



IN MEMPHIS AS IT IS IN HEAVEN

CityServe Sunday



September 27, 2026

Morning Worship

8:15 & 11:00 a.m.

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 GOD

PRELUDE: "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"arr. Fred Bock
Leo Davis, 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 113:1-3, 7-9 Brian Lewis

♠HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 436 "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling" HYFRYDOL
Words: Charles Wesley / Music: Rowland Prichard; arr. Mack Wilberg / John 14:21

1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heav'n, to
2. Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - 'ry
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all thy

earth come down: fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing, all thy
trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it, let us
life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -

faith - ful mer - cies crown: Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion,
 find the prom - ised rest: take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee,
 thy sal - va - tion, en - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.
 its Be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.

◆INVOCATION

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.

✦EPISTLE LESSON: Philippians 2:5-11..... Antwoine Clark, *South Side Wildcats* (8:15)
Travis Moody, *Forward Memphis* (11:00)

Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus,
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 HYFRYDOL

**Finish, then, Thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be:
Let us see Thy great salvation perfectly restored in Thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heav'n we take our place,
Till we cast our crowns before Thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

RECEIVE THE GRACE OF JESUS

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Gracious heavenly Father,
You are compassionate to the lonely and oppressed.
You come to the rescue of the harassed and helpless.
Yet, we confess our reluctance
to imitate Your ways and engage Your mission.
Forgive us for being more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved, callous than compassionate,
obstinate than obedient, and legalistic than loving.
Pardon us for holding tightly to Your resources.
May the costly love of Jesus motivate us anew
to do justice, love mercy, and walk humbly with You.
For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON..... I John 4:9-10

*In this the love of God was made manifest among us,
that God sent his only Son into the world,
so that we might live through him.
In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us
and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.*

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.

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Jehovah Sabaoth” Donald Lawrence

Words and Music: Donald Lawrence; arr. James Ryan / II Kings 6:16-17

I shall not fear the arrow by day; nor, shall I fear the terror by night.
The God who governs angel armies has set encampments around me.
Whom shall I fear?
I’m not afraid, all is well.

*Phillip Bond, soloist
The Chancel Choir
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A WORD ON CITYSERVE

VIDEO TESTIMONY: JOYCE SMALL

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN. Lizzie Barnes
New Hope Christian Academy

FOLLOW HIS LIFE-GIVING WORD

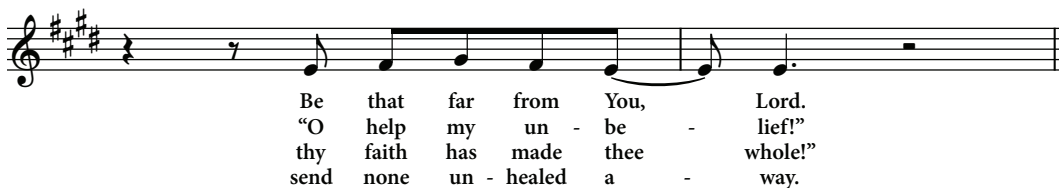
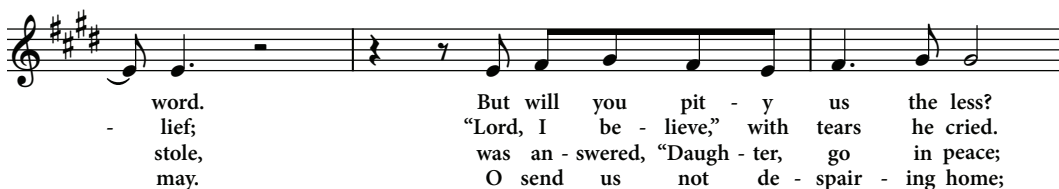
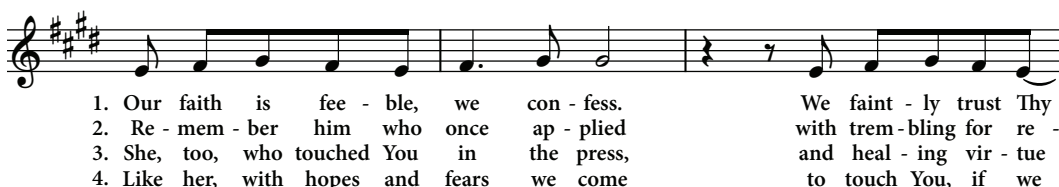
✦PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

**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: "Heal Us"Indelible Grace Music

Words: William Cowper / Music: Kevin Twit, Lucas Morton / Luke 6:17-19

Chorus



SCRIPTURE LESSON..... Luke 10:1-16

(page 868 in pew Bible)

