



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

September 6, 2026
Trinity Season

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.

BEHOLD THE LORD IN ALL HIS GLORY

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Vocalise"..... Sergei Rachmaninoff
James Ryan, violin; Leo Davis, piano

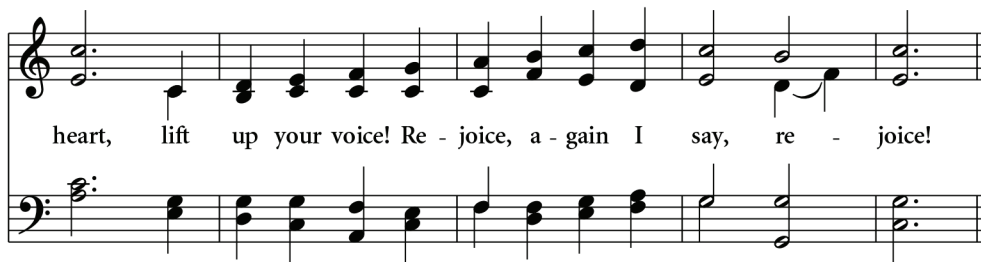
Call to Worship: God invites us into His presence to worship in spirit and in truth—beginning a dialogue that continues throughout the service.

CALL TO WORSHIP: Habakkuk 3:17-18..... Chuck Jacob

♠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

joyce, 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.



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

✦ EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:6-11. Amanda Coop (8:15)
Marjorie Bowman (11:00)

[Christ], who, though he was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped,

**but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.**

And being found in human form,
he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.

**Therefore God has highly exalted him
and bestowed on him the name that is above every name,**

so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

**and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

✦ 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!**

RECEIVE HIS AMAZING GRACE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious Father,
we confess that often we have failed to be an obedient church:
we have not done Your will;
we have broken Your law;
we have rebelled against Your love;
we have not loved our neighbors;
we have not sought first the Kingdom of God;
and we have not submitted to Jesus as King.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience and faithful service
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Friend.**

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..... John 6:38-40

*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. For this is the will of my Father,
that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life,
and I will raise him up on the last day.*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "May He Hold Us" arr. Christopher Enloe

Words and Music: Christopher Enloe / Deuteronomy 33:27

May He hold us till the shadows lengthen
And the evening comes,
Till the busy world is hushed
And the fever of life is over,
And our work is done.

Then in His mercy may He give us
A safe departing and a holy rest,
And peace at the last.

This anthem is a gentle prayer of assurance, reminding us that through every season of life, we rest securely in God's faithful care. As the choir sings, may these words become our shared prayer—that God would hold us, sustain us, and surround us with His unfailing love.

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN..... Beth Fischer

TREASURE HIS LIFE-GIVING WORD

A PRAYER FOR FELLOWS

✠PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

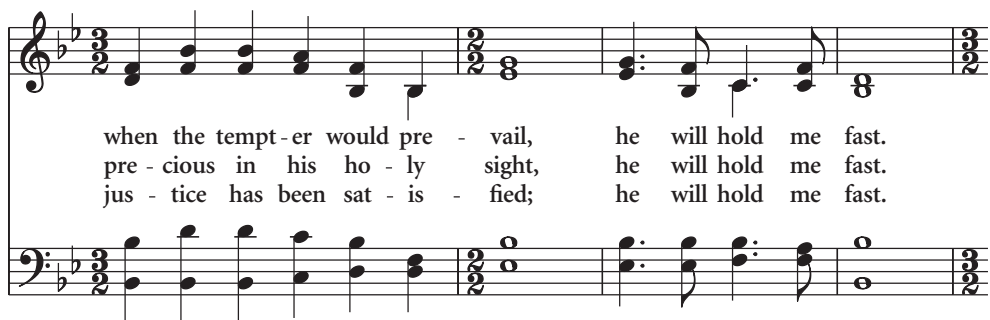
**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy Kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power,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

♠HYMN OF PREPARATION: No. 84 "He Will Hold Me Fast"HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

Words: Ada Habershon, Matt Merker / Music: Matt Merker / Psalm 139:10



1. When I fear my faith will fail, Christ will hold me fast;
 2. Those he saves are his de - light, Christ will hold me fast;
 3. For my life he bled and died, Christ will hold me fast;



when the tempt - er would pre - vail, he will hold me fast.
 pre - cious in his ho - ly sight, he will hold me fast.
 jus - tice has been sat - is - fied; he will hold me fast.

