



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

September 13, 2026
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: "Psalm XIX" Bendetto Marcello
"Festive Trumpet Tune" David German

Lenora Morrow Jeffcoat, 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 96:7-10. Brian Lewis

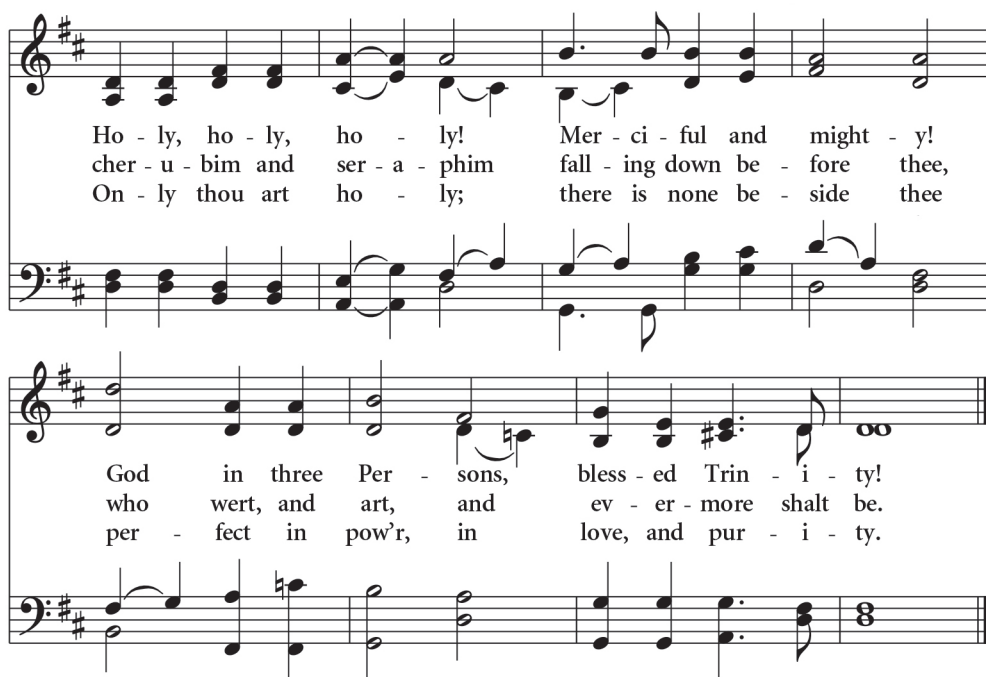
♣HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy!" NICA EA

Words: Reginald Heber / Music: John B. Dykes / Revelation 4:8

1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see.

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble and bass staff for the piano accompaniment, and a vocal line with three verses. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The music is in a hymn style, with a steady rhythm and a clear melody.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y!
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
On - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee

God in three Per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pur - i - ty.

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

✦PSALTER LESSON: Psalm 136:1-4, 23, 24, 26Sabas Moya

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of gods,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the Lord of lords,
for his steadfast love endures forever;

to him who alone does great wonders,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

It is he who remembered us in our low estate,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

and rescued us from our foes,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

Give thanks to the God of heaven,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE NICAEA

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

RUN TO THE GOD OF GRACE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Lord our God,
You are holy, holy, holy,
and the whole earth is full of Your glory.
Bowing before You, we confess that we are full of sin
and unworthy to stand in Your presence.
We have neglected Your Word;
we have sought to make our own names great;
we have not delighted in Your promises;
we have not loved others as You have loved us.
Forgive us, we pray,
not on the grounds of our own righteousness,
but on the grounds of the blood of Jesus,
our Savior and Friend.
It is in His matchless name
and for His sake 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. John 1:29; Revelation 5:9-10

*The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said,
"Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!"*

*And they sang a new song, saying,
"Worthy are you to take the scroll and to open its seals,
for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed people for God
from every tribe and language and people and nation,
and you have made them a kingdom and priests to our God,
and they shall reign on the earth."*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "O Be Joyful in the Lord" John Rutter

Words and Music: John Rutter / Psalm 100

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands;
Serve the Lord with gladness,
And come before His presence with a song.
Be ye sure that the Lord He is God:
It is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves;
We are His people, and the sheep of His pasture.
O go your way into His gates with thanksgiving,
And into His courts with praise:
Be thankful unto Him, and speak good of His name.
For the Lord is gracious, His mercy is everlasting:
And His truth endureth from generation to generation.
Glory be to the Father; glory be to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

*The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD FROM THE MEMPHIS CITY SEMINARY PRESIDENT..... Taylor Tollison

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN..... Danielle Miles

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.

