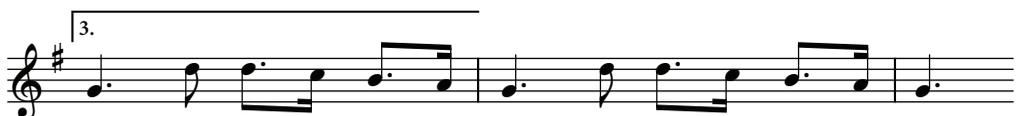
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, sing His great - ness all cre - a - tion.



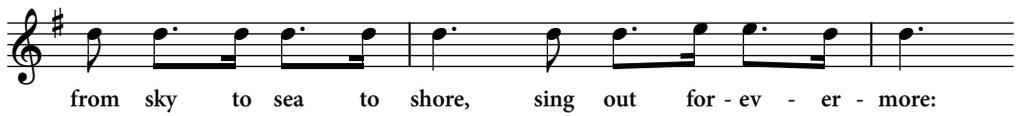
Praise the Lord, raise your voice you heights and all you depths,



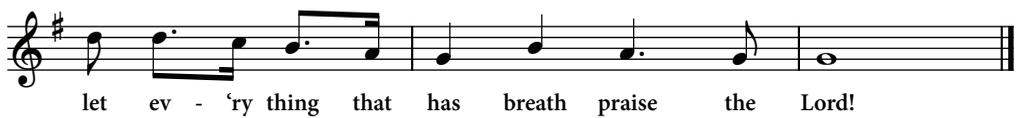
from fur - thest east to west, let ev - 'ry - thing that has breath praise the Lord.



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!

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FOR ALL THE SAINTS. Indelible Grace Music

Words: William How / Music: Christopher Miner / Additional Words and Music: James Ryan / Hebrews 12:1-2

✦ Congregation stands and joins at worship team's direction



1. For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
2. Thou was their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
3. O may Thy sold - iers faith - ful, true, and bold,
4. The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;
5. But lo! There breaks a yet more glo - rious day;
6. From earth's wide bounds from o - cean's far - thest coast,



who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy name, O
 Thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight; Thou, in the
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and win with
 soon, soon to faith - ful war - riors comes their rest; sweet is the
 the saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the King of
 through gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, sing - ing to

Score continues on next page



Je - sus, be for - ev - er blessed. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu.
 dark - ness drear, Their one true light.
 them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 calm of par - a - dise the blessed.
 glo - ry pass - es on His way.
 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, a - men.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, a - men.

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Mark 9:14-41
 (page 844 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON: Counterintuitive at Every Turn..... Chuck Jacob

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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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.**

*universal

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.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

NO. 266: JESUS PAID IT ALL ALL TO CHRIST

Words: Elvina M. Hall / Music: John T. Grape / Isaiah 1:18

1. I hear the Sav - ior say, "Your strength in - deed is small,
2. Lord, now in - deed I find your pow'r, and yours a - lone,
3. For noth - ing good have I where - by your grace to claim —
4. And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,

child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."
can change the lep - er's spots, and melt the heart of stone.
I'll wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - vary's Lamb.
"Je - sus died my soul to save," my lips shall still re - peat.

Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;

sin had left a crim - son stain, he washed it white as snow.

◆HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: IF OUR GOD IS FOR US Jordan Kauflin

Words and Music: Jordan Kauflin, Laura Story, Matt Merker, and Bryan Fowler

Verse



1. If our God is for us, who can be a - gainst us?
2. If our God is for us, He will al - ways lead us
3. If our God is for us, will He not de - fend us



His might - y pow - er holds us firm. There is no one like Him;
to paths of right - eous - ness and hope. If it brings us good - ness,
when Sa - tan's ac - cu - sa - tions roar? For the blood of Je - sus



there is none be fore Him. If we are His, our way is sure.
He will not with - hold it; for from His hands all bless - ings flow.
has brought us free - dom He is our con - fi - dence a - lone.

Chorus



What shall we say but "Hal - le - lu - jah," for none can take us from His love.



He won't for - sake the ones He died to save, yes our God is for us.

Bridge



No tri - bu - la - tion, trial, or pain, per - se - cu - tion, loss, or gain,



strug - gle, bat - tle, lie, or shame can take us from His love.



We know that nei - ther death nor life, nor an - gels, ru - lers, place, or time, no



pow'r of hell, no depth nor height can take us from His love.