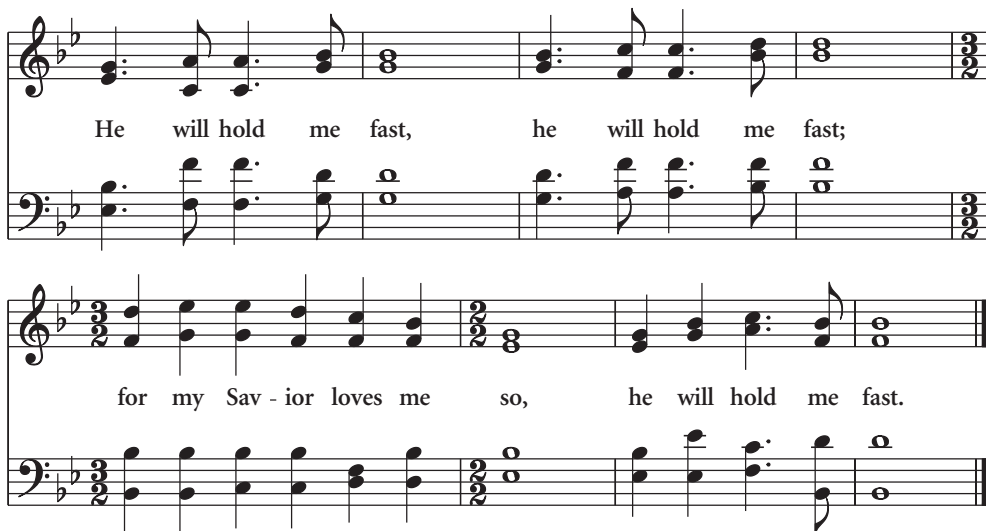


I could nev - er keep my hold through life's fear - ful path;
 He'll not let my soul be lost; his prom - is - es shall last;
 Raised with him to end - less life, he will hold me fast



for my love is of - ten cold; he must hold me fast.
 bought by him at such a cost, he will hold me fast.
 'til our faith is turned to sight, when he comes at last!

Score continues on next page



SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Isaiah 43:22-44:23
(page 604 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON: "Boring" George Robertson

- I. Fear not the past, because God forgives sins (43:22-44:2)
- II. Fear not the present, because the Spirit empowers your witness (44:3-20)
- III. Fear not the future, because Jesus will redeem all things (44:21-23)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

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.

◆HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 304 "How Firm a Foundation" FOUNDATION

Words: John Rippon's Selection of Hymns / Music: Joseph Funk's Genuine Church Music / Isaiah 41:10



1. How firm a foun-da-tion, you saints of the Lord, is laid for your
 2. "Fear not, I am with you, O be not dis-mayed; for I am your
 3. "When through the deep wa-ters I call you to go, the riv-ers of
 4. "When through fi-ery tri-als your path-way shall lie, my grace, all-suf-
 5. "The soul that on Je-sus has leaned for re- pose, I will not, I

faith in his ex-cel-lent Word! What more can he say than to
 God, and will still give you aid; I'll strength-en you, help you, and
 sor-row shall not o-ver-flow; for I will be with you, your
 fi-cient, shall be your sup- ply; the flame shall not hurt you; I
 will not de-sert to his foes; that soul, though all hell should en-

you he has said, to you who for ref-uge to Je-sus have fled?
 cause you to stand, up-held by my righ-teous, om-nip-o-tent hand.
 trou-bles to bless, and sanc-ti-fy to you your deep-est dis-tress.
 on-ly de-sign your dross to con-sume and your gold to re-fine.
 deav-or to shake, I'll nev-er, no nev-er, no nev-er for-sake."