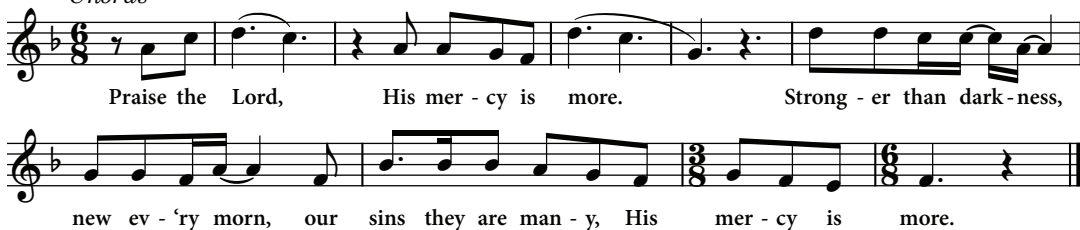
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

✦HYMN OF PREPARATION: “His Mercy Is More”Shane and Shane

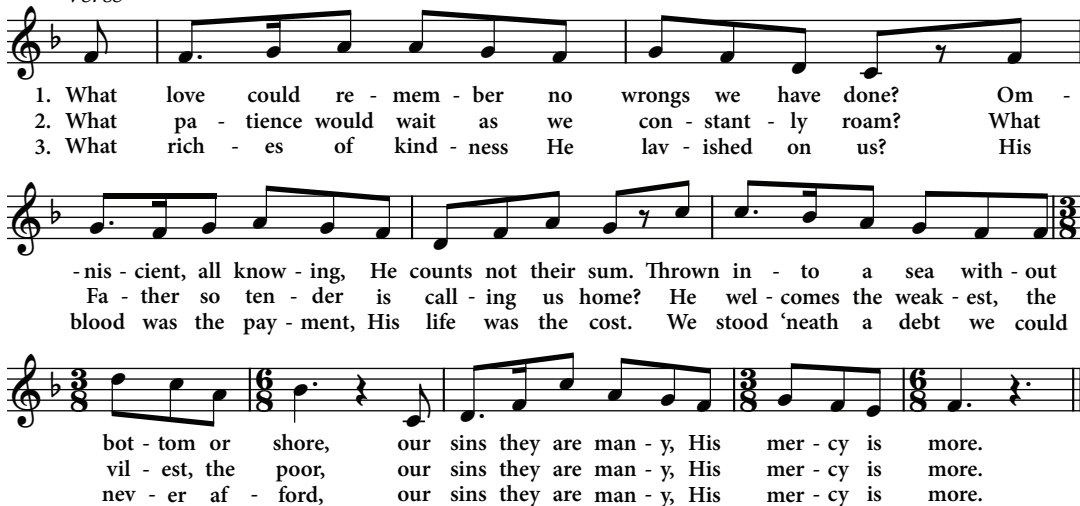
Words and Music: Matt Boswell and Matt Papa; arr. Dustin Loehrs / Psalm 136

Chorus



Praise the Lord, His mer - cy is more. Strong - er than dark - ness,
new ev - 'ry morn, our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.

Verse



1. What love could re - mem - ber no wrongs we have done? Om -
2. What pa - tience would wait as we con - stant - ly roam? What
3. What rich - es of kind - ness He lav - ished on us? His
- nis - cient, all know - ing, He counts not their sum. Thrown in - to a sea with - out
Fa - ther so ten - der is call - ing us home? He wel - comes the weak - est, the
blood was the pay - ment, His life was the cost. We stood 'neath a debt we could
bot - tom or shore, our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.
vil - est, the poor, our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.
nev - er af - ford, our sins they are man - y, His mer - cy is more.

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Isaiah 44:24-45:25
(page 605 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON: "I Am the Lord, and There is No Other" George Robertson

- I. **The Lord Formed People in His Image** (24a; 45:9-13)
- II. **The Lord Made All Things in Heaven and Earth** (24b; 45:18,19)
- III. **The Lord Fulfills His Purpose in History** (25-28, 45:1-6)
- IV. **The Lord Saves by Grace** (45:14-25)

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Sermon Notes

♠HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 91 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" HYMN TO JOY

Words: Henry van Dyke / Music: Ludwig van Beethoven / Psalm 71:23

1. Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love;
 2. All thy works with joy sur-round thee, earth and heav'n re - flect thy rays,
 4. Mor - tals, join the might - y cho - rus which the morn-ing stars be - gan;

hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore thee, o - p'ning to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an - gels sing a - round thee, cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
 love di - vine is reign-ing o'er us, bring-ing all with - in its span.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad - ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way;
 Field and for - est, vale and moun-tain, flow-'ry mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on - ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife;

giv - er of im - mor - tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day!
 sing - ing bird and flow - ing foun-tain call us to re - joice in thee.
 joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward, in the tri-umph song of life.

