



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

March 22, 2026
Season of Lent

Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

The order of worship for the evening service begins on page 10.

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.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" arr. Dan Miller

Leo Davis, organ

♣CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 63:1-4.Damon Conley

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

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 530 "Be Thou My Vision" SLANE

Words: Trad. Irish; tr. Mary Byrne, Eleanor Hull / Music: Trad. Irish Melody / Philippians 3:7

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart; naught be all
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word; I ev - er
3. Be thou my bat - tle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my
4. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise, thou mine in -
5. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won; may I reach

else to me, save that thou art — thou my best thought by
with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my great Fa - ther,
dig - ni - ty, thou my de - light, thou my soul's shel - ter,
her - i - tance, now and al - ways: thou and thou on - ly,
heav-en's joys, O bright heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, what

day or by night, wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres-ence my light.
 I thy true son; thou in me dwell - ing, and I with thee one.
 thou my high tow'r: raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my trea-sure thou art.
 ev - er be - fall, still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

✦ INVOCATION

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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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Pilgrim's Hymn" Stephen Paulus

Words: Michael Dennis Browne / Music: Stephen Paulus / Matthew 6:7-8

Even before we call on Your name to ask You, O God,
 When we seek for the words to glorify You, You hear our prayer;
 Unceasing love, O unceasing love, surpassing all we know.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Even with darkness sealing us in, we breathe Your name,
 And through all the days that follow so fast, we trust in You;
 Endless Your grace, O endless Your grace, beyond all mortal dream.

Both now and forever, and unto ages and ages, Amen.

*The Chancel Choir
 Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

8:15: *At this time, parents may take children to the nursery.*

✦ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

◆HYMN OF PREPARATION: "Goodness of God" CeCe Winans

Words and Music: Ed Cash, Ben Fielding, Jason Ingram, Brian Johnson, Jenn Johnson; arr. Dustin Loehrs / Psalms 103:8



1. I love You, Lord. Oh, your mer - cy nev - er fails me.
2. I love Your voice. You have led me through the fire



All my days I've been held in Your hands.
in dark - est nights, You are close like no oth - er.



From the mo - ment that I wake up un - til I lay my head,
I've known You as a Fa - ther; I've known You as a friend.



oh I will sing of the good-ness of God.
And I have lived in the good-ness of God.

Chorus



All my life You have been faith - ful.



All my life You have been so, so good.



With ev - 'ry breath that I am a - ble,



oh I will sing of the good-ness of God.

Bridge



Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me.



Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me.



With my life laid down, I'm sur - rendered now. I give You ev - 'ry - thing.



Your good - ness is run - ning af - ter, it's run - ning af - ter me.

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Isaiah 34:1-35:10
(page 594 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON: Fear or Fear Not..... George Robertson

I. Fear If... (34:1-17)

- A. Rage (1-2)
- B. Sword (5-6a)
- C. Sacrifice (6b-7)
- D. Vengeance (8-17)

II. Fear Not If... (35:1-10)

- A. Hope (1-2)
- B. Encouragement (3-4)
- C. Healing (5-6a)
- D. Happiness (6b-10)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

✦PROFESSION OF OUR FAITH..... The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God,
begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us and for our salvation came down from heaven,
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man,
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate;
He suffered and was buried;
and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures,
and ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
and He shall come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead;
whose Kingdom shall have no end.**

**And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son;
who with the Father and the Son together
is worshiped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets;
and we believe in one holy catholic* and apostolic church;
we acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins;
and we look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**universal*

The Nicene Creed, first formulated at the Council of Nicea (325), affirms Biblical truths about the Trinity and the person of Jesus. We use it in worship to profess what we believe about our triune God and His church.

✦GLORIA PATRI GREATOR EX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION..... Adapted from Psalm 51

Have mercy on us, O God, according to Your steadfast love;
according to Your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.
Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities,
and cleanse us from our sin.
For we know our transgressions,
and our sin is always before us.
Against You, You only, have we sinned,
and done what is evil in Your sight.
Create in us a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within us.
Restore to us the joy of Your salvation,
and grant us a willing spirit
to delight in Your will and walk in Your ways,
to the glory of Your name. It is in Jesus 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.....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.*

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION 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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

"Let Us Break Bread Together/Lord, Have Mercy"Steve Merkel

Words and Music: African American Spiritual; Steve Merkel | Psalm 51:1



1. Let us break bread to - ge - ther on our knees;
2. Let us drink wine to - ge - ther on our knees;
3. Let us praise God to - ge - ther on our knees;



let us break bread to - ge - ther on our knees.
let us drink wine to - ge - ther on our knees.
let us praise God to - ge - ther on our knees.

Refrain



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,



O Lord, have mer - cy on me.

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.

Chorus:

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. (*Chorus*)

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. (*Chorus*)

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: No. 61 "Now Thank We All Our God" NUN DANKET

Words: Martin Rinkart / Music: Johann Crüger / I Chronicles 29:13

1. Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
 3. All praise and thanks to God the Fa - ther now be giv - en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom his world re - joic - es;
 the Son, and him who reigns with them in high - est heav - en—

Score continues on next page

who from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
the one e - ter - nal God, whom earth and heav'n a - dore;

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
for thus it was, is now, and shall be ev - er - more.

◆BENEDICTION

◆BENEDICTION RESPONSE

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

A - men, a - men, a - men.

◆POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Amazing Grace" J. Christopher Pardini

◆Indicates congregation standing

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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/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

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

Sunday Night Worship

6:00 p.m.