The grass withers, the flower fades,

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

SERMON: "Every Christian's Mission" Sandy Willson

Pastor Emeritus

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

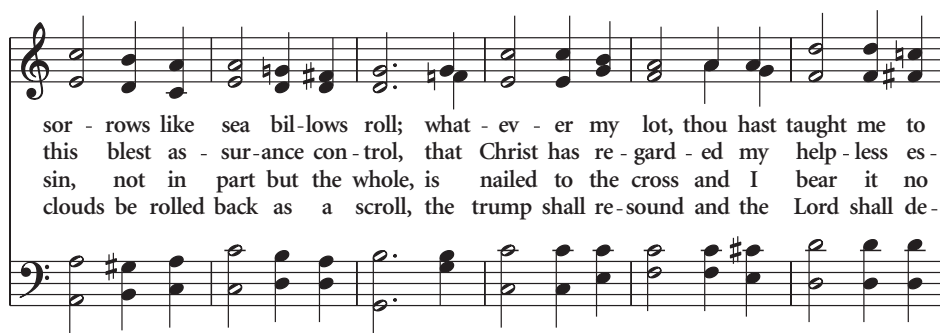
Sandy Willson (MDiv, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary; DD, Crichton College) is pastor emeritus here at Second where he previously served as senior pastor for 22 years. Most recently, he was interim president of The Gospel Coalition from 2023 to 2025. Sandy was a member of the original TGC Council and served on its Board of Directors. He was also past vice-chair of the World Relief Board. He and his wife, Allison, have five married children and 14 grandchildren.

♦HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 573 “It Is Well with My Soul” VILLE DU HAVRE

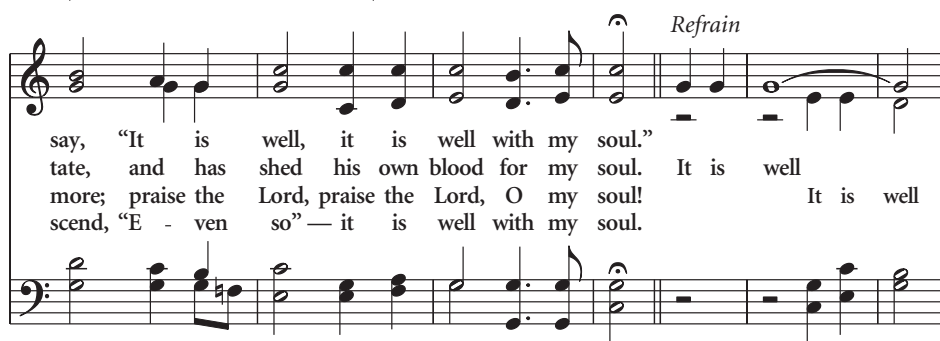
Words: Horatio G. Spafford / Music: Philip P. Bliss; arr. Paul Roberts / Philippians 4:7



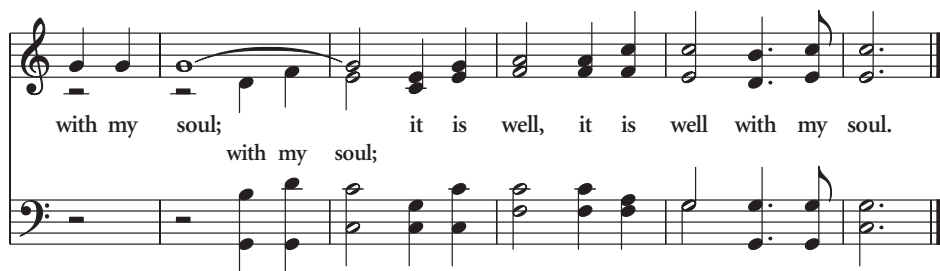
1. When peace, like a riv - er, at - tend - eth my way, when
2. Though Sa - tan should buf - fet, though tri - als should come, let
3. My sin — O the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought! — my
4. O Lord, haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the



sor - rows like sea bil-lows roll; what - ev - er my lot, thou hast taught me to
this blest as - sur-ance con-trol, that Christ has re - gard - ed my help - less es -
sin, not in part but the whole, is nailed to the cross and I bear it no
clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the trump shall re-sound and the Lord shall de -



say, “It is well, it is well with my soul.” It is well
tate, and has shed his own blood for my soul. It is well
more; praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul! It is well
scend, “E - ven so” — it is well with my soul.



with my soul; it is well, it is well with my soul.
with my soul;

♦BENEDICTION

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

♦BENEDICTION RESPONSE HYFRYDOL

**It is well (it is well) with my soul (with my soul);
It is well, it is well with my soul.**

♦POSTLUDE: “Rigaudon” Andre Campra

Mission Memphis Partners

A Way Out	Memphis City Seminary
Adult & Teen Challenge Heartland	Memphis Family Connection Center
Advance Memphis	Memphis Gridiron Ministries
Agape Child & Family Services	Memphis Teacher Residency
Alcy Ball Development Corporation	Memphis Union Mission
ARISE2Read	Multinational Memphis
Berclair Elementary School	My Cup of Tea
Binghampton Christian Academy	Nathan Street Ministries
Campus Outreach Memphis	Neighborhood Christian Centers
Child Evangelism Fellowship	New Hope Christian Academy
Christ Community Health Services	One by One Ministries
Christ's Community Church	Orange Mound Outreach Ministries
Christian Medical & Dental Associations	RedZone Ministries
Christian Psychological Center	Refugee Empowerment Program
Church Developer's Network	Refugee Memphis
Collegiate School of Memphis	Restore Corps
Discipling Men	RUF at Rhodes College
Economic Opportunities	Sanctuary Counseling Center
Families Matter	Service Over Self
Forward Memphis	South Side Wildcats
Hanley Elementary School	STREETS Ministries
Iglesia Presbiteriana Esperanza	Su Casa Family Ministries
Innovation Church	The Center
Kingdom Community Builders	World Relief Memphis
Leadership Empowerment Center	Young Life Memphis
Life Choices of Memphis	
Memphis Christian Pastors Network	