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✦GOSPEL AMEN

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Easter

Learn More Online at
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/legghunt 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

Hymn Festival: Sunday, April 12

Our music ministry is excited to welcome Dr. Jason Max Ferdinand as guest conductor for a special hymn festival titled "Then Sings My Soul: A Festival of Psalms, Hymns, and Spiritual Songs" on Sunday, April 12, at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

This joyful service, built around the great hymns of our faith, will feature a wonderful blend of congregational singing, choral anthems sung by our Chancel Choir joined by singers from across our city, and orchestra (think Festival of Carols, but in the Spring)!

Dr. Ferdinand is the Artistic Director of the Jason Max Ferdinand Singers and Director of Choral Activities at the University of Maryland. We look forward to welcoming him to Memphis for this special evening of worship through song.



Dr. Ferdinand
Guest Conductor

Caring Ministry Update

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. John Tabor Stokes who were married March 8, 2026 in Clinton, MS. Mrs. Stokes is the former Coley Grace Stout.

Sympathy to:

Marta Patrick on the death of her husband, *Christian C. Patrick*, March 7, 2026.

In the Hospital: *(as of 3/11/26)*

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

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions–Virginia: Virginia teaches theology for discipleship and ministers for the Lord by counseling and coaching leaders in East Asia. Her country is currently undergoing upheaval and daily stress due to world happenings. People are having violent and sad reactions to their plummeting economy and way of life. Yet, consequently, the hunger for spiritual truth is rising. Pray that Virginia and her team would see more open doors to the Gospel. Pray that they would be joyful and full of thanks as they see God’s care, grace, and provision in their lives. Please pray for Virginia’s health, stamina, and strength, and especially for her annual oncology appointment.

Mission Memphis–STREETS Ministries: STREETS Ministries engages and equips youth to discover their God-given purpose by providing a safe, encouraging space beginning with basketball and the Gospel. Serving two of Memphis’s most underserved communities, STREETS offers after-school programs focused on academics, mentoring, recreation, and spiritual growth, reaching around 1,000 children each year. Please pray for the hearts of students and families in the communities served to be receptive to receiving the good news of Jesus. Pray also for God’s covering and protection over STREETS staff, students, and facilities, as well as for provision of faithful volunteers to help implement programming.

2PC Ministry–Campus Services: As we continue into a busy Spring, please keep our housekeeping, kitchen, maintenance, and security teams in your prayers. Pray for their stamina, energy, protection, and that the joy of the Lord would be the source of their strength as they work to support all of the congregational and outreach ministries across our campus. Our ministries rely 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, ensure that our campus is a welcoming and beautiful environment for all to gather to study, play, and worship together.

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.

VBS Registration Is Open!

Registration for Vacation Bible School, June 1-4, is now open! Visit 2pc.org/vbs to register to attend and to sign up to volunteer!

Wednesday Night Dinner

Don't miss Wednesday night dinner in the Fellowship Hall each week from 5:00–6:15. Visit 2pc.org/dinner to view the menu.

Interested in 2PC or Becoming a Member?

Our Inquirers Class is a welcoming space to explore questions about the Christian faith and life in our community at Second. Over the course of the class, you'll have the opportunity to meet several pastors, staff members, and church members, as well as connect with others in the class. The class is open to anyone who would like to learn more about Second, with no obligation to pursue membership.

Registration is open for the next class, April 10–12. Visit 2pc.org/inquirers for more details and to register.

Easter Flower Order Form

I/We wish to contribute \$_____ to the Flower Ministry of Second Presbyterian Church for use in decorating the church on Easter Sunday in memory or honor of loved ones. Please acknowledge the gift (omitting the amount) in the bulletin on Easter Sunday (April 5) as follows:

Please check *ONLY* one: In Memory of In Honor of In Gratitude for

Name: _____

Given by: _____

Donor Phone Number: _____

March 29 is the deadline for the inclusion of names in the bulletin on April 5, 2026.

Please return this form with your check made out to Second Presbyterian Church and send to 4055 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38111. Clearly designate the gift for the "Flower Ministry."

An online order form is available at 2pc.org/flowers.

General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance to Budget	Prior Year Actual	Variance to Prior Year
February	\$ 714,876	\$ 650,335	\$ (64,541)	\$ 1,083,961	\$ (433,626)
YTD 7/1/25-2/28/26	\$ 7,670,826	\$ 7,091,537	\$ (579,289)	\$ 6,788,383	\$ 303,154

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Getting Connected at Second

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