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Chuck Jacob

♠CALL TO WORSHIP

♠GREAT THINGS Phil Wickham

Words and Music: Jonas Myrin, Phil Wickham; arr. Dan Galbraith / Psalm 92:1-4



1. Come let us wor - ship our King;
2. You've been faith - ful through ev - 'ry storm.



come let us bow at His feet: He has done great things.
You'll be faith - ful for ev - er - more; You have done great things.



See what our Sav - ior has done!
And I know You will do it a - gain, for Your



See how His love o - ver comes! He has done great things.
pro - mise is yes and a - men; You will do great things.

Chorus



He has done great things. O He - ro of Hea - ven, You
God, You do great things.



con - quered the grave! You free ev - 'ry cap - tive and break ev - 'ry chain;



O God, You have done great things! We dance in Your free - dom, a -

- wake and a - live; O Je - sus, our Sav - ior, Your

name lift - ed high; O God, You have done great things.

Bridge

Hal - le - lu - jah, God, a - bove it all; Hal - le - lu - jah, God, un - shak - a - ble;

2x time only

Hal - le - lu - jah, You have done great things. You've done great things!

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COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING..... NETTLETON

Words: Robert Robinson / Music: John Wyeth / 1 Samuel 7:12

◆Congregation stands and joins at worship team's direction

1. Come, thou fount of ev-'ry bless-ing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2. Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3. O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be;

streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea - sure, safe - ly to ar - rive at home.
 let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan - d'ring heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a - bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan - d'ring from the fold of God:
 Prone to wan - der—Lord, I feel it—prone to leave the God I love:

praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un - chang-ing love.
 he, to res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed his pre - cious blood.
 here's my heart, O take and seal it, seal it for thy courts a - bove.

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Mark 9:42–10:12
 (page 845 in pew Bible)

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

SERMON: The Heart of Discipleship Josh Preston

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

◆HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: LIVING HOPE..... Phil Wickham

Words and Music: Brian Johnson, Phil Wickham; arr. Dan Galbraith

1. How great the cha - sm that lay be - tween us, how high the
 2. Who could i - ma - gine so great a mer - cy? What heart could
 3. Then came the morn - ing that sealed the pro - mise. Your bur - ied

moun - tain I could not climb. In des - per - a - tion I turned to
 fath - om such bound - less grace? The God of a - ges stepped down from
 bod - y be - gan to breathe. Out of the si - lence, the roar - ing

heav - en and spoke your name in - to the night. Then through the
 glo - ry to wear my sin and bear my shame. The cross has
 Li - on de - clared the grave has no claim on me.

dark - ness Your lov - ing - kind - ness tore through the shad - ows of my soul. The work is spo - ken, I am for - giv - en. The King of kings calls me His own. Beau - ti - ful

fin - ished, the end is writ - ten. Je - sus Christ, my liv - ing hope.
Sav - ior, I'm Yours for - ev - er. Je - sus Christ, my liv - ing hope.

Chorus

Hal - le - lu - jah! Praise the one who set me free! Hal - le - lu - jah! Death has

lost its grip on me. You have bro - ken ev - 'ry chain, there's sal -

-va - tion in Your name. Je - sus Christ, my liv - ing hope!

✦BENEDICTION

✦GOSPEL AMEN

✦Indicates congregation standing

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

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Elders are available following the service for prayer and anointing with oil.

Caring Ministry Update

Sympathy to:

Andy Turnage on the death of his mother, *Ann Turnage*, March 16, 2026.

In the Hospital: (as of 3/18/26)

Jenny Udouj, *Hospice at Home*
Peggy McPherson, *Memphis Jewish Home*

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions–Alicia: After a brief stay in Memphis, Alicia is thankful for the quiet times the Lord provided here to lead her in worship and knowledge of Him. She is finding that “to be still” also involves surrender. Now back in Zambia, Alicia uses her gifts by planning events, providing administrative support to Campus Outreach team members, and discipling students. She recently became engaged to a Zambian civil engineer, and they are excited to be preparing for their wedding on July 18. Praise God that He is leading the locals in Alicia’s Zambian city to step up and lead their own people in evangelism and discipling. This is the goal of CO in all its work. Alicia will be helping her CO team transition to another city. Pray that God would continue to meet the needs of Alicia and her team, bringing glory to His name.

Mission Memphis–Kingdom Community Builders: Kingdom Community Builders is a Christian community development organization that seeks to be a catalyst and partner for change in the inner city. They partner with existing organizations in the Orange Mound community to come alongside their mission and vision. With their community-based partners, KCB seeks to address what is missing and broken and to seek the shalom of the city. Praise God for the good response at the Christmas drives, the donated furniture for the Vet House, and for the good football season with Melrose. Pray for the continued work on the Vet House, for the upcoming serve days with churches and schools, and for the continued movement on the Orange Mound Community Land Trust.

2PC Ministry–Deacons: Through their ministry of compassion, deacons at Second faithfully oversee many areas of church service by caring for the sick, the bereaved, the lonely, the grieving, and the struggling. Additionally, deacons manage the church’s budget and the stewardship of our gifts, oversee the ushers and greeters, and also serve in the nursery. Please join our staff in praying for them as they continue to minister to and pray for members of the parishes.

March Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given in glory to God and in loving memory of: *Mr. Dunbar Abston, Jr., Mr. William Cole Early, Jr., Mr. Philip Roger Hahn, and Mrs. Annette Thompson Popwell* by Mr. and Mrs. Garrett Hahn, who were married yesterday. Mrs. Hahn is the former Lele Popwell.

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: _____

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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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