



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

September 7, 2025
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.

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

EXALT THE GLORY OF GOD

PRELUDE: “Arrival of the Queen of Sheba” (Sinfonia from “Solomon”) . . . G.F. Handel; arr. E.W. Maynard
“Finlandia op. 26” Jean Sibelius; arr. Herbert A. Fricker

Leo Davis, organ

♣CALL TO WORSHIP: Psalm 47:1 Barton Kimbro

♣HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 257 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing” MADRID

Words: Christian H. Bateman / Music: Trad. Spanish Melody; harm. David Evans; arr. Samuel Metzger / Psalm 95:1

1. Come, Chris-tians, join to sing Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
2. Come, lift your hearts on high, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
3. Praise yet our Christ a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

loud praise to Christ our King; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
let prais - es fill the sky; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
life shall not end the strain; Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 he is our Guide and Friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 on heav - en's bliss - ful shore, his good - ness we'll a - dore,

praise is his gra - cious choice. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end. Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more, "Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!"

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 Taylor Tollison
President, Memphis City Seminary

✦ OLD TESTAMENT READING: Revelation 5:11-13 Tim Miles (8:15)
 Emmanuel Amido (11:00)

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne
 and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels,
 numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands,
 saying with a loud voice,

**"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,
 to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might
 and honor and glory and blessing!"**

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth
 and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

**"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb
 be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"**

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him, above ye heav'nly host:
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

RUN TO THE GOD OF GRACE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Our Father in heaven,
forgive us for thinking small thoughts of You
and for ignoring Your majesty and goodness.
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 not walking in step with You.
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 resting in Jesus, our Savior, 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. Matthew 11:28-30

*Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Come By Here" Kyle Pederson

Words and Music: African American Spiritual; Tune: KUMBA YAH / II Chronicles 6:21

Come by here, my Lord, come by here. O Lord, come by here.

Someone's praying, Lord, come by here.
Someone's crying, Lord, come by here.
In the morning, Lord, You are here.
In the evening, Lord, You are here.
In my waking, Lord, You are here.
In my sleeping, Lord, You are here.

In my pleading, waiting, caring, loving,
Blessing, grieving, hoping, longing, falling,
Hiding, rising, healing, aching, laughing,
Praising, seeking, finding, breathing,
Dying, Lord, You are here.

O Lord, You are here.

Come by here, my Lord, come by here. O Lord, come by here.

Kyle Pederson's arrangement of "Come By Here" (also known as Kum-ba-yah) is a moving prayer for God's presence in moments of need, joy, grief, and healing. Through its lyrical simplicity and rich harmonies, the piece highlights God's unwavering promise to draw near to us in every circumstance. It is both a cry of the heart and a reminder of divine faithfulness that sustains us through all seasons of life.

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN. Brittany Spence

FOLLOW THE GOD OF TRUTH

✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

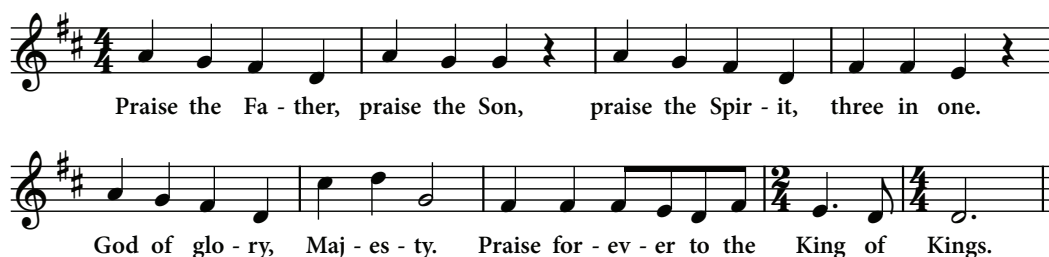
Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom,
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: "King of Kings" Hillsong Worship

Words and Music: Brooke Ligertwood, Jason Ingram, Scott Ligertwood; arr. Dan Galbraith / Revelation 19:16

In the darkness, we were waiting without hope, without light,
'Till from heaven You came running, there was mercy in Your eyes.
To fulfill the law and prophets, to a virgin came the Word.
From a throne of endless glory, to a cradle in the dirt.

Chorus:



The musical notation for the chorus is written on two staves. The first staff is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are: "Praise the Fa - ther, praise the Son, praise the Spir - it, three in one." The second staff continues the melody, with a key signature change to D major (two sharps) and a 2/4 time signature. The lyrics are: "God of glo - ry, Maj - es - ty. Praise for - ev - er to the King of Kings." The notation includes a double bar line at the end of the second staff.

To reveal the Kingdom coming and to reconcile the lost,
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross.
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side.
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died.

