



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

September 20, 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 GLORY OF JESUS

PRELUDE: "Arioso (Thanks Be to Thee)..... G.F. Handel

Kathy Priestley, 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 99:3-5Damon Conley

♦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 260 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!"DIADEM

Words: Edward Perronet; alt. John Rippon / Music: James Ellor / Philippians 2:9

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and organ. It is in the key of B-flat major (three flats) and 3/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system contains the first four lines of the hymn, and the second system contains the next four lines. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves, and the organ accompaniment is shown on the bottom staff of each system.

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let
2. Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye
3. Let ev - 'ry kin - dred, ev - 'ry tribe on
4. O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we

an - gels pros - trate fall, let an - gels pros - trate fall; bring
ran - somed of the fall, ye ran - somed of the fall, hail
this ter - res - trial ball, on this ter - res - trial ball, to
at his feet may fall, we at his feet may fall; we'll

Refrain

forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown
 him who saves you by his grace,
 him all maj - es - ty as - crite, and crown him,
 join the ev - er - last - ing song,

crown him, crown him, crown him, crown him,
 crown

crown him, crown him, and crown him Lord of all.
 him, and crown him

◆INVOCATION

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM (8:15)

Worth Campbell Wepfer, born February 21, 2026, son of Betsy and Walt Wepfer

Abigail Thomas Moore, born December 24, 2025, daughter of Emily and Michael Moore

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.

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 THE GRACE OF JESUS

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**God our heavenly Father,
how comforting to know that You declare sinners like us
completely forgiven, totally accepted, and profoundly loved
through faith in Jesus Christ alone.
In humility, we confess we have neglected Your Word,
resisted Your will, and disbelieved Your promises of grace.
Renew us, we pray, according to Your steadfast love.
Restore us to the joy of Your salvation
so that we might delight in Your will,
rest in Your promises,
and live to the glory of Your holy name.
It is in Jesus 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..... Ephesians 1:7-8

*In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses,
according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight.*

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "All Sufficient Merit".....Shane and Shane

Words and Music: Bethany Barnard, Bryan Fowler, Shane Barnard / II Corinthians 5:21

All sufficient merit, shining like the sun;
A fortune I inherit by no work I have done.
My righteousness I forfeit at my Savior's cross,
Where all sufficient merit did what I could not.
In love He condescended, eternal now in time;
A life without a blemish the Maker made to die.
The law could never save us, our lawlessness had won,
Until the pure and spotless Lamb had finally come

*It is done, it is finished, no more debt I owe;
Paid in full, all sufficient merit now my own.*

I lay down my garments, any empty boasts;
Good works all corrupted by the sinful host.
Dressed in my Lord Jesus, a crimson robe made white;
No more fear of judgement, His righteousness is mine.

All sufficient merit, firm in life and death;
The joy of my salvation shall be my final breath.
When I stand accepted before the throne of God,
I'll gaze upon my Jesus and thank Him for the cross. Yes I'll thank You for the cross.

Bella Kulinski and Garrett Heady, duet

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

COMMISSIONING PRAYER FOR AUDREY HAMM Jenna Hamilton (8:15)
Maeji Brown (11:00)

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN..... Sarah Logan Song
Director of Children's Ministry

FOLLOW THE WAY OF JESUS

A PRAYER FOR EDUCATORS

✦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: "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-destroyed,



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.

The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. *(Isaiah 40:8)*

SERMON: “Good Desires, Bad Solutions” George Robertson

I. Security

- A. False:
1. Science is assurance (46:1, 2)

2. Money is power (46:5-7)
- B. True:
1. God carries (46:3, 4)

2. God is sovereign (46:8-11)

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.

