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November 23, 2025  
*Thanksgiving Sunday*

# 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.

## ENTER HIS COURTS WITH THANKSGIVING

PRELUDE: "Hornpipe" from *Water Music* ..... G.F. Handel  
"Nimrod" from *Enigma Variations Op. 36* ..... arr. W.H. Harris

*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 107:1-2. .... Todd Erickson

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 592 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ..... ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

*Words: Henry Alford / Music: George Elvey / Matthew 13:39*

1. Come, ye thank-ful peo-ple, come, raise the song of har-vest home:  
2. All the world is God's own field, fruit un-to his praise to yield;  
3. For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take his har-vest home;  
4. E-ven so, Lord, quick-ly come to thy fi-nal har-vest home;

all is safe-ly gath-ered in, ere the win-ter storms be-gin;  
wheat and tares to-geth-er sown, un-to joy or sor-row grown:  
from his field shall in that day all of-fens-es purge a-way;  
gath-er thou thy peo-ple in, free from sor-row, free from sin;

God, our Mak - er, doth pro-vide for our wants to be sup-plied:  
 first the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear:  
 give his an - gels charge at last, in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:

come to God's own tem - ple, come, raise the song of har - vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in his gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 come, with all thine an - gels, come, raise the glo - rious har - vest home.

◆INVOCATION

**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.

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15am:

*Mimi Evelyn Thompson, born November 18, 2024, daughter of Margaret and A Thompson  
 William Russell Zeiler, born December 1, 2024, son of Hannah and Austin Zeiler*

11:00am:

*Nathan Amos Eastlack, born March 15, 2025, son of Lauren and Daniel Eastlack*

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 PARDON WITH JOY

## CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Heavenly Father,  
 every good and perfect gift comes from You.  
 Yet we confess that we have doubted Your generous heart  
 which delights to give what is good to Your children.  
 We have murmured and complained against You.  
 We have failed to give thanks to You in all circumstances.  
 Forgive us and empower us to put to death  
 these and all other sins of our heart  
 knowing that they are an affront and insult to You.  
 Fill us anew with Your Spirit and deepen our gratitude  
 so that we might serve and obey You  
 with undivided and joyful hearts.  
 It is in the name of Jesus our Lord, we pray.**

## INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... II Corinthians 8:9

*For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
 that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor,  
 so that you by his poverty might become rich.*

**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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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Thanksgiving” ..... John Ness Beck

For seedtime and harvest and the good will of men,  
 We give thanks to God the Father once again.  
 For shelter in winter, for the thaw in the spring,  
 Our praise and thanksgiving to the Lord now we bring.

For those we have loved who have gone on before,  
 Through the shining, bright celestial door;  
 For all who shall follow in their place,  
 We implore thy continuing saving grace.

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;  
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*The Chancel Choir  
 Calvin Ellis, director*

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## ✦GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN ..... Danny Song

## EMBRACE HIS CALL WITH GRATITUDE

### ✦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. 56 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" . . . . . FAITHFULNESS

*Words: Thomas O. Chisholm / Music: William M. Runyan / Lamentations 3:22-23*

1. Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther; there is no  
2. Sum - mer and win - ter and spring - time and har - vest, sun, moon, and  
3. Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth, thine own dear

shad - ow of turn - ing with thee; thou chang - est not, thy com -  
stars in their cours - es a - bove, join with all na - ture in  
pres - ence to cheer and to guide, strength for to - day and bright

pas - sions, they fail not; as thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
man - i - fold wit - ness to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love.  
hope for to - mor - row, bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

#### *Refrain*

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Morn - ing by

morn - ing new mer - cies I see: all I have need - ed thy  
hand hath pro - vid - ed — great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord, un - to me!

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Isaiah 13:1–20:6  
(page 576 in pew Bible)

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

SERMON: Christ Shall Have Dominion..... George Robertson

- I. He Makes the “Powerful” His People (19:10-15)
- II. He Makes the Proud the Work of His Hands (13:11; 14:12; 15:1-9; 16:5-6)
- III. He Makes the Plundered His Inheritance (17:14)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

◆HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 383 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”..... NETTLETON  
Words: Robert Robinson / Music: Wyeth’s Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second / I Samuel 7:12

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.

◆BENEDICTION

◆BENEDICTION RESPONSE: "Total Praise" .....Richard Smallwood

You are the source of my strength.

You are the strength of my life.