◆BENEDICTION

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

◆CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

◆POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Rejoice, Ye Pure In Heart"arr. Albert Travis

Leo Davis, organ

◆Indicates congregation standing

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Sunday Night Worship

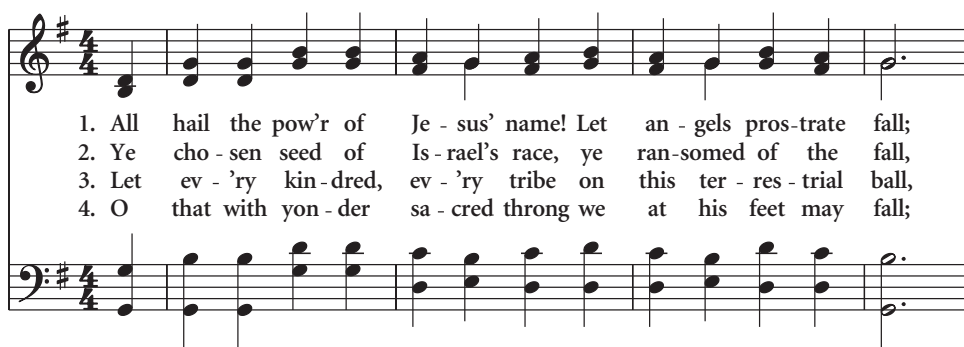
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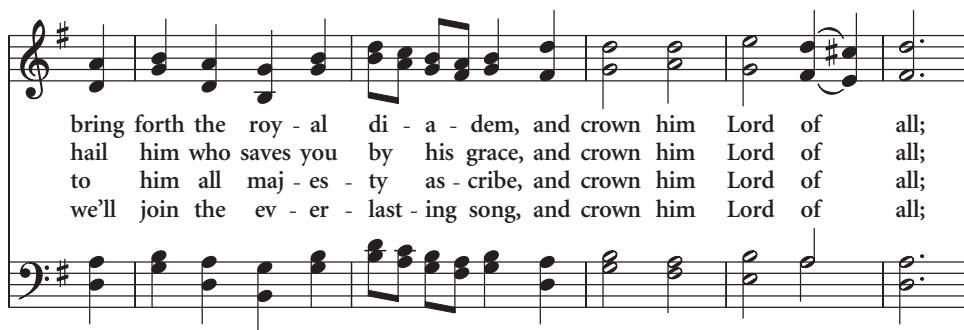
CALL TO WORSHIP Brad Morrow

♣No. 259: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!CORONATION

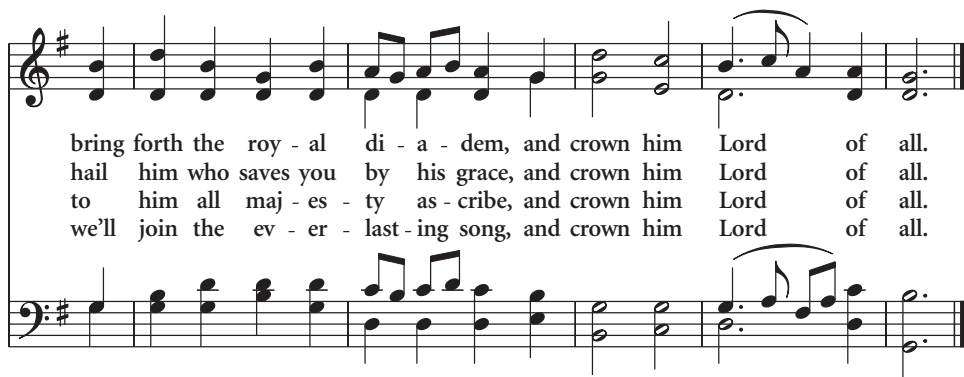
Words: Edward Perronet; alt. John Rippon / Music: Oliver Holden / Philippians 2:9



1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros-trate fall;
 2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran-somed of the fall,
 3. Let ev - 'ry kin-dred, ev - 'ry tribe on this ter - res - trial ball,
 4. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall;



bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all;
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all;
 we'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all;



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COMPLETELY KNOWN, COMPLETELY LOVED..... Matt Boswell, Matt Papa

Words and Music: Matt Boswell, Matt Papa; arr. Dan Galbraith / I John 1:7

♠Congregation stands and joins at worship team's direction

Verse



1. Com - plete - ly known, com - plete - ly loved, my heart is seen by
2. Com - plete - ly free, the shame is gone. The high - est Judge took
3. Com - plete - ly His, how can it be that God would set His
4. Com - plete - ly saved, the work is done. The curse, the grave, is



God a - bove. Should I now run, dare hide my face,
all my wrongs and set them on His on - ly Son.
heart on me, loved not for works that I have done,
o - ver - come. For with that dawn, there rose a King;



when in His eyes there is on - ly grace?
He bore my sin; I bear His love.
but long be - fore time had be - gun?
now hea - ven's smile shines o - ver me.