II. Belonging

- A. False:
1. I belong on the throne (47:8)

2. I rule from my throne (47:10)
- B. True:
1. God creates belonging (46:12-13)

2. God rules (46:5)

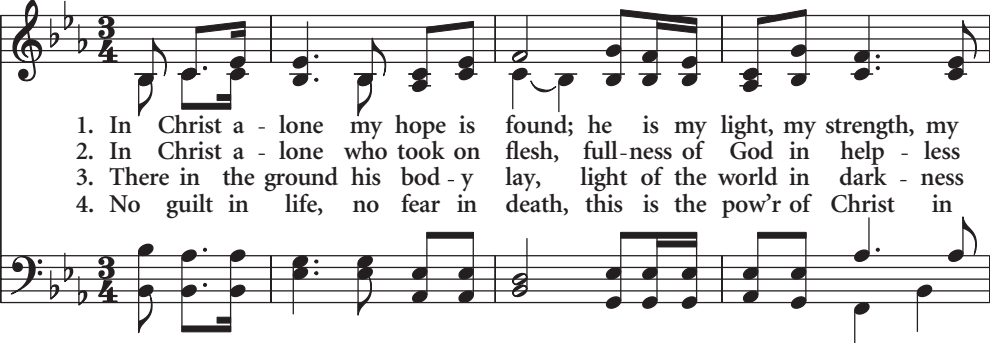
III. Purpose

- A. False: I can achieve happiness (47:11-15)
- B. True: God redeems (47:4)

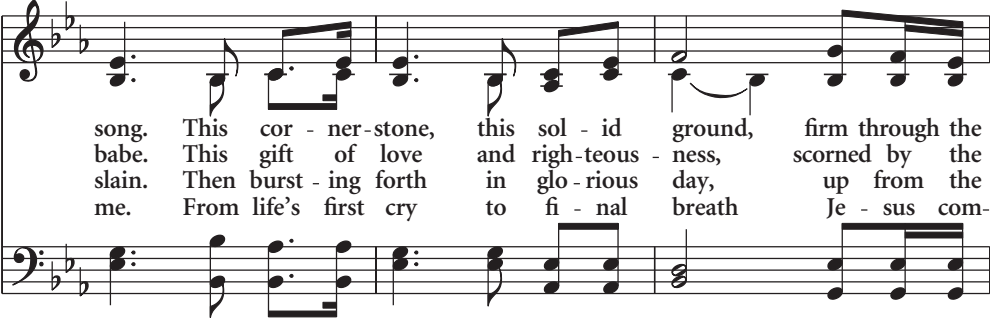
PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

♣HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 577 “In Christ Alone” IN CHRIST ALONE

Words and Music: Keith Getty, Stuart Townend / Philippians 3:8-9



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found; he is my light, my strength, my
2. In Christ a - lone who took on flesh, full-ness of God in help - less
3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the world in dark - ness
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the pow'r of Christ in



song. This cor - ner-stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
babe. This gift of love and righ-teous - ness, scorned by the
slain. Then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the
me. From life's first cry to fi - nal breath Je - sus com-

fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of
 ones he came to save, till on that cross, as Je - sus
 grave he rose a - gain. And as he stands in vic - to -
 mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of

peace when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease. My Com - fort -
 died, the wrath of God was sat - is - fied, for ev - 'ry
 ry, sin's curse has lost its grip on me, for I am
 man can ev - er pluck me from his hand, till he re -

er, my all in all, here in the love of Christ I stand.
 sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
 his and he is mine, bought with the pre - cious blood of Christ.
 turns or calls me home, here in the pow'r of Christ I stand.

✦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: "Great Is the Lord" arr. Tim Doran

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Join the Choir for Festival of Carols

Love to sing but can't commit to joining the choir every week? Join the choir for Advent and help lead worship for Festival of Carols on December 6. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays at 6:30 p.m., beginning October 6, and participants are asked to attend at least five rehearsals plus the dress rehearsal on Wednesday, December 2. Email music@2pc.org with questions.