I lift my hands in to - tal praise to You.

A - men, a - men! A -

- men, a - men! A - men, a -

- men! A - men, a - men!

◆POSTLUDE: Sinfonia from Cantata No. 29 "We Praise Thee, O God" ... J.S. Bach; arr. Samuel Metzger

◆Indicates congregation standing

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# Thanksgiving Service

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 ..... Josh Preston

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

✦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.**

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✦INVOCATION

✦LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

I will give thanks to You, O God, among the peoples;  
I will sing praises to You among the nations.  
I will give thanks to You with my whole heart  
and recount all of Your wonderful deeds.

**We thank You, O Father,  
for calling us to faith in Christ,  
for putting Your Spirit within us,  
for giving us the mind of Christ,  
and for gathering us into Your church.**

I give thanks to You, O Lord, for You are good;  
Your steadfast love endures forever!  
You are my God, and I will give thanks to You;  
You are my God, and I will extol You.

**We thank You, Lord Jesus,  
for living the life we should have lived,  
for dying the death we should have died,  
for enduring the hell we rightfully deserved,  
and for rising to secure for us Your gift  
of eternal life and unending relationship with God.**

I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving,  
for You are my strength and my shield;  
in You my heart trusts, and I am helped.

**We thank You, O Spirit, for You are the Lord and giver of life.  
We give You thanks for removing from us  
our hard hearts and giving us new hearts  
to love, trust, serve, and obey You.**

It is good to give thanks to You, O Lord,  
to sing praises to Your name, O Most High;

**and to make known Your deeds among the peoples! Amen.**

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GOODNESS OF GOD.....CeCe Winans

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

♠ Congregation stands and joins at worship team's direction

Verse



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.

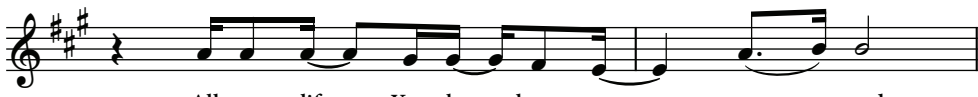


oh I will sing of the good-ness of God.  
And I have lived in the good-ness of God.

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 - ren - dered 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 12:1, 4  
 (page 576 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON: Give Thanks in Order to Believe ..... George Robertson

- I. **Believe God Is For You** (1)
  - A. Propitiation (*Romans 3:25; 1 John 2:2*)
  - B. Comfort (*Exodus 32:12*)
- II. **Believe God Is For Your Enemies** (4)
  - A. Say His Name [Savior]
  - B. Speak Grace

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;**

**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.

**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*

## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

## ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

## PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

## 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: I THANK GOD . . . . . Housefires

*Words and Music: Aaron Moses, Chuck Butler, Enrique Holmes, Jesse Cline / Luke 15:11-32*

**Wandering into the night, wanting a place to hide  
 This weary soul, this bag of bones,  
 And I try with all my might, but I just can't win the fight;  
 I'm slowly drifting, a vagabond.**

**And just when I ran out of road, I met a Man I didn't know,  
 And He told me that I was not alone.**

*He picked me up, He turned me around, He placed my feet on solid ground.  
 I thank the Master, I thank the Savior,  
 Because He healed my heart, He changed my name, forever free, I'm not the same.  
 I thank the Master, I thank the Savior—I thank God!*

**I cannot deny what I see; got no choice but to believe—  
 My doubts are burning like ashes in the wind.  
 So, so long to my old friends, burden and bitterness,  
 You can just keep it moving, nah, you ain't welcome here!**

**From now 'til I walk the streets of gold, I'll sing of how You saved my soul.  
 This wayward son has found his way back home.**

◆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.*

*This evening, we are being led by the EPC's World Outreach Family Gathering Worship Team.*

# Hanging of the Green

**Sunday, November 30 · Decorating & Activities Begin at 5:00 p.m.**

We'll kick off Advent Season next Sunday, November 30, at Hanging of the Green! All ages are invited to arrive at 5:00 p.m. to help deck the halls with Christmas trees and other festive décor, enjoy cookie decorating, crafts, and games.

Hors d'oeuvres will be served in the lobby outside the bookstore beginning at 5:30. Then we'll move to the Sanctuary at 6:00 for a special worship service, led by our children's choirs, that ends with a live nativity outdoors.