Chorus



Com - plete - ly known, com - plete - ly loved, I'm cov - ered by my



Sav - ior's blood. I'm robed in white and God is pleased to



see His Son, when He looks on me.

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE LESSON. I Timothy 3:1-13
(page 992 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON: "The Privilege of Caring for God's Church" Josh Preston

I. Noble Task

II. Exacting Qualifications

III. Great Reward

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;

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*

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

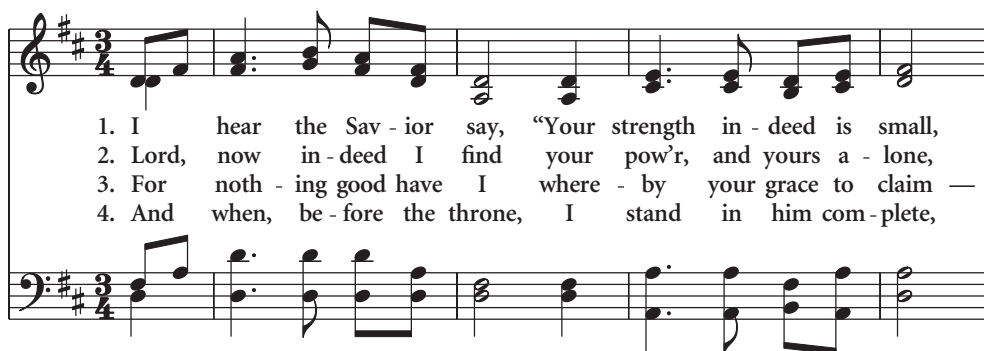
WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

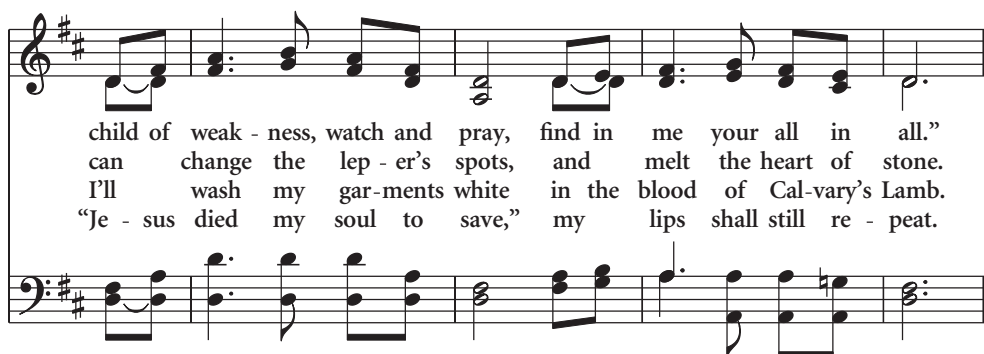
SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

NO. 266: JESUS PAID IT ALL ALL TO CHRIST

Words: Elvina M. Hall / Music: John T. Grape / Isaiah 1:18



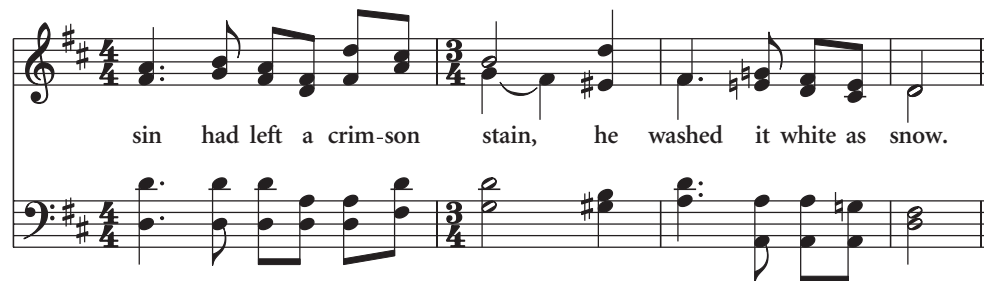
1. I hear the Sav - ior say, "Your strength in - deed is small,
2. Lord, now in - deed I find your pow'r, and yours a - lone,
3. For noth - ing good have I where - by your grace to claim —
4. And when, be - fore the throne, I stand in him com - plete,



child of weak - ness, watch and pray, find in me your all in all."
can change the lep - er's spots, and melt the heart of stone.
I'll wash my gar - ments white in the blood of Cal - vary's Lamb.
"Je - sus died my soul to save," my lips shall still re - peat.