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 Barton Kimbro

♣ THE LION AND THE LAMB Leeland

Words: Brenton Brown, Brian Johnson, Leeland Mooring / Music: Dustin Loehrs, Dan Galbraith



1. He's com - ing on the clouds, kings and king - doms will bow down.
2. So o - pen up the gates, make way be - fore the King of Kings.



And ev - 'ry chain will break, as bro - ken hearts de - clare His
Our God who comes to save is here to set the cap - tives



praise, for who can stop the Lord Al - might - y?
free, for who can stop the Lord Al - might - y?

Chorus



Our God is the Li - on, the Li - on of Ju - dah.



He's roar - ing with pow - er, and fight - ing our bat - tles.



And ev - 'ry knee will bow be - fore Him. Our God is the Lamb,



the Lamb that was slain. For the sin of the world,



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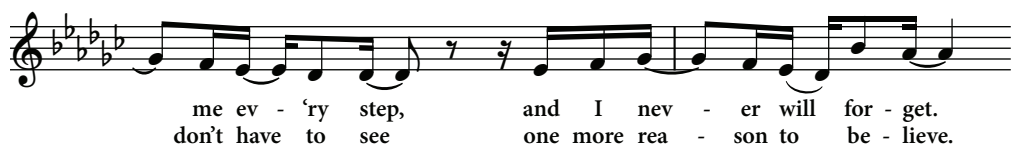
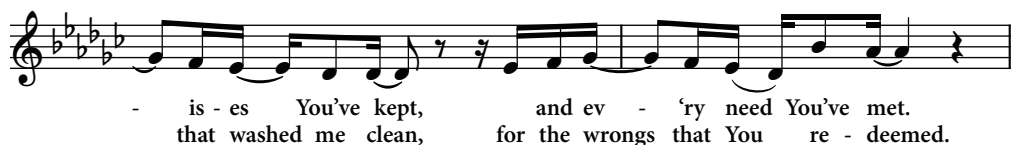
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BEEN SO GOOD arr. Grant Wall

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

✦ Congregation stands and joins at worship team's direction



Score continues on next page



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

SCRIPTURE LESSON. I Timothy 4:1-5
(page 992 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON: “Detecting False Teaching” Josh Preston

I. Danger

II. Posture

III. An Example

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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

AT THE CROSS (ALAS! AND DID MY SAVIOR BLEED) Ralph Hudson

Words: Isaac Watts / Music: Ralph Hudson / Isaiah 53:5



1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed? And did my Sov-'reign die?
2. Was it for crimes that I have done he groaned up - on the tree?
3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide and shut his glo - ries in
4. Thus might I hide my flush - ing face while Cal - v'ry's cross ap - pears,
5. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of love I owe.



Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for such a worm as I?
 A - maz - ing pit - y! grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
 When Christ, the might - y Mak - er, died for man, the crea - ture's sin.
 Dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness and melt mine eyes to tears.
 Here, Lord, I give my - self a - way 'tis all that I can do.



At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light, and the



bur - den of my heart rolled a - way. It was there by faith



I re - ceived my sight, and now I am hap - py all the day!

♦HYMN OF THANKSGIVING: NO. 28 "HOW GREAT THOU ART" Yolanda Adams

Words: Stuart Hine / Music: Yolanda Adams / Psalm 48:1

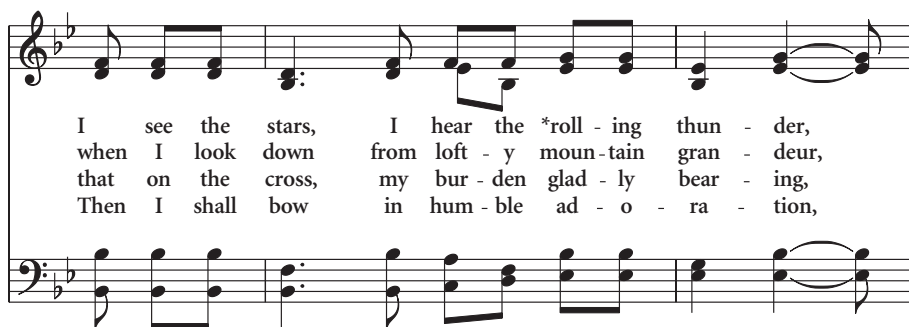


1. O Lord my God, when I in awe - some won - der
2. When through the woods and for - est glades I wan - der
3. And when I think that God, his Son not spar - ing,
4. When Christ shall come with shout of ac - cla - ma - tion