♠BENEDICTION

♠CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

♠POSTLUDE: Toccata on "Amazing Grace" J. Christopher Pardini

Lenora Morrow Jeffcoat, organ

♠Indicates congregation standing

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Our guest organist today, Lenora Morrow Jeffcoat, is a familiar face to many, as she served as our organist from 2007 to 2013! We're delighted to welcome her back and give thanks to the Lord for the many ways He has gifted her to serve and lead His people in worship.

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.

CALL TO WORSHIP Brett Wynne

✦CHRIST, OUR HOPE IN LIFE AND DEATH..... Getty Music

Words and Music: Jordan Kauflin, Keith Getty, Matt Boswell, Matt Papa, and Matthew Merker



1. What is our hope in life and death? Christ a - lone, Christ a - lone.
2. What truth can calm the trou - bled soul? God is good, God is good.
3. Un - to the grave, what shall we sing? "Christ, He lives! Christ, He lives!"



What is our on - ly con - fi - dence? That our souls to Him be - long.
Where is His grace and good - ness known? In our great Re - deem - er's blood.
And what re - ward will heav - en bring? Ev - er - last - ing life with Him.



Who holds our days with-in His hand? What comes, a - part from His com-mand?
Who holds our faith when fears a - rise? Who stands a - bove the storm-y trial?
There we will rise to meet the Lord, then sin and death will be de-stroyed,



And what will keep us to the end? The love of Christ, in which we stand.
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh un - to the shore, the rock of Christ?
and we will feast in end - less joy, when Christ is ours for - ev - er - more.

Chorus



O sing, ha - le - lu - jah! Our hope springs e - ter - nal,



O sing, ha - le - lu - jah, now and ev - er we con - fess,



Christ our hope in life and death.

✦INVOCATION

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HOLD HIM HIGHCitizens

Words and Music: Brian Eichelberger, Mitch Wong, Zach Bolen / Isaiah 52:13

✦*Congregation stands and joins at worship team's direction*



1. Be - fore He spoke the Word that laid the world's foun - da - tion,
2. The won - der of His will, re - vealed in our re - demp - tion;



He knew us as be - lov - ed and a - dored.
it's on - ly by His blood that we're made whole.



Set a - part in love to be His new cre - a - tions;
For He is the Way, the Truth, the Life for - ev - er.



oh, that we would find in Him our great re - ward.
On the prais - es of the church He is en - throned,



Hold Him high, glo - ri - ous Je - sus Christ.
Hold Him high, glo - ri - ous Je - sus Christ.

Chorus



Ho - li - est Son of man, wor - thy and lift - ed Lamb,



Heav - en's ex - alt - ed King, He is our right - eous - ness.

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Light of the world in us, there is no bright - er love.

Hold Him high, glo - ri - ous Je - sus Christ.

Ho - ly, ho - ly God Al - might-y, awe-some, e - ter - nal King and Christ.

Heav-en and earth sing, "He is wor-thy!" Lord o-ver all, be lift - ed high.

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SCRIPTURE LESSON.....I Timothy 4:1-8
(page 992 in pew Bible)

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

SERMON: "The Mystery of Godliness"Barton Kimbro

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

Sermon Notes

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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

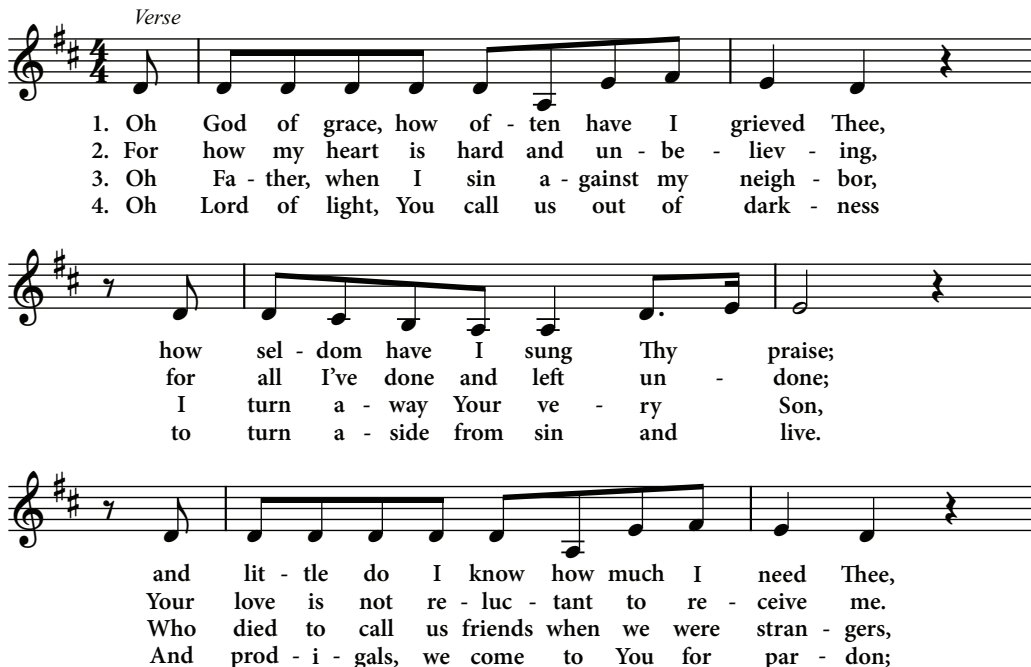
PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