Chorus (see score above)

And the morning that You rose, all of heaven held its breath
'Till that stone was moved for good, for the Lamb had conquered death.
And the dead rose from their tombs, and the angels stood in awe,
For the souls of all who'd come to the Father are restored.

And the church of Christ was born, then the Spirit lit the flame.
Now this Gospel truth of old shall not kneel, shall not faint.
By His blood and in His Name, in His freedom I am free,
For the love of Jesus Christ who has resurrected me.

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Isaiah 1:1-9
(page 566 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON: Humble Yourself George Robertson

- I. He has the final word (1-2)
- II. We have ruined everything (3-8)
- II. He alone saves (9)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Sermon Notes

♣HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 606 "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" ST. COLUMBA

Words: Henry Baker / Music: Traditional Irish Melody / Psalm 23



1. The King of love my Shep - herd is whose
 3. Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but
 5. Thou spread'st a ta - ble in my sight; thine
 6. And so through all the length of days thy

good - ness fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 yet in love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 unc - tion grace be - stow - eth; and, oh, what trans - port
 good - ness fail - eth nev - er: Good Shep - herd, may I

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing brought me.
 of de - light from thy pure chal - ice flow - eth.
 sing thy praise with - in thy house for - ev - er.

♣BENEDICTION

♣CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

♣POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"arr. Albert Travis

♣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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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 Brett Wynne

✦CALL TO WORSHIP

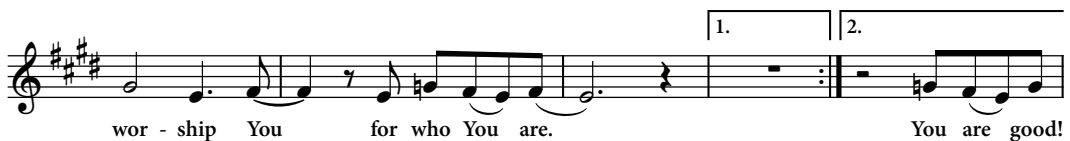
✦LORD, YOU ARE GOOD Israel Houghton

Words and Music: Israel Houghton; arr. Dan Galbraith

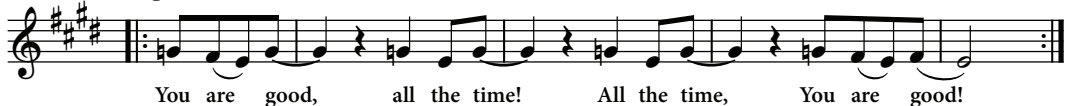
Verse



Chorus



Bridge



✦INVOCATION

VIDEO: THE MINISTRY OF CAMPUS OUTREACH

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GRAVES INTO GARDENS The Worship Initiative

Words and Music: Brandon Lake, Chris Brown, Steven Furtick, Tiffany Hammer / I Corinthians 5:17

♠ Congregation stands and joins at worship team's direction



1. I searched the world, but it could - n't fill me.
2. I'm not a - fraid to show You my weak - ness.



Man's emp - ty praise, and treas - ures that fade
My fail - ures and flaws, Lord, You've seen them all,



are nev - er e - nough. Then You came a - long
and You still call me friend. 'Cause the God of the moun



- tain and put me back to - geth - er,
is the God of the val - ley.



and ev - 'ry de - sire is now sat - is - fied here in Your love.
There's not a place Your mer - cy and grace won't find me a - gain.

Chorus



Oh, there's noth - ing bet - ter than You.



There's noth - ing bet - ter than You.



Lord, there's noth - ing, noth - ing is bet - ter than You.

Bridge



You turn mourn - ing to danc - ing, You give beau - ty for ash -
You turn graves in - to gar - dens, You turn bones in - to ar -



- es. You turn shame in - to glo - ry,
- mies. You turn seas in - to high - ways,



You're the on - ly one who can.
You're the on - ly one who can.

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Mark 2:1-17
(page 837 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON: Your Deepest Need Josh Preston

I. Exposes

- A. The well-meaning but unaware
- B. The well-versed but arrogant

II. Heals

- A. Without prerequisites
- B. With himself

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 Ghost,
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 sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead;**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic* church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

**universal*

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.

PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

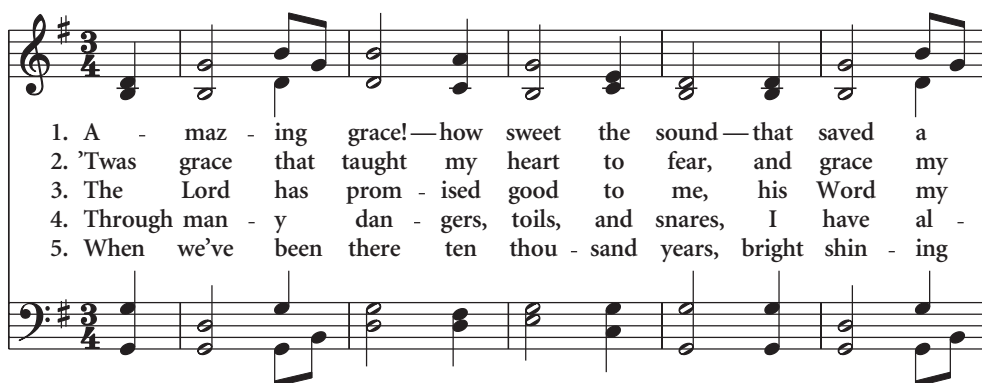
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

NO. 385: AMAZING GRACE NEW BRITAIN

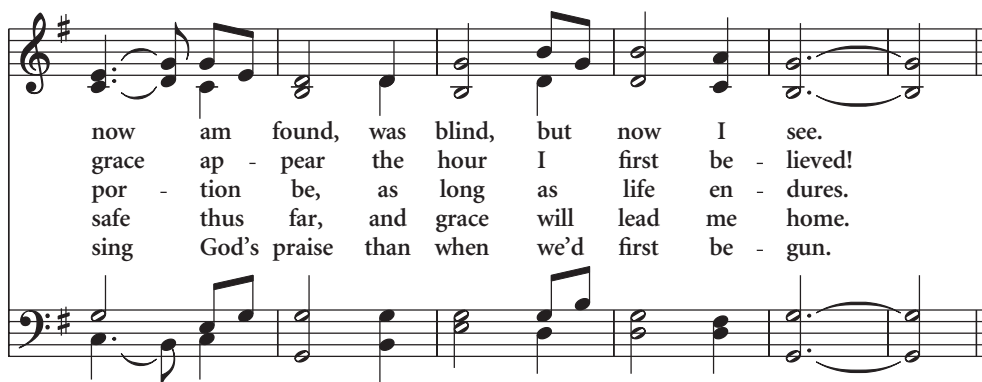
Words: John Newton / Music: Benjamin Shaw, Charles H. Spilman's Columbian Harmony / I Chronicles 17:16



1. A - maz - ing grace!—how sweet the sound—that saved a
 2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my
 3. The Lord has prom - ised good to me, his Word my
 4. Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I have al -
 5. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright shin - ing



wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 fears re - lieved; how pre - cious did that
 hope se - cures; he will my shield and
 read - y come; 'tis grace has brought me
 as the sun, we've no less days to



now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 por - tion be, as long as life en - dures.
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

✦HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: TOTAL PRAISE.....Richard Smallwood

Words and Music: Richard Smallwood / Psalm 121

Lord, I will lift my eyes to the hills,
 know - ing my help is com - ing from You.
 Your peace You give me in time of the storm.
 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!
 - men, a - men! A - men, a - men!
 - men! A - men, a - men, a - men!

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦BENEDICTION

✦GOSPEL AMEN

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Welcome Fellows Class of 2026!

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 within a local church community.

Second has been home to the Memphis Fellows since 2005.



Grace Coates grew up in Little Rock, Arkansas, and studied neuroscience at Rhodes College. She is gaining clinical hours in preparation for a nursing program to become a nurse practitioner specializing in neuroendocrinology and supporting individuals with disabilities. Grace enjoys volleyball, pickleball, baking, painting, photography, coffee, and cooking. She will work at Memphis Urology, be mentored by Antoinette Good, and live with the Ford family.



KenTonya Cox grew up in Poplar Grove, Arkansas and attended Arkansas State University where she studied mathematics. KenTonya aspires to help others in their faith, travel the world, and earn a master's degree (potentially in education, data analysis, or coding). She loves trying new foods, crocheting, and knitting. KenTonya will work at Barnhart Crane and Riggings, be mentored by Shelley Hill, and live with the Blackmon family.



Allison Jackson grew up in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and studied Biobehavioral Nutrition and Wellness at the University of Alabama at Birmingham. After the program, she hopes to work in nutrition, exercise science, or nutrition education. She enjoys singing, hiking, soccer, and running. Allison will work at 2PC Recreation and the Alcy Ball Development Corporation, be mentored by Danielle Miles, and live with the Lankford family.



Meg MaGaha grew up in Horn Lake, Mississippi and attended Union University where she studied worship leadership. She would like to pursue a career in counseling and is also interested in working with children. She loves painting, crocheting, thrifting, reading, and watching movies. Meg will work with the Rea Family and be mentored by Katie West. She will live with the Wepfer family (for six weeks) and then live with the Amido family.



