



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

September 8, 2024
Memphis City Seminary Sunday

Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

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

Today is Memphis City Seminary Sunday! Founded in 2019, the mission of MCS is to advance the kingdom of God by educating, equipping, and mobilizing Christ-like leaders for effective gospel ministry. MCS provides a comprehensive, contextual, affordable, and accessible theological education, guiding students to follow our Lord Jesus Christ faithfully and earnestly for a lifetime of ministry.

BEHOLD THE GOD OF GLORY

PRELUDE: "Festive Fanfare" Edward Wilmington
"Folk Tune" Percy Whitlock

Leo Davis, organ

CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 95:1-2. Taylor Tollison
President, Memphis City Seminary

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 270 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" DARWALL

Words: Charles Wesley / Music: John Darwall / Hebrews 1:3



1. Re - joice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
2. Je - sus the Sav - ior reigns, the God of truth and love; when
3. His king - dom can - not fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n; the
4. He sits at God's right hand till all his foes sub - mit, and

joice, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus giv'n. Lift up your
bow to his com - mand and fall be - neath his feet.

heart, lift up your voice! Re - joice, a - gain I say, re - joice!

✦INVOCATION

✦CONFESSION OF FAITH: Heidelberg Catechism Question 1 Ethan Knight (8:15)
Marjorie Bowman (11:00)

What is your only comfort in life and death?

**That I am not my own,
but belong with body and soul, both in life and in death,
to my faithful Saviour Jesus Christ.
He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood,
and has set me free from all the power of the devil.
He also preserves me in such a way
that without the will of my heavenly Father
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.
Therefore, by His Holy Spirit
He also assures me of eternal life
and makes me heartily willing and ready
from now on to live for Him.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE DARWALL

**Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take His servants up to their eternal home.
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!**

BEHOLD THE GOD OF GRACE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Our Father, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of You
and for discounting Your sovereign love.
Lord Jesus, forgive us for our struggle to truly rest
in Your finished work on our behalf.
Holy Spirit, we offend You by minimizing Your transforming power
and by walking our own way.
We confess that our blindness to Your glory, O triune God,
has resulted in shallow confession,
halfhearted devotion, and only mild repentance.
Forgive us, O God of our Salvation, for the glory of Your matchless name.
It is in Jesus, we pray.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON John 6:37-39

*All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out.
For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the
will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day.*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "All We Like Sheep" George Frideric Handel

Music: George Frideric Handel / Isaiah 53:6

All we like sheep have gone astray;
We have turned every one to his own way.
And the Lord hath laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD ON MEMPHIS CITY SEMINARY

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN Lynn Erickson

BEHOLD THE GOD OF TRUTH

PRAYER FOR MEMPHIS FELLOWS

✦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: "Speak, I Pray Thee, Gentle Jesus" Sandra McCracken

Words: William Williams / Music: Kevin Twit
Daija McNeil, soloist



Soloist: 1. Speak, I pray Thee gen - tle Je - sus! O, how pass - ing sweet Thy
Congregation: 2. Tell me Thou art mine, O Sav - ior, speak a true as - sur - ance



words, breath - ing o'er my troub - led spi - rit
clear; Ba - nish all my dark mis - giv - ings,



peace which ne - ver earth af - fords. All the
still my doubt - ing, calm my fear. In Thy



world's dis - tract - ing voi - ces, all the temp - ting tones of ill, at Thy
right - eous - ness I tri - umph, in Thy wis - dom I'll be wise, in Thy



voice, so mild, mel - o - dious, are sub - dued, and all is still.
robes I'm per - fect beau - ty, in Thy pow'r I'll a - rise.

Chorus



I'll a - rise. In Thy pow - er, I'll a - rise. I'll a -



-rise, I'll a - rise, in Thy pow - er, I'll a - rise. I'll a -



-rise, I'll a - rise, in Thy pow - er, I'll a - rise.

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....Ephesians 1:3-14
(page 976 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON: Surrounded by God George Robertson

I. Holy Spirit Guarantees Our Adoption

- A. Blessed in the heavenlies (3)
- B. Sealed through the word (13-14)

II. Father Planned Our Adoption

- A. To make us holy (4-6)
- B. To make us heirs (9-12)

III. Son Accomplished Our Adoption

- A. Initiated in redemption (7)
- B. Consummated in fullness of time (8-10)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

◆HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 93 "Praise Him! Praise Him!" JOYFUL SONG

Words: Fanny J. Crosby / Music: Chester G. Allen / Revelation 5:9

1. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!
 2. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!
 3. Praise him! praise him! Je - sus, our bless - ed Re - deem - er!

