

Anniversary Sunday

August 25, 2024

10:45 am

“There is talk today in theological circles that God is dead. It is said that modern man makes the important decisions of life without any thought of God or divine leadership. Man is sufficient, he thinks. There is also talk that the church is dying, that the church has had its day. As long as the church exists as an organization, as simply an institution to be preserved, she has no right to live. But the church as the living Christ will never die; nor can the gates of hell withstand her power.”

*Rev. Robert Hearn,
Inaugural Sermon at Second Baptist Church, August 17, 1958*

GATHERING MUSIC

Larry Landusky

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annie Bray-Cox

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

*Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY



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.
3. Thou art giv - ing and for - giv - ing, Ev - er bless - ing, ev - er blest,
Hearts un - fold like flow'rs be - fore Thee, Op - 'ning to the sun a - bove.
Stars and an - gels sing a - round Thee, Cen - ter of un - bro - ken praise.
Well - spring of the joy of liv - ing, O - cean depth of hap - py rest!
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,
Thou our Fa - ther, Christ, our Broth - er - All who live in love are Thine.
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!
Teach us how to love each oth - er; Lift us to the joy di - vine!

*CONGREGATIONAL INVOCATION

Charles Johnson

O God, for sixty-six years you have given nourishment to Second Baptist Church
We bless you, O Lord, for all your goodness!
Your blessings upon us are lavish beyond measure!
Help us to make a place at your table for all your children.
On this anniversary of our church's birth, give us new
vision to see the coming of your kingdom of love and
justice into our midst, in the name of Jesus Christ!
Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

Second Voices

Surely the Lord Is In This Place
by Herbert Colvin

SCRIPTURE READING

Tom Hodges

Joshua 24:1-2, 14-18

¹ Then Joshua gathered all the tribes of Israel to Shechem and summoned the elders, the heads, the judges, and the officers of Israel, and they presented themselves before God.

² And Joshua said to all the people, "Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Long ago your ancestors—Terah and his sons Abraham and Nahor—lived beyond the Euphrates and served other gods. ¹⁴"Now, therefore, revere the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness; put away the gods that your ancestors served beyond the River and in Egypt and serve the Lord. ¹⁵ Now if you are unwilling to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served in the region beyond the River or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you are living, but as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord." ¹⁶ Then the people answered, "Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, ¹⁷ for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our ancestors up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight. He protected us along all the way that we went and among all the peoples through whom we passed, ¹⁸ and the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God."

The Word of God for the People of God.
Thanks be to God!

All children are invited to come forward. Following Children's Time, ages 4-5 are invited to Preschool Praise, room #102 of the Children's Wing.

To God Be the Glory

TO GOD BE THE GLORY



1. To God be the glo - ry— great things He hath done. So
 2. O per - fect re - demp - tion, the pur - chase of blood— to
 3. Great things He hath taught us; Great things He hath done, and



loved He the world that He gave us His Son, who yield - ed His life an a -
 ev - 'ry be - liev - er, the prom - ise of God. The vil - est of - fend - er who
 great our re - joic - ing thro' Je - sus, the Son. But pur - er and high - er and



tone - ment for sin and o - pened the life gate that all may go in.
 tru - ly be - lieves, that mo - ment from Je - sus a par - don re - ceives.
 great - er will be our won - der, our vic - t'ry, when Je - sus we see.



Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear His voice! Praise the Lord!



Praise the Lord! Let the peo - ple re - joice! O come to the Fa - ther thro'



Je - sus, the Son, and give Him the glo - ry— great things He has done!

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CHORAL RESPONSE

Second Voices

The Old Hundredth Hymn Tune

by R. Vaughan Williams

*GOSPEL READING

Betsy Bass

John 6:56-69

⁵⁶ Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me and I in them. ⁵⁷ Just as the living Father sent me and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. ⁵⁸ This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which the ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever.” ⁵⁹ He said these things while he was teaching in a synagogue at Capernaum. ⁶⁰ When many of his disciples heard it, they said, “This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?” ⁶¹ But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, “Does this offend you? ⁶² Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? ⁶³ It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. ⁶⁴ But among you there are some who do not believe.” For Jesus knew from the beginning who were the ones who did not believe and who was the one who would betray him. ⁶⁵ And he said, “For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.” ⁶⁶ Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. ⁶⁷ So Jesus asked the twelve, “Do you also wish to go away?” ⁶⁸ Simon Peter answered him, “Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. ⁶⁹ We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.”

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Thanks be to God!

PROCLAMATION

Charles Johnson

To Whom Can We Go

INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

You are invited to dedicate your life to Christ, join our faith community, or answer a call from God to do ministry in this world by coming forward during the hymn and share this decision with a pastor.

* *O God in Whom All Life Begins*

KINGSFOLD



1. O God in whom all life be - gins, who births the seed to fruit,
2. U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
3. Through tears and laugh - ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;



be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root.
that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.



Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy and peace;
So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your name
Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray,



de - liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease.
that in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim.
then send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

Words and Music Carl P. Daw, Jr.

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THE MORNING OFFERING

Please drop your connection card and offering in the plate as it is passed. If you would like to donate online, please go to secondb.org/give or @secondbaptistlbk on Venmo.

***OFFERTORY PRAYER**

Michael Caballero

OFFERTORY

Marilyn Arland and Larry Landusky

To God Be the Glory

arranged by Joel Raney

PARENT/CHILD DEDICATION OF GRAHAM SMITH

LITANY OF DEDICATION

Pastor: Allie and Cameron, your primary responsibility is to reflect God's love to Graham through your words and actions. As you come to dedicate your son to God, what promise do you make?

Smiths ***We promise to reflect God's unconditional love for Graham, nurturing him in the way, the truth, and the life of Jesus Christ.***

Pastor: What do we the people of Second Baptist Church, believe about all children?

Congregation: We believe that each child is a creation of God and made in God's image. We take delight in each child as God's gift to us.

Pastor: What commitments do we make to the Smith family?

Congregation: We promise to surround them with love, to be their family in Christ, and to help them disciple and nurture Graham.

Pastor: What is our hope for Graham?

Congregation: We look forward to the day when he will declare his faith in Jesus Christ, gather with us at the Lord's Table, and serve Christ through the Church. May he come to know that as a child of God he belongs to Christ and to us in the family of faith.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Tim Lyles

Please share the peace with those near you.

* *O God Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

O God, our help in a - ges past, our hope for years to