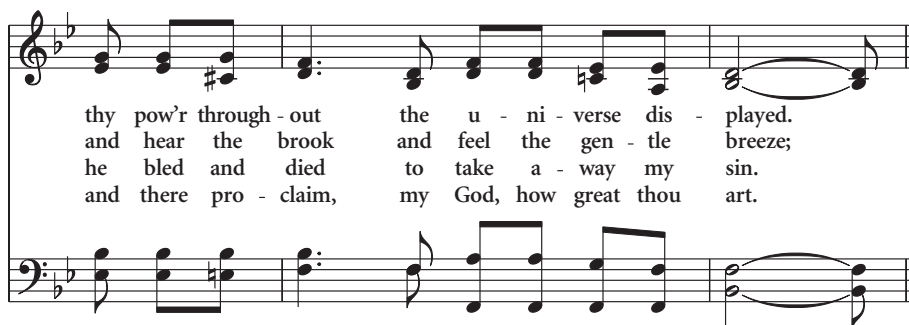


con - sid - er all the *worlds thy hands have made,
 and hear the birds sing sweet - ly in the trees,
 sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
 and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!





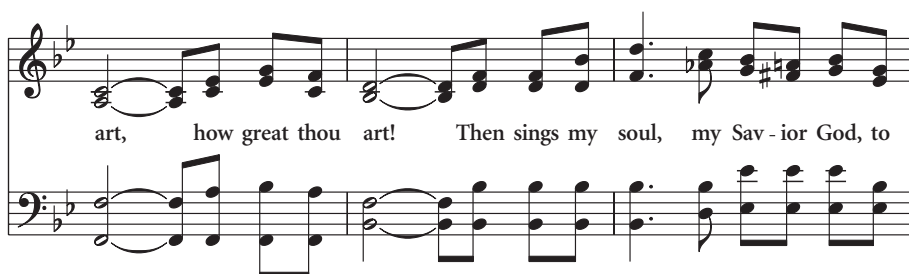
I see the stars, I hear the *roll - ing thun - der,
 when I look down from loft - y moun - tain gran - deur,
 that on the cross, my bur - den glad - ly bear - ing,
 Then I shall bow in hum - ble ad - o - ra - tion,



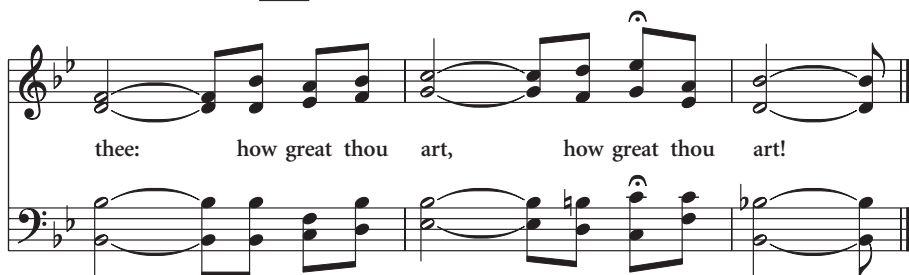
thy pow'r through - out the u - ni - verse dis - played.
 and hear the brook and feel the gen - tle breeze;
 he bled and died to take a - way my sin.
 and there pro - claim, my God, how great thou art.



Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to thee: how great thou



art, how great thou art! Then sings my soul, my Sav - ior God, to



thee: how great thou art, how great thou art!