Sing, O earth, his won - der - ful love pro - claim!
 For our sins he suf - fered and bled and died;
 Heav'n - ly por - tals loud with ho - san - nas ring!

Hail him! hail him! high - est arch - an - gels in glo - ry;
 he our Rock, our hope of e - ter - nal sal - va - tion,
 Je - sus, Sav - ior, reign - eth for - ev - er and ev - er;

strength and hon - or give to his ho - ly name!
 hail him! hail him! Je - sus the Cru - ci - fied.
 crown him! crown him! Proph - et and Priest and King!

Like a shep - herd, Je - sus will guard his chil - dren,
 Sound his prais - es! Je - sus who bore our sor - rows,
 Christ is com - ing! o - ver the world vic - to - rious,

in his arms he car - ries them all day long:
 love un - bound - ed, won - der - ful, deep, and strong:
 pow'r and glo - ry un - to the Lord be - long:

Praise him! praise him! tell of his ex - cel - lent great - ness;

praise him! praise him! ev - er in joy - ful song!

✦BENEDICTION

✦BENEDICTION RESPONSE: "May the Lord Bless and Keep You" arr. Paul Roberts
Words and Music: Katie Moran Bart / Numbers 6:24-26

May the Lord bless and keep you, may He
 make His face to shine on you. May the Lord lift His
 coun - te - nance on you, and be gra - cious, and give you peace.

✦POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Rejoice the Lord is King" Albert Travis

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Sunday Night Worship

6:00 p.m.

♣CALL TO WORSHIP Brian Lewis

♣PRAISE arr. Dan Galbraith

Words and Music: Chris Brown, Brandon Lake, Chandler Moore; arr. Dan Galbraith / Psalm 150

Let ev'rything that has breath praise the Lord, praise the Lord.

**I'll praise in the valley, praise on the mountain.
I'll praise when I'm sure, praise when I'm doubting.
I'll praise when outnumbered, praise when surrounded,
'Cause praise is the waters my enemies drown in.**

*As long as I'm breathing, I've got a reason to
Praise the Lord, oh my soul, praise the Lord, oh my soul!*

**I'll praise when I feel it, and I'll praise when I don't.
I'll praise 'cause I know, You're still in control.
My praise is a weapon; it's more than a sound.
My praise is the shout that brings Jericho down.**

I won't be quiet, my God is alive, so how could I keep it inside.

**I'll praise 'cause You're sov'reign, praise 'cause You reign,
Praise 'cause You rose and defeated the grave.
I'll praise cause You're faithful, praise 'cause You're true,
Praise 'cause there's nobody greater than You.**

♣INVOCATION

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BEEN SO GOOD arr. Grant Wall

Words and Music: Chandler Moore, Brandon Lake / Psalm 116:12

♣Congregation stands and joins at worship team's direction

I call You faith - ful I for the prom-
I call You Sav - ior for the blood

- is - es You've kept, and ev - 'ry need You've met.
that washed me clean, for the wrongs that You re - deemed.

Lord, I'm so grate-ful. You were with
I know You're a-ble, and my eyes

me ev-'ry step, and I nev-er will for-get.
don't have to see one more rea-son to be-lieve.

When I think of how You've blessed me,

how Your hand has nev-er let me go, nev-er let me go.

Chorus

You have been so good to me. God, I can't be-

-lieve how You love me. What a friend! You have been

so good to me. God, I can't be-lieve how You love me.

What a friend You have been.

Bridge

For ev-'ry morn-ing, for ev-'ry o-pen door,
For ev-'ry moun-tain, for ev-'ry time You brought me
For Your for-give-ness, for how You nev-er turned a-
For Your sal-va-tion, You paid the price I could-n't

I call You faith-ful, and I just want to thank You, Lord.
through, I call You faith-ful, and I just want to thank You, Lord.
-way. I call You faith-ful, and I just want to thank You, Lord.
pay. I call You faith-ful, and I just want to thank You, Lord.

