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November 22, 2026
Thanksgiving Sunday

Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

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: Sinfonia from Cantata No. 29 "We Thank You, God, We Thank You". . J.S. Bach; Marcel Dupré

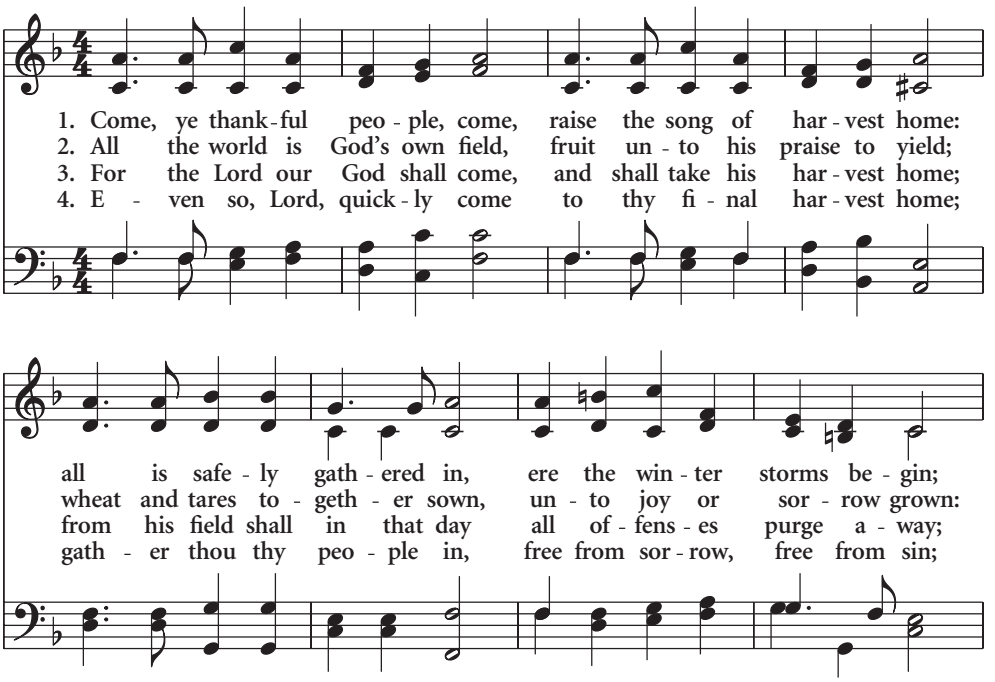
Leo Davis, organ

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 107:1-3. . . . . Chuck Jacob

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

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





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

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (8:15)

Frances "Francie" Ruth Linn, born November 3, 2025, daughter of Bethany and Joey Linn

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

God, our heavenly Father,
You are our Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer.
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.
Empower us to cast off 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 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.

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.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

Please place the laminated offering card from the pew racks in the offering plate as a physical act of worship to represent a financial gift made in the prior week.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "For This Joy" . . . . . Susan LaBarr

Words: Charles Anthony Silvestri / Music: Susan LaBarr / Psalm 104:24, 33

Praise for the sun, who by day gives us warmth and enlightens;
Praise for the moon, who the darkest night cheerfully brightens;
Each glitt'ring star shining from ages afar, driving away all that frightens.

Praise for the sky under heaven that widely contains us;
Our fertile earth, and her harvest that gently sustains us;
Birds on the wing, lifting their voices to sing, free us from all that restrains us.

Our tender hearts, which so wondrously in chambers deeping,
(Can) cherish the joys of new love and, at death's call, the weeping.
Sorrow and pain turn to rejoicing again; love now in memory keeping.

Praise for this joy in our hearts as we sing of creation!
Wondrous are all things from firmament down to foundation!
Joyful our praise as all our voices we raise, singing in glad celebration!