Food & Resource Drive

Today we begin our CityServe Food and Resource Drive! Through October 18, we'll collect food and other essential supplies to help meet practical needs across our city. Donations will be distributed through our ministry partners—Neighborhood Christian Centers, World Relief Memphis, Refugee Empowerment Program, and Berclair Elementary School.

Visit 2pc.org/cityserve for a list of suggested items, then bring your donations to the decorated barrels in the B and C buildings or the Recreation Lobby.

Combined Sunday School Today

At 9:45 a.m. today, youth and adults will gather in the Sanctuary for a special joint Sunday School with George Robertson, Brian Lewis, and Randi Meyer. We'll learn about the needs in our city, the strategy behind our Shalom approach, and pathways for our congregation to further engage in our city.

Children ages birth to fifth grade will attend their regular Sunday School classes.

Evening Worship with The Choir Room

We're excited to welcome Sandy Willson back tonight at 6:00 p.m. to close out CityServe Weekend with a sermon titled "The Joyful Mission" (Luke 10:17-24). We'll be led in worship by Dwan Hill and The Choir Room!

But the evening begins before the service! At 4:30 p.m., 2PC members, ministry partners, and friends from across our city are invited to join The Choir Room in the Sanctuary for an afternoon of singing in rehearsal for the worship service. No previous vocal or choral experience is needed—just come ready to sing!

Then, at 6:00 p.m., we'll culminate the time by worshipping together in celebration of what the Lord is doing in our city!

Curious about The Choir Room? Visit choirisback.com to learn more!

CityServe Next Steps

One of the joys of living in Memphis is getting to know and serve our neighbors. We've created resources to help you learn about our ministry partners, discover opportunities to serve, hear about ways to pray, and get connected with what God is doing in our city.

Visit 2pc.org/missionmemphis to explore ways to:

- Discover our ministry partners and learn about how they are serving Memphis.
- Let us know which ministry partners you'd like to connect with and find opportunities to get involved.
- Learn about our focus in Alcy Ball and Orange Mound and how we're working alongside ministry partners in these neighborhoods.
- Stay connected through updates about service opportunities, text alerts for immediate needs, prayer requests from our partners, and volunteer opportunities at Hanley Elementary in Orange Mound.



Caring Ministry Update

Sympathy to:

Lindsey Tayloe on the death of her father, Steve Wilson,
September 19, 2026. (*Belle Meade/The Village Parish*)
David Shores on the death of his brother,
Robert “Bob” Shores, September 21, 2026. (*Laurelwood Parish*)

Weekly Prayer Focus

World Missions–Sheridan: Sheridan has been settling into her new home in the Middle East, getting into a rhythm of Arabic study and work responsibilities. Worshiping on Friday has been an adjustment, but God has been at work in her heart, helping her find fellowship and peace there. She’s meeting new friends at the gym, and her new roommate arrived this week. She is asking for prayer that their relationship will become a warm and helpful partnership. In August, her work took her to Morocco. The trip was another learning curve but also a beautiful break from the heat. Her weeks are full, so she asked that we pray for wisdom in managing her time. Pray also for a suitable car, as well as her family back home—for one aunt with a worsening cancer diagnosis and another who is carrying a heavy load.

Mission Memphis–Local Partners: Praise God for our local ministry partners serving throughout Memphis. From community development corporations, youth programs, churches and Christian schools, refugee and immigrant ministries, and organizations serving those recovering from addiction, facing unplanned pregnancies, fleeing trafficking, or experiencing homelessness, Second is privileged to link arms with Christians across Memphis who are committed to seeking our city’s flourishing together. Pray that we as a congregation will be intentionally open to how God may lead us to be supportive of and involved with the work He is doing through our partners.

2PC Ministry–Domestic Outreach: Led by Brian Lewis, Randi Meyer, and Kevesha Snow, the 2PC Domestic Outreach department cultivates partnerships with local ministries serving neighborhoods throughout our city. Together with these trusted ministry partners, we seek to reach our neighbors with the gospel in both word and deed, coming alongside communities, building relationships, and pursuing the flourishing of our city. Please pray for our church family to engage faithfully and humbly in Memphis as we labor alongside our ministry partners to extend the hope, healing, and Shalom of Christ throughout our city.

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.

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.

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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