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

TESTIMONIES..... Maeve Harper, *Rhodes College*
Andy Stalls, *University of Memphis*

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... II Corinthians 5:18-21
(page 966 in *pew Bible*)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON: Finding Our Place in God’s Story.....Denny Catalano

I. God’s Story: Ministry of Reconciliation (*vv. 18-19*)

- A. A Story Authored by God
- B. A Story About Reconciliation
- C. A Story Accomplished by Christ

II. Our Place: Means of Reconciliation (*vv. 20-21*)

- A. New Mission
- B. New Motivation
- C. New Message

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

LORD, HAVE MERCYSteve Merkel

Words and Music: Steve Merkel / Exodus 33:19

**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.**

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on me.

**I have built an altar where I’ve worshipped 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.**

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.

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

♠HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: REVELATION 19:1..... Maverick City

Words and Music: A. Jeffrey LaValley / Revelation 19:1

Hal - le - lu - jah! Sal -
 All prais - es be to the
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -
 - va - tion and glo - ry,
 King of Kings and the
 - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal -
 hon - or and pow - er to the Lord our God. For the
 Lord our God, He is won - der - ful. All
 - le - lu - jah! He is won - der - ful.
 Lord our God is might - y, the
 prais - es be to the
 Hal - le - lu - jah! Hal - le -

Lord our God is om - nip - o - tent, the
 King of Kings and the
 - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, hal -
 Lord our God, He is won - der - ful.
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 - le - lu - jah! He is won - der - ful.

✦BENEDICTION

✦GOSPEL AMEN

✦Indicates congregation standing

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

CITYSERVE FOOD DRIVE



We are collecting food and other necessary supplies for the most vulnerable in our city for one more week! The deadline is next Sunday, September 15. Drop off barrels are located throughout the hallways (near the Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall as well as in the Recreation Lobby). Visit 2pc.org/fooddrive for the list of most-needed items.



Welcome, Fellows Class of 2025! Memphis Fellows is an intensely practical nine-month spiritual and vocational leadership program that prepares the Fellows to live a seamless life of faith. The program includes a part-time job in a field of interest, biblical coursework, Bible study, mentoring, and service. All of this takes place in community within the context of the local church. This is our 19th class at Second Presbyterian Church!



Hannah Acker graduated from Covenant College with a degree in Biology and a minor in Psychology. She grew up as a military child so has moved around a lot! In her free time, she loves hiking, traveling, and going to the beach. This year, she is looking forward to growing

and serving in this new community and learning more about Memphis. Hannah will be working at OrthoSouth, mentored by Kate Carruthers, and living with Walt, Betsy, Hunter, Graham, and Hutch Wepfer.



Taylor Reilly graduated from the University of Memphis with a degree in Psychology. She is originally from Houston, Texas. In her free time, she loves to walk, go to different coffee shops, and play pickle ball. This year, she is looking forward to getting more involved in the city and falling

more in love with Memphis. Taylor will be working at the Christian Psychological Center and MSM Solutions, mentored by Virginia Wynn, and living with Brandon, Rachel, Blake, Andrew, and Evan Hammons.



Jenna Hamilton graduated from the University of North Texas with a degree in Kinesiology, a minor in Psychology, and a masters in Lifestyle Medicine and Health Coaching. She is originally from Killeen, Texas. In her free time, she loves spending time outside, running, and traveling. This

year, she is hoping to continue to walk in obedience with the Lord serving the church community and Memphis. Jenna will be working with 2PC Sports, mentored by Beth Kaye, and living with Sandy Eggers.



Allie Shepard graduated from Rhodes College with a degree in Neuroscience and a minor in Religious Studies. She is originally from Naples, Florida. In her free time, she loves to run, workout, and read. This year, she is excited to grow in community and serve in Memphis.

Allie will be working at Christ Community Health Services with Dr. Andrew Nearn, mentored by Mary Nease, and living with Ben, Mary Helen, Francis, and Anna Reed Holman.



Emma Hollmann graduated from Gutenberg College with a degree in Fine Arts. She is originally from Centennial, Colorado. In her free time, she enjoys reading, spending time with friends, and going to a local bookstore. This year, she is looking forward to seeing how

the Lord will use her time in Memphis to grow her. Emma will be working at Su Casa Ministries, mentored by Kathy Hammond, and living with Brian, Ann, Matthew, Micah, and Suzanne Lankford.