✦BENEDICTION

✦GOSPEL AMEN

✦Indicates congregation standing

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September 26–27

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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. To help us plan for this day, please 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, led by Dwan Hill, 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.

CityServe Food and Resource Drive

From CityServe Sunday, September 27, through October 18, we will be collecting food and other necessary supplies for the most vulnerable in our city. Donations will be distributed through our partner organizations, Neighborhood Christian Centers, World Relief Memphis, Refugee Empowerment Program, and Berclair Elementary School.

Visit 2pc.org/cityserve to view the list of suggested items. Drop off donations in decorated barrels located in the B and C buildings and in the Recreation Lobby.

Caring Ministry Update

Sympathy to:

Judith Campbell on the death of her husband, *Bruce Campbell, Jr.* September 15, 2026. (*Graham Waring Parish*) Bruce was the father of Carter Campbell. (*Highland Parish*)

Spike Treadwell on the death of his father, *Swift Treadwell*, September 15, 2026. (*Shelby Farms Parish*)

In the Hospital: (as of 9/16/26)

Becky Dickey, *Allen Morgan (Senior Parish)*

Kenny Duke, *Baptist East (West Parish)*

Janice Akins Wooley, *Baptist East (Shelby Farms Parish)*

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions–Audrey: Audrey departs for Central Asia the first of November, but she leaves this week for her final piece of pre-field training. We will deeply miss her caring leadership and fellowship while trusting the Spirit's guidance and provision to continue carrying her ahead. She spent this summer saying goodbye to friends and enjoying joyful and peaceful rest with her family. She has completed part of her pre-field training, moved out of her apartment, and begun studying Russian! Praise the Lord that she is fully funded, and we pray that God would piece together the last details, including getting her visa in time for a November departure. Pray that she quickly absorbs the language and culture and that the Lord keeps her heart in a place of joyful surrender as He works out His will in her life.

Mission Memphis–Advance Memphis: The mission of Advance Memphis is to empower adults in South Memphis to establish economic stability, reconcile relationships, and restore dignity by the power of Jesus Christ. Using various programs and classes, Advance Memphis helps students move toward economic stability. Pray that students in their programs would come with open hearts and minds as they learn together. Pray that the Holy Spirit gives the staff humility and wisdom as they engage in the community. Lastly, pray for their annual Art for Jobs fundraiser (September 24), that God would provide ample volunteers to run the event and that Advance would receive an abundance of proceeds to continue to fuel their ministry.

2PC Ministry–Youth Ministry: Our youth ministry seeks to lead students in grades 6–12 in a growing relationship with Christ, the Church, and His work in the world through Scripture-based teaching, discipleship, fellowship, missions, and service. Pray that students would grow in God's Word, that volunteers would be encouraged as they invest in students, and that the 45 high school students serving in leadership would boldly share Jesus with friends. Pray also for the upcoming retreats (Middle School: October 23-25, High School: November 20-22), that God would use time in community around God's Word to call many students to walk faithfully with Him.

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.

Courageous Parenting MidWeek Elective Begins September 30

Wednesdays, September 30–December 2 • 6:15–7:30 p.m.

What does it look like to cultivate family rhythms that help our children grow as disciples of Christ? Our children's ministry invites parents of birth through fifth graders to Courageous Parenting, an eight-week class that will offer practical encouragement and conversation around developing routines that support faithful parenting.

Visit 2pc.org/parenting to register or email sarah.logansong@2pc.org with questions.

General Fund Giving Update

	This Year Budget	This Year Actual	Variance to Budget	Prior Year Actual	Variance to Prior Year
August	\$ 791,258	\$ 977,022	\$ 185,764	\$ 1,036,977	\$ (59,955)
YTD 7/1/26–8/31/26	\$ 1,590,798	\$ 1,827,123	\$ 236,325	\$ 1,693,938	\$ 133,185

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