LOVE STILL BIDS YOU WELCOME Skye Peterson

Words and Music: Skye Peterson, Ben Shive / John 6:37

Verse

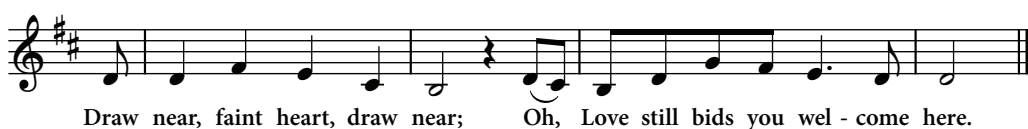
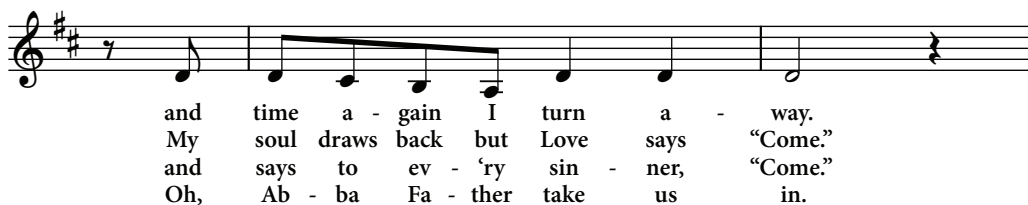


1. Oh God of grace, how of - ten have I grieved Thee,
2. For how my heart is hard and un - be - liev - ing,
3. Oh Fa - ther, when I sin a - gainst my neigh - bor,
4. Oh Lord of light, You call us out of dark - ness

how sel - dom have I sung Thy praise;
for all I've done and left un - done;
I turn a - way Your ve - ry Son,
to turn a - side from sin and live.

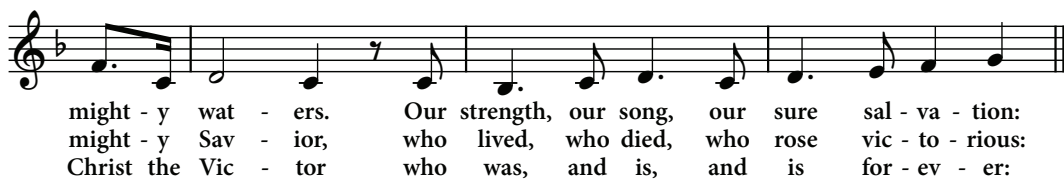
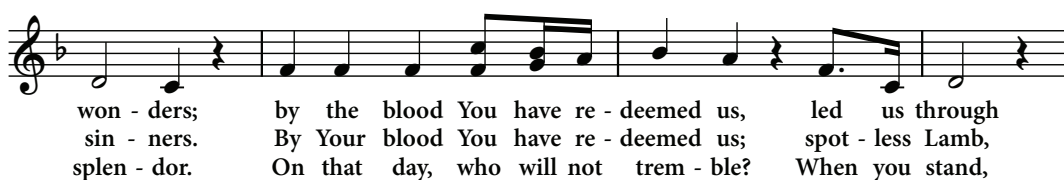
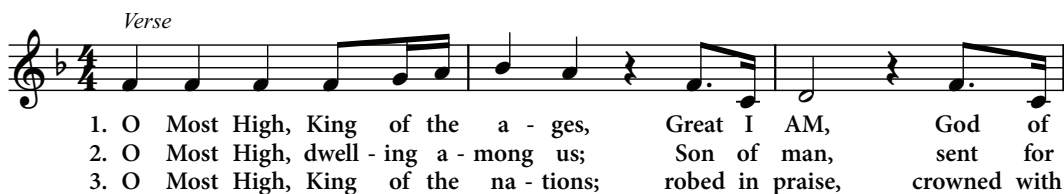
and lit - tle do I know how much I need Thee,
Your love is not re - luc - tant to re - ceive me.
Who died to call us friends when we were stran - gers,
And prod - i - gals, we come to You for par - don;

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♦HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: CHRISTUS VICTOR (AMEN). Getty Music

Words and Music: Matt Boswell, Bryan Fowler, Keith Getty, Kristyn Getty, Matt Papa / Revelation 7:9



1.

po - wer for the bat - tle You have won: Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men.