Je - sus paid it all, all to him I owe;



sin had left a crim-son stain, he washed it white as snow.

✦HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: HYMN OF HEAVEN Phil Wickham

Words and Music: Bill Johnson, Brian Johnson, Chris Davenport, Phil Wickham / Revelation 21:1-5

**How I long to breathe the air of Heaven,
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets;
To look upon the One who bled to save me,
And walk with Him for all eternity.**

*There will be a day when all will bow before Him;
There will be a day when death will be no more.
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again—
Holy, holy is the Lord.*

**And every prayer we prayed in desperation,
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear—
In the end, we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears.**

**And on that day, we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith.
With one voice, a thousand generations
Sing, "Worthy is the Lamb who was slain!"**

Forever He shall reign!

**So let it be today—we shout the hymn of Heaven!
With angels and the saints, we raise a mighty roar:
"Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave!"
Holy, holy is the Lord.**

✦BENEDICTION

✦GOSPEL AMEN

✦*Indicates congregation standing*

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Welcome Fellows Class of 2027!

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.



Charles Boyd grew up in Germantown and attended the University of Memphis where he studied Music Recording Technology. He enjoys audio engineering, particularly live sound production. Charles is an Eagle Scout and enjoys fishing, kayaking, camping, running, hiking, board

games, movie nights, and watching the Dallas Cowboys. Charles will work at ProShow, be mentored by Brad Jones, and live with Deb and Bob Coleman.



Jordan King grew up in South Florida and attended Florida Southern College where she studied Exercise Science. She hopes to pursue a career as a physician assistant. She enjoys running, kayaking, reading, listening to music and podcasts, spending time outdoors, and cheering on the Miami Dolphins.

She also enjoys playing Uno, chess, Taboo, and Pictionary. Jordan will work at OrthoSouth, be mentored by Sarah Mercer, and live with Caitlin and Jay Edwards.



Garrett Heady grew up in Cordova and attended the University of Memphis where he studied Choral Music Education. He enjoys kayaking, canoeing, fishing, playing games, and playing guitar, bass, piano, drums, and ukulele. He also enjoys watching *The Office* and *Friends*. Garrett will work

with the 2PC Music Ministry, be mentored by Joel Kaye, and live with Marjorie and Jerry Bowman.



Brody Melton grew up in Lakeland and attended the University of Memphis where he studied Choral Music Education and was a music intern at Second. He is passionate about serving in Memphis and enjoys working with children. He enjoys pickleball, video games, line dancing, CAVA, and

catching up with friends. Brody will work at Neighborhood Christian Centers, be mentored by Seth Harkins, and live with Rebekah and Rusty Shappley.



Edlyn Jarquin grew up in Nashville and attended the University of Memphis where she studied Choral Music Education. The daughter of immigrants, she grew up surrounded by immigrant communities and enjoys serving children in the Hispanic and Latino community. She enjoys picnics,

walks, making Salvadoran food, crafts, being outside, game nights, and watching *Gilmore Girls*. Edlyn will work at Christ Methodist Day School, be mentored by Ceci Fortier, and live with Cailen and Izaac Aramowicz.



Bella Tavernari grew up in Clearwater, Florida, and attended the University of Central Florida where she studied Integrated Business. Bella is driven and enjoys problem-solving, working with others, and learning from wise leaders. She loves kids and enjoys playing

pickleball, attending workout classes, reading, motorcycling, and the occasional nap. Bella will work at Baptist Memorial Hospital, be mentored by Sue Clark, and live with Emily and Grant Lewis.



Zoe Kilimann grew up in Colorado Springs and attended the University of Northern Colorado where she studied Human Services and Sociology. She has experience working with at-risk youth, refugees and immigrants, and the unhoused and underserved. She enjoys games, being outside, arts and crafts,

pickleball, Spikeball, and watching *The Office*. Zoe will work with Second's children's ministry, be mentored by Kathleen Townner, and live with Lindsey and Jonathan Blackmon.



Jahvon Wicks grew up in Collierville and attended the University of Tennessee at Knoxville where he studied Business Administration, Supply Chain Management, and Business Analytics. He enjoys being outside, running, playing soccer and pickleball, watching anime, and

cheering on UT sports and the Miami Dolphins. Jahvon will work at IMC Logistics, be mentored by Preston Frazer, and live with Sarah and Danny Song.