R'Tisha Golden-Smith graduated from the University of Memphis with a degree in Psychology and a minor in Child Development. She is originally from Grenada, Mississippi. In her free time, she likes to read, paint, and travel. This year, she looks forward to doing service in the Memphis

community. R'Tisha will be working at Nathan Street Ministries, mentored by Kathe Russell, and living with Sandy Eggers.



Maitlyn Phillips attended Pellissippi State Community College and Southern New Hampshire University and studied digital photography. She is originally from Knoxville, Tennessee. In her free time, she loves serving with YoungLife, supporting the Vols, and going to

concerts. This year, she is looking forward to being a part of the church community and learning more about Memphis. Maitlyn is in the interview process for her job placement. She will be mentored by Lucy Wepfer and will live with Michael, Emily, and Annie Moore.

Keep Up with the Fellows This Year!

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Caring Ministry Update

Sympathy to:

Elizabeth Coors on the death of her mother, *Marianne Herndon*, August 25, 2024, in Humboldt, TN.

The family of *Peggy Lloyd Monger* on her death, September 1, 2024.

In the Hospital: (as of 9/4/24)

Derek Clenin, *MD Anderson*

Bob Green, *Village at Germantown Rehab*

Bill Garner, *St. Francis Memphis*

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Cole Yoders who were married on August 24, 2024. Mrs. Yoders is the former Reagan Read.

Mr. and Mrs. Will West III who were married on August 31, 2024. Mrs. West is the former Keely Martin.

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions—Herb and Heather: Herb and Heather thank God for the ongoing work at Annoor Sanitorium even during intense suffering, war, and travel disruptions, and for the safety and often creative travel adjustments of their summer volunteers. They will be traveling to Canada this month to attend the graduation of son Lukas from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police training depot and help his family move to his first post. Pray for traveling mercies and a joyful family gathering. Heather has stayed closely involved with care for Aileen Coleman, who celebrated her 94th birthday yesterday. Heather writes that Miss Aileen is packed and ready to go on the first flight the Lord sends for her. Pray for the work at Annoor, healing the sick, providing for refugees, and encouraging the residents, always holding up Jesus, the Giver of Life.

Domestic Missions—Memphis City Seminary: Memphis City Seminary provides a comprehensive, contextual, affordable, and accessible theological education for students to be educated, equipped, and mobilized for effective gospel ministry. Last month, they celebrated their second graduation and named Taylor Tollison as the new president. Praise God for the many gospel ministers in Memphis who have enrolled as students to deepen their theological understanding and expand their Christ-like service. Please pray for their faith in action, that at MCS they would find inspiration and encouragement for the life-changing work they do. Pray that their earnest hearts seek God and apply His eternal truths in battlegrounds throughout our city. Pray also for MCS as they continue their accreditation process later this month with an official visit from ABHE and for the start of the Augustine Society, a committed donor group, ensuring the accessibility and affordability of Reformed seminary education in Memphis for years to come.

2PC Ministry—Campus Outreach: Campus Outreach is a global network of ministries working through local churches to reach and develop the next generation of Christ-centered leaders on the university campus. Since 1996, Second has served as the “hub church” of the CO Memphis region, which today consists of eight schools, two of which—Rhodes College and the University of Memphis—are local. Pray for the Campus Outreach staff, that the love of God would compel them as they walk with Him into good works on campus. Pray that God would grant wisdom to CO leaders. Pray for the students, that they would know the width, length, height, and depth of God’s love for them, that they would be conformed more into the image of Jesus, and that they would courageously make God known to their friends. Finally, pray for the CO Memphis movement at large that by 2029, God would raise up 150 laborers each year from local campuses to be ambassadors for Christ in the lost world.

Inquirers: September 20–22

Interested in learning more about 2PC or becoming a member?

The Fall Inquirers class will meet September 20-22, and childcare is available.

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Wednesday Night Meals

Join us from 5:00-6:15 p.m. each 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. Payment is taken at the door (cash or credit card); \$8 for adults and \$5 for kids.

September Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary this month are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: *Demetra Patton Quinn* by her children and her grandchildren; *Forrest Spence and Linda Miller* by David, Brittany, Austin, Miller, and Maggie Spence; *Meredith Fox* by Terri, Roy, Roy III, and Margaux; *Reverend Tim Russell* by Katherine W. Russell; **and in honor of:** Jeanne Broemmelsick Smith's birthday by her daughters.

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