2, 3.

lu - jah! With ev - 'ry tribe and ev - 'ry tongue,

we join the an - them of the an - gels in the

tri - umph of the Son. Hal - le - lu - jah! A - men!

Bridge

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

✦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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Dinner for College Students Tonight!

All college students are invited to the Fellowship Hall following worship tonight for a dinner hosted by Campus Outreach.

Caring Ministry Update

Sympathy to:

Mya Hawkins on the death of her father,
Wendell Hawkins, September 4, 2026.
(*West Parish*)

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

Becky Dickey, *Allen Morgan (Senior Parish)*

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions–Maddie: Maddie serves college students in Thailand and recently reported on their summer camps. One highlight was the number of unbelieving students eager to learn who God is through Bible study and follow-up questions and answers. Maddie is also encouraged by the Christian students stepping up to share their faith consistently with those still somewhere along the way to knowing Christ. Later in the summer, her staff team spent time together in Bible study and team-building exercises, allowing them to experience personal refreshment and renewal. She is praising God for two women, R and PP, who are growing in their first steps of faith. Please pray for the dozen other students with whom Maddie is sharing Christ. Pray also for her own devotion to Christ and that her team will continue to abide in Him, serving out of the overflow of His love and remaining united in vision as they move forward.

Mission Memphis–Memphis City Seminary: Memphis City Seminary (MCS) provides a comprehensive, contextual, affordable, and accessible theological education for Memphis-based leaders to be educated, equipped, and mobilized for effective gospel ministry. Pray for MCS students to faithfully utilize their education for strategic ministry purposes in Memphis. Pray also for the Spirit to work in and through the professors as they provide leaders with biblical and theological training. Finally, pray for the new initiatives 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 working through local churches to develop Christ-centered leaders on university campuses. Since 1996, Second has served as the hub church for the CO Memphis region, including Rhodes College and the University of Memphis. Praise God for the successful start of a new school year and for the many students already engaging in Bible studies, discipleship groups, and weekly gatherings. Pray especially for the upcoming Laborers Retreat, September 18–20, where roughly 150 students will gather to consider what it means to follow Christ and live on mission. Ask the Lord to deepen students in His Word, give student leaders courage to share their faith, and draw unbelieving students to Christ. Pray also that God would continue raising up laborers who will make disciples on their campuses now and carry the gospel into the church, workplace, and world for years to come. Finally, pray for wisdom, endurance, and dependence on Christ for the staff as they invest deeply in students throughout this semester.

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.

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. Please register by Wednesday, September 16.



September 26–27

2pc.org/cityserve

We're looking forward to CityServe Weekend, September 26–27, when we'll focus our attention on the needs of our city and be encouraged and challenged to live missionally.

Saturday of Service: All ages are invited to join us from 9:00-11:00 a.m. to serve with Alcy Ball Development Corporation and Neighborhood Christian Centers. Visit 2pc.org/cityserve for more details and to register to help!

Sunday of Worship: Ministry Partners will join us for worship at 8:15 and 11:00 a.m., and Pastor Emeritus Sandy Willson will preach. At 9:45 a.m., we'll gather for joint Sunday School to learn about our Shalom approach and hear from ministry partners. Sandy Willson will preach again in the evening, and The Choir Room from Nashville will lead us in worship. *(See below for information about The Choir Room and how to sing with them before our evening service!).*

What is The Choir Room? Put simply, it's all of us! The Choir Room is a multi-ethnic, multi-generational, non-denominational family of singers and musicians where everyone has a voice. Rather than being a choir made up of a set group of people, The Choir Room is anyone and everyone who shows up to sing! *(Visit choirisback.com to learn more.)*

At 4:30 p.m. on CityServe Sunday, September 27, members of 2PC and our local ministry partners, as well as friends and visitors from across our city, are invited to gather in the Sanctuary to rehearse together. No previous vocal, choral, or note-reading experience is required! Come ready to be united in community through the hope of the Gospel in song. Then, at 6:00, we'll culminate the time by leading the evening worship service together.

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