## Advent

Save the dates below and invite your family and friends to join us throughout the month of December for worship services and activities for all ages. Visit [2pc.org/christmas](http://2pc.org/christmas) for more dates, details, and service opportunities.

**Women's Christmas Coffee**

*December 3, 10:30 a.m.*

**Festival of Carols**

*December 7, 6:00 p.m.*

**Sing Hallelujah**

*December 14, 6:00 p.m.*

**Nine Lessons and Carols**

*December 21, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.*

**Christmas PJ Party**

*December 21, 4:30 p.m.*

**A Gospel Christmas**

*December 21, 6:00 p.m.*

**Christmas Eve Worship**

*4:00 p.m. Family Service*

*5:30, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m.*

*Candlelight Communion Services*

## Caring Ministry Update

### Sympathy to:

Sam Zerilla on the death of his brother, William “Phil” Zerilla, Jr., November 14, 2025.

King Rogers on the death of his wife, Judy Rogers, November 17, 2025.

### In the Hospital (as of 11/19/25):

Don Clanton, *Methodist Germantown*

Janet Holley Cox, *The Village of Germantown Rehab*

Jenny Udouj, *Hospice at Home*

## Weekly Prayer Focus

**World Missions—Clark and Khrystya:** After visiting Ukraine this summer, Clark and Khrystya Norton long to return to ministry at Holy Trinity Church in Lviv. Having served at this church previously, the Nortons returned to the States in 2021 for Clark to receive training as a pastor and counselor. Because of health challenges, they have not been able to return to full-time ministry in this place that they love. Please pray that, if it pleases the Lord, they can soon return to Lviv. When they visited Ukraine, they were encouraged by the resilience, growth, and unity of the church as it welcomes people from war-torn parts of the country. Pray for the Lord to bless this growing church and provide it with a larger worship space. As they wait for the Lord’s direction, pray that Clark and Khrystya will daily lean on the Lord and find their complete joy in Him.

**Mission Memphis—Memphis Gridiron Ministries:** Memphis Gridiron Ministries is unabashedly a Christ-centered youth football organization for early-grade schoolboys, focused on sharing and modeling the Gospel of Christ by way of spiritual coaching, mentoring, relationship building and defeating the “win-at-all-cost” mentality that is pervasive in many youth sports today. MGM programs are not defined by opponents, trophies, or records, but by the experiences the athletes are engaged in. Please pray for the safety of the youth, for godly coaches and volunteers to support the ministry, and for God to reach the young athletes’ hearts through their team devotionals.

**2PC Ministry—GriefShare:** Coordinated by Donna Sanders, GriefShare is a program offering biblical help, encouragement, and hope for those walking through the loss of a loved one. Throughout the program, participants receive practical and Biblical teaching on navigating the grief journey and tools for facing the future with confidence. Each year, GriefShare welcomes many individuals from across the Memphis community, giving them space not only to process their loss but also to hear the hope of the gospel. The next session begins in January—please pray for the leadership team and for all who will take part. GriefShare is most helpful for those who are at least six months beyond the passing of a loved one.

## 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; *Ann and Oscar Edwards* by Mary and Jimmy Edwards and their family; *George Shea Flinn* by his sons, George, Fred, Carl, and their families; *Liza Fletcher on her birthday* by her Hutchison friends; *Mary Elizabeth Garrott* by her siblings Brandon, Murray, and Allison; *Robert Tipton, Jr.* by Deborah and Mary Elisabeth Tipton.

## Sign Up for Texts to Serve Our Neighbors

The past few weeks have presented multiple volunteer needs in our community, often on short notice. To better mobilize our congregation now and toward future efforts, we will be communicating volunteer needs via text. To receive up-to-date notifications on volunteer needs, text SERVE901 to +1 (888) 381-1544.

## Sign Up for the Messenger!

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## Weekly Worship Playlist

Listening to our playlist of hymns and songs is a wonderful way to grow familiar with the music, reflect on the words, and enjoy personal or family worship throughout the week. Visit [2pc.org/playlist](https://2pc.org/playlist) to subscribe on your preferred platform.

## General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance to Budget	Prior Year Actual	Variance to Prior Year
October	\$ 713,948	\$ 701,467	\$ (12,481)	\$ 904,824	\$ (203,357)
YTD 7/1/25–10/31/25	\$ 2,803,405	\$ 2,970,591	\$ 167,186	\$ 2,551,534	\$ 419,057

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