Keep Up with the Fellows This Year

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Caring Ministry Update

Congratulations to:

Erin and Buddy Morrison on the birth of a daughter, Mary Brasher Morrison, August 22, 2026. (*Belle Meade/The Village Parish*) Paternal grandmother is Cindy Morrison.

Courtney and Hennelly Irvin on the birth of a son, *John William Irvin*, August 23, 2026. (*Parkway/Graham Parish*)

Sympathy to:

Wise Jones, Jr. on the death of his mother, *Melissa B. Jones*, August 24, 2026. (*Normal Station Parish*)

In the Hospital: (*as of 9/2/26*)

Becky Dickey, *Allen Morgan* (*Senior Parish*)

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions–Juan and Maria Patt: Juan and Maria serve in Belize and have hosted several key events this summer. Their Spiritual Retreat in July focused on our unity in Christ, and their Sports Day fostered community among the youth at several Presbyterian churches. They praise God for the five families worshipping in their mission church in Calcutta and the mission team that helped finish the interior of the sanctuary and its benches. Please pray for good health as Juan fulfills his duties in leadership and education, especially teaching Bible at a local high school, and as Maria continues teaching the children in New Life primary school. Pray also for the Lord's provision of finances and especially a vehicle for their family and ministry. Pray for Stephanie's studies in medical school and Joanna's growth in modeling Christ among her peers. Lastly, please pray for the leaders of Prince of Peace, that they may persevere faithfully in the service of Christ and His kingdom.

Mission Memphis–One by One: One by One is a faith-based ministry to new and expectant moms, offering support and parent education through mentoring. The ministry connects moms to needed resources and equips them to care for their children in safe, nurturing environments. One by One desires for every mom to know her value and true hope through sharing the love of God and the truth of His Word. Please pray that moms would put their faith in Christ and grow in their relationship with Him. Pray also that God would provide moms with jobs that have adequate living wages. Lastly, pray for more volunteers to mentor moms who are asking for help.

2PC Ministry–Memphis Fellows: The Fellows Program is a nine-month spiritual and vocational leadership program that prepares recent college graduates to live a seamless life of faith. Each year, recent college graduates from around the country follow the Lord's leading to our city to be Memphis Fellows. They spend nine months working, serving, learning, living, and investing in our church and city. As Bella, Edlyn, Zoe, Jordan, Charles, Brody, Jahvon, and Garrett begin the program, please pray that they will lean into the program and all its many components. Pray that the Lord will surround them with people in their lives who will challenge them and continually remind them of the Lord's faithfulness. Please also praise the Lord for providing eight host families, eight mentors, eight jobs, speakers who join the Fellows each Friday to share about the integration of faith and work, teachers, and a committee that tirelessly invests in the Fellows.

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, Linda Miller, and Diane Spence* by David, Brittany, Austin, Miller, and Maggie Spence; *Meredith Fox* by Terri, Roy, Roy III, and Margaux; *Reverend Tim Russell* by Katherine W. Russell.



An Evening with Organist Lenora Morrow Jeffcoat

Friday, September 11 · 7:00 p.m.

Former 2PC Organist Lenora Morrow Jeffcoat returns to the Sanctuary on September 11 for an inspiring evening of music showcasing our magnificent pipe organ. The varied program will feature works by Charles-Marie Widor, Ralph Vaughan Williams, and J.S. Bach, along with other beloved organ repertoire. The concert will also include opportunities for congregational hymn singing!

Inquirers Class: September 18–20

Our Inquirers Class is open to anyone who would like to learn more about Second or pursue membership. Over the course of the class, participants will have the opportunity to meet several pastors, staff members, and church members, as well as explore the Christian faith and life in our community at Second. The next class will be held September 18–20. Visit 2pc.org/inquirers for more details and to register.

Fall

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We're looking forward to being with you this Fall!

MidWeek kicked off August 26, but it's not too late for you to join in on Wednesday evenings. From dinner and children's choirs, to Connect and youth programs, to Bible Studies and new equipping classes, there is something for everyone!

There are also other study opportunities for adults that begin soon. Visit 2pc.org/fall for more details!

Also, save these dates:

- Concert with Lenora Morrow Jeffcoat: *September 11*
- Adult Inquirers Class: *September 18–20*
- CityServe Weekend: *September 26–27*
- Gathering on the Grounds: *October 18*

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