The Chancel Choir
Trevor Pavey, clarinet
Leo Davis, piano
Calvin Ellis, director

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN. . . . . Brad Morrow

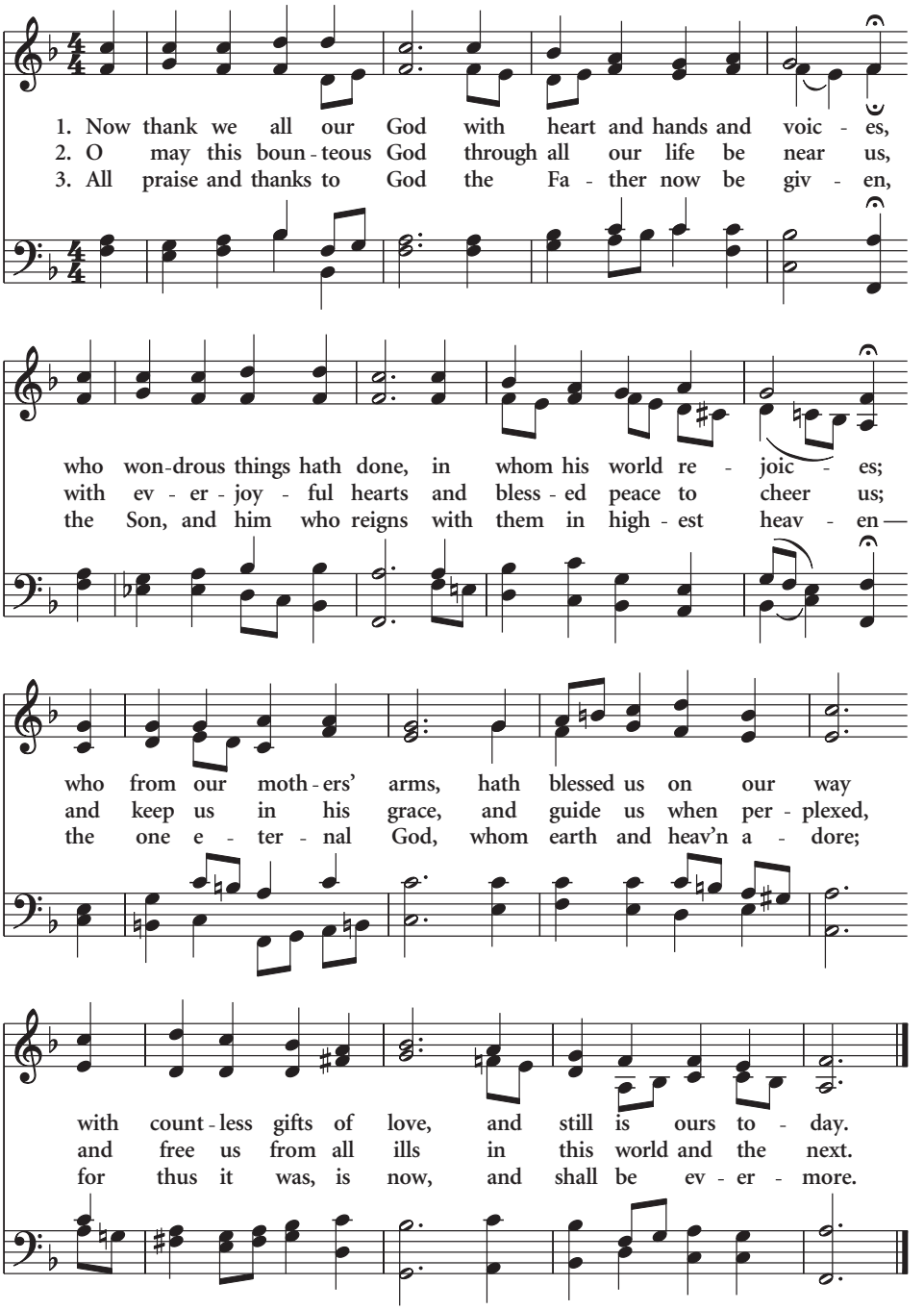
Embrace His Call with Gratitude

✞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. 61 "Now Thank We All Our God". . . . . .NUN DANKET

Words: Martin Rinkart / Music: Johann Crüger; arr. Nathan Drake / I Chronicles 29:13



SCRIPTURE LESSON. . . . . Isaiah 56:1–57:21
(page 616 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON: "You Don't Have to Do What You Want to Do". . . . . George Robertson

I. **Cursed** *(56:9-12; 57:3-13)*
- A. Used by leaders *(56:9-12)*
- B. Trafficked by idols *(57:3-10)*
- C. Terrorized by the unknown *(57:11-13)*

II. **Blessed** *(56:1-8; 57:13-21)*
- A. Welcomed *(56:1-8; 57:13)*
- B. Revived *(57:14-15)*
- C. Shalomed *(57:16-21)*

Expository preaching is central in our worship of the Lord. With God's help, the preacher grounds his message in the text, aligns the interpretation of the text with the doctrinal truths of the rest of the Bible, and shows how Christ is the final fulfillment of the text's theme.

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✙HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 6 "All People That on Earth Do Dwell". . . . . OLD HUNDREDTH

Words: William Kethe / Music: Genevan Psalter / Psalm 100:1



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

✟BENEDICTION

✟BENEDICTION RESPONSE . . . . . OLD HUNDREDTH

To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From men and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.

✟POSTLUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God, Opus 65, No. 59" . . . . . Sigfrid Karg-Elert

✟*Indicates congregation standing*

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Sermon Notes

Community Thanksgiving Service

Tonight at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary



Dr. Bartholomew Orr

We're excited to host a Community Thanksgiving Service this evening at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary, and we hope you'll join us! Pastors and congregations from several Memphis-area churches, including Brown Missionary Baptist, Hope Presbyterian, Bellevue Baptist, and others, will gather with us.