Lauren Miley grew up in Dix, Illinois, and studied Molecular Biology at Cedarville University. She plans to pursue a PhD in Cancer Biology. Lauren enjoys music, painting, collaging, street tacos, playing the violin, and the outdoors, and is passionate about working with adults and children with disabilities. Please pray the Lord provides a research position for her. In the meantime, she will volunteer with Dr. Pfeffer at UT. Lauren will be mentored by Alissa Heirig and live with the Hurst family.



Macy Tidmore grew up in Chattanooga, Tennessee, and studied art history with a concentration in museum studies at Rhodes College. She enjoys knitting, crocheting, reading, painting, and sewing. Pray the Lord provides a job centered around law, serving in the nonprofit sector, or a different field. In the meantime, she is volunteering short-term for Art for Jobs and Advance Memphis for a month. Macy will be mentored by Susan Warner and live with the Gresham family.



Hannah Weber grew up in Champlin, Minnesota, and attended Bethel University where she studied Education and Special Education. Hannah enjoys playing violin, swimming, being outside, and trying new foods. She is excited to grow deeper in her faith, serve others, and meet new people! Hannah will work in 2PC's Children's Ministry, be mentored by Kacey Cummins, and live with the Plosser family.

Keep Up with the Fellows This Year

Instagram: @memphisfellows2pc

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Caring Ministry Update

Sympathy to:

Jim Stewart, Jr. on the death of his sister,
Marilyn Witt, August 24, 2025, in Jackson, MS.

Jennifer Hobson on the death of her father,
Jerry Clinton Summerlin, August 28, 2025.

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Rolin Rosatti, who were
married August 30, 2025. Mrs. Rosatti
is the former Jules Jordan.

In the Hospital (as of 9/3/25):

Blanche Tosh, *Baptist Rehab*
Beverly Carrick, *Allen Morgan Rehab*
(no visitors)

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions—Sameh and Samah: Sameh and Samah have had a difficult year being apart because of the war in the Middle East. After some hard days, they were reunited as a family (with son Selim) in early June. The three of them are adjusting and helping with the youth in Lebanon, at summer camps in Turkey and Egypt, and in some neighboring countries. Please pray for all those who have been involved to grow deep in saving knowledge and faith. Pray also for continued protection and strength and for Selim as he starts school. Their family continues making decisions about their future, so please ask for God's clear guidance and care.

Mission Memphis—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. Pray for MCS students to faithfully mobilize their education for ministry in Memphis. Pray also for the Spirit to work in and through MCS professors as they provide students with biblical and theological training. Finally, pray for the new initiative MCS is launching and for funding sources to support the visionary aims of the seminary.

2PC Ministry—Campus Outreach: Campus Outreach is a global ministry that partners with 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 for the Memphis region, which now includes eight schools—two of them local: Rhodes College and the University of Memphis. Please pray for CO as they launch a new semester of ministry, asking God to draw both returning and new students to Christ through friendships, Bible studies, and small groups, and to make them eager to grow in discipleship. Pray also for student leaders to serve with unity, joy, and perseverance, and for staff to be sustained by the Spirit as they labor. Lastly, ask God to instill a global vision in students' hearts, calling many to give their lives to make Christ known across the city, the country, and the world.

September Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in honor of:

Mrs. Nancy Killebrew Williams and in loving memory of: *Mr. Floyd Edmond Williams* by Mr. and Mrs. Jordan Philip Shermer, who were married yesterday. Mrs. Shermer is the former Macy Williams.

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; and *Reverend Tim Russell* by Katherine W. Russell
and in honor of: *Jeanne Broemmelsick Smith's birthday* by her daughters.

CITYSERVE NEXT STEPS



Own Your Block in Alcy Ball: September 20

Join our neighbors in the Alcy Ball community on September 20, from 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. to pick up trash, clear brush from vacant lots, or serve at a neighborhood church event—all great options for families or parish groups! Visit 2pc.org/cityserve to sign up!

CityServe Food Drive

Through September 14, we are collecting food and other necessary supplies for the most vulnerable in our city. Drop off barrels are located throughout the hallways. Visit 2pc.org/fooddrive for the list of most-needed items.

Wednesday Night Dinner + Fall at Second

Don't miss Wednesday night dinner in the Fellowship Hall each week from 5:00–6:15 p.m. Visit 2pc.org/dinner to view the menu. Also, check out 2pc.org/fall for a list of events and ways to get involved at Second!

Inquirers Class

Interested in learning more about Second or becoming a member? Our Fall Inquirers class, September 12–14, is a great opportunity for you to get to know us better!
2pc.org/inquirers

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.
2pc.org/playlist

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Getting Connected at Second



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