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COMMITMENT SUNDAY

November 17, 2024

Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

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

PRAISE THE LORD OUR GOD

PRELUDE: "Jubilate". Fela Sowanda
"O Fix Me" Roland Braithwaite



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SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (8:15)

Lucy Elizabeth James, born April 25, 2024, daughter of Hannah and Philip James Olivia Brooke King, born May 26, 2024, daughter of Brooke and Daniel King Benjamin Franklin Stallworth IV, born June 19, 2024, son of Lizzy and Ben Stallworth

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.

Come to Our Faithful Redeemer

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Our faithful Father in Heaven, who by Your Son has reconciled us to Yourself and to one another, we rightly owe You our total, unqualified devotion and obedience. Yet we confess we have not loved You with our whole heart, mind, and strength, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we humbly repent. Fill us anew with Your Spirit and deepen our gratitude so that we might serve and obey You with undivided and joyful hearts. It's in the name of Jesus our Lord, we pray.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

> If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

Give Online: 2pc.org/give

Give by Text: Text GIVE to (901) 410-9500 to give to the General Fund.

Text WORLD to the same number to give to World Missions.

Give by Mail: Second Presbyterian Church, 4055 Poplar Avenue, Memphis, TN 38111

Words: Thomas O. Chisholm / Music: William M. Runyan; arr. Dan Forrest / Lamentations 3:22-23

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father; There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided: Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest; Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow: Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Emily Hale, soloist

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CELEBRATING THE OFFERING: A SPACE FOR MINISTRY

WALK IN THE NEWNESS OF LIFE

†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.

Words: William R. Featherstone | Music: Adoniram J. Gordon | I John 4:19



SCRIPTURE LESSON.	Ephesians 4:1-6 (page 977 in pew Bible)				
The grass withers, the flower fades,	(puge 577 in pew bible)				
but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:8)					
SERMON: Astounding Unity	George Robertson				
Keeping the Unity of the Spirit (1-6)					
I. Unifying Christian Attitudes (2-3)					
A. Humility and gentleness					
B. Patience and bearing with one another					
C. Love					
II. Unifying Trinitarian Actions (4-6)					
A. The only worthy one					
B. Becoming worthy ones					
PRAYER OF COMMITMENT					
Sermon Notes					

PRAYERFUL CONTEMPLATION OF 2025 PLANNED GIVING

Ways to submit your pledge:

Pledge online (use the link sent to your email this morning, the 2PC app, or visit 2pc.org/give).

Complete the Giving Intent Card (mailed to your home and available in the pew racks), and pass it to the usher as directed.

 \$\Phi\text{HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 639 "Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing" . . . SICILIAN MARINERS

 Words: John Fawcett, Godfrey Thring | Music: Sicilian Melody | Numbers 6:24-26



†BENEDICTION

- **†CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN**
- POSTLUDE: "Organ Sonata No. 1: III. Finale, Allegro"
 Florence Price
- ♦ Indicates congregation standing

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Sunday Night Worship

6:00 p.m.

♦CALL TO WORSHIP									. Bart	on Kimbro
♦HOUSE OF THE LORD									Phi	l Wickham
Words and	Music: Jon	athan Smit	h, Phil W	7ickha	m / Ps	alm 122	2:1			
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†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ORDINATION OF DAMON CONLEY

Presbytery of Central South Ordination Commission: TE David Bowen, Second Presbyterian Church; TE Sir Gregory Thornton, Downtown Church, RE John Alexander, Second Presbyterian Church; RE Ceasar Lomo, Second Presbyterian Church; RE George Moore, The Avenue Church; RE Lee Adams, The Avenue Church

Congregational Vows

Are you, the members of this congregation ready to receive Damon as your pastor?

Do you promise to submit to Damon in matters of spiritual discipline, and to receive from him with humility and love the word of truth?

Do you promise to support Damon with your prayers, to give encouragement in his work, and to assist him in every way as he seeks to instruct you in the things of the Lord and to lead you in the building of the Kingdom of God in this place?

Sessional Vows

Do you recommit yourselves to fulfill the terms of the call you have extended and to make provision for Damon's needs that the name of Christ might be glorified?

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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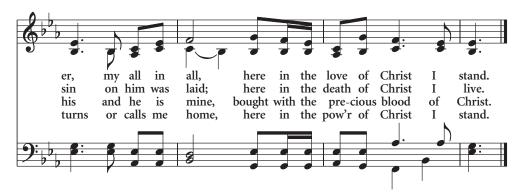
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Words and Music: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend / Philippians 3:8-9

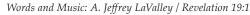


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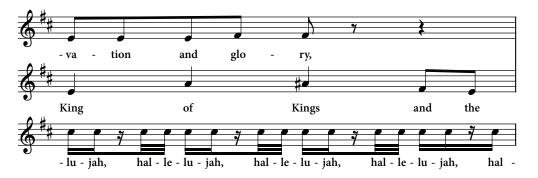


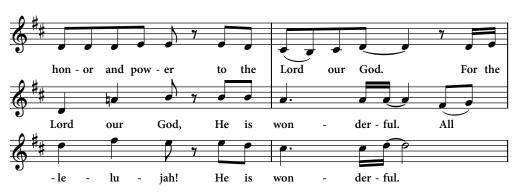
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; All other ground is sinking sand, All other ground is sinking sand.

 †HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: REVELATION 19:1
 Maverick City











†BENEDICTION

♦GOSPEL AMEN

♦ Indicates congregation standing

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

Caring Ministry Update

Congratulations to:

Nathan and Maggie Moore on the birth of a daughter, *Margot Barbara Moore*, October 30, 2024.

In the Hospital: (as of 11/13/24) Peaches Roane, *Baptist Memphis* Howard Pritchard, *Methodist University*

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions–Norm and Ruth Ann Leduc: Norm and Ruth Ann Leduc serve as leaders with AWM, a digital platform that engages interested Muslims with the truth of Jesus Christ, and with an international ministry that pursues unreached people with the gospel. They report that 3,188 people have made professions of faith so far this year via media engagement. Pray that these new believers will find fellowship, grow spiritually, and draw others to Christ. Although the Leducs are now on home leave, they recently spent time encouraging European church planting teams at a conference followed by a week-long training event for church planters who serve in the Middle East and North Africa. Pray these times of spiritual refreshment will bear much eternal fruit and that Norm and Ruth Ann will daily abide in Christ and draw their strength from dependence on Him.

Domestic Missions–Binghampton Christian Academy: Binghampton Christian Academy is a private Christian day and boarding school that offers unique, customized programs to help develop students in grades K4–8th, both as scholars and godly leaders. Praise God for a great start to the school year and the opportunity to serve 135 students and 31 residential students! Praise God for the sweet new and deepened friendships their residential students are making with 2PC members at Wednesday dinner and programming. Please pray for BCA's leadership as they seek to fill unexpected staff positions and work to complete a new strategic plan for the school.

2PC Ministry–Fresh Start: Our Fresh Start Divorce Recovery program invites people to deal openly and honestly with issues that come with the end of a marriage. With topics ranging from self-esteem, children, coping with an ex-spouse, and letting go of the past, Fresh Start aims to come alongside those navigating this difficult life change with the hope, healing, and tender mercies of Christ, our Shepherd. Please pray for those in need, to learn about Fresh Start and register for the session that begins in January. Pray for emotional and spiritual healing for those who attend and for wisdom and insights for those leading the group.

November Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this month are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: Walker Bush by his family; Mary Elizabeth Garrott by her siblings, Brandon, Murray, and Allison; Ann and Oscar Edwards by Mary and Jimmy Edwards and their family; Liza Fletcher for her birthday by her Hutchison friends; George Shea Flinn by his sons George, Fred, and Carl, and their families; Bobby Shute by Dawn, Christina, and Mary and Daniel Shute; Robert Tipton, Jr. by his mother Deborah Tipton and his sister Mary Elisabeth Tipton.

General	Fund	Giving	Update
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	 This Year Budget	This Year Actual		Variance to Budget		Prior Year Actual		Variance to Prior Year	
October	\$ 713,948	\$ 904,824	\$	190,876	\$	620,294	\$	284,530	
YTD 7/1/24-10/31/24	\$ 2,803,405	\$ 2,551,534	\$	(251,871)	\$	2,275,794	\$	275,740	

Advent

We invite you and your family and friends to join us throughout the month of December for worship services and activities for all ages.

Hanging of the Green will introduce the season on December 1, and our annual Festival of Carols will be Sunday, December 8, at 6:00 p.m.

Visit **2pc.org/advent** for the full schedule of events and worship services.

Call-up Choir: November 24

Next Sunday, November 24, all are invited to sing in the Choir during our morning services! To participate, come to the Choir Room before the morning services at 7:30 a.m. to rehearse. If you prefer to sing only at the second service, come at 10:30 a.m. to rehearse. Check the links in *The Messenger* to listen to the songs we'll be singing and join our Music Ministry in leading worship!

Last Wednesday Night Meal of the Semester: November 20

Join us from 5:00-6:15 p.m. on Wednesday for a fresh-cooked family meal from the 2PC kitchen with your church community. An option of a hot meal or salad is available; both with various desserts. Visit **2pc.org/dinner** to view the menu. Following this Wednesday, we'll take a break for the holidays and begin serving dinner again on January 8.

West Lot Construction and Parking Impact

As recently noted in *The Messenger* and a congregation-wide email, construction is underway on a new fence and gatehouse in our West parking lot, which serves both the church and Presbyterian Day School. This project, made possible through a collaborative and targeted fundraising effort between PDS and 2PC, aims to enhance our campus security. During construction, about 50 parking spaces will be unavailable, and the west driveway near the turf field will be closed—please use the middle and east driveways as alternatives.

We appreciate your patience and look forward to a safer and more welcoming environment for everyone!

Do You Have the 2PC Mobile App?

Have you downloaded our church app? It's a great tool for easily registering for events and Bible studies, searching our media library, giving online, searching your parish directory, and more. Simply search "Second Presbyterian Church" in the Apple App Store to download!

Sign Up for the Messenger!

The best way to find out what's going on at Second is to subscribe to our weekly email newsletter. To subscribe, simply scroll to the orange box at the bottom of our homepage (2pc.org) and enter your name and email address—then watch for it to arrive in your inbox on Fridays! For even more content, follow @2pcmemphis on Facebook and Instagram.

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