Come be part of this special evening as we give thanks for God's many blessings, celebrate the unity we share in Christ, and praise the Lord for His work in our city. Dr. Bartholomew Orr, pastor of Brown Missionary Baptist Church, will preach, and a mass choir made up of singers from the participating congregations will lead us in worship.

As we prepare to welcome guests to Second, we encourage 2PC members to consider riding with family or friends, if possible. Fewer of our cars in the parking lots will help make room for those visiting our campus. Childcare will be available for ages five and under.



Hanging of the Green
Sunday, November 29

We'll kick off Advent Season next Sunday, November 29, 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 Fellowship Hall beginning at 5:00. 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.

Women's Christmas Coffee
December 2, 10:30 a.m.

Festival of Carols
December 6, 6:00 p.m.

NCC Service Night @ 2PC
December 9, 6:00 p.m.

Sing Hallelujah
December 13, 6:00 p.m.

Nine Lessons and Carols
December 20, 8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

Christmas PJ Party
December 20, 4:30 p.m.

A Gospel Christmas
December 20, 6:00 p.m.

Christmas Eve Worship
4:00 p.m. Family Service
5:30, 8:00 & 11:00 p.m.
Candlelight Communion Services

Visit 2pc.org/christmas for more details and for a list of service opportunities.

Service Opportunity for All Ages: December 9

All ages are invited to the Fellowship Hall on Wednesday, December 9, at 6:00 p.m. to pack Christmas food boxes for Neighborhood Christian Centers! NCC is bringing part of their packing operation to our campus, giving church members a chance to serve together.

Dinner will be served beforehand from 5:00-6:00 p.m. in C310 ($5.50 for kids; $8.50 for adults). We will also have a Christmas Card Station and Prayer Stations during the evening for anyone who would like to serve in that way. Come for 30 minutes or stay the whole time—every bit helps!

Nursery will be available for ages 2 and under during the event. To help us plan, please visit 2pc.org/christmas and let us know if you plan to eat dinner and/or to register for the nursery. Email kevesha.snow@2pc.org with questions.

Caring Ministry Update

Congratulations to:

Hollie and Joel Gillihan on the birth of a son, *Luke William Gillihan,* November 3, 2026. *(Kirby Woods Parish)*

Alyson and Gabe Ruby on the birth of a daughter, *Gemma Blake Ruby,* October 16, 2026. *(Parkway/Graham Parish)*

In the Hospital *(as of 11/18/26):*

Sam Large, *Jordan River Rehab (Germantown Parish)*

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions–Meghan Rintoul: Second member, Meghan Rintoul, serves as Operations Director for Campus Outreach in Birmingham, England. Please pray for the Lord to guide and bless her efforts in building sustainable structures and systems for the UK ministry that will help indigenous leaders in the near future. Meghan and the CO team are pleased that more than 100 students recently attended their Thanksgiving outreach dinner. Pray that the staff's follow-up meetings will open doors for gospel conversations that will draw many students to the love of Christ. Pray also for the Lord to move the hearts of government officials to overturn Meghan's visa denial. Finally, pray for Meghan to know her belovedness in Christ and be sustained by fellowship with Him each day.

Mission Memphis–Multinational Memphis: Multinational Memphis shows kindness to limited English-speaking families living in Memphis by helping them feel accepted, gain academic success, understand our culture, and feel the love of God. Please pray that the Lord would provide more volunteers to serve in different areas of the ministry. Pray also that God would continue to provide financial supporters to help sustain their work. Lastly, pray that the Lord would use the ministry to bring children and families into a saving relationship with Him.

2PC Ministry–GriefShare: GriefShare is a ministry of Second that offers biblical hope and support to those grieving the loss of a loved one. Offered during MidWeek on Wednesday evenings and in a daytime session at The Village at Germantown, GriefShare welcomes many participants from outside our church congregation, providing opportunities to share the hope of the Gospel with those who may not know Christ. Please pray for our facilitators and participants at both locations, asking God to make the Gospel clear, bring comfort and healing to grieving hearts, and use this ministry to offer lasting hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ.

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; *Joel Jones Hobson III* by Jennifer's Overflow small group; *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.

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Getting Connected at Second

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General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance to Budget	Prior Year Actual	Variance to Prior Year
October	$ 797,748	$ 1,040,469	$ 242,721	$ 701,467	$ 339,002
YTD 7/1/26–10/31/26	$ 3,132,454	$ 3,647,719	$ 515,265	$ 2,970,278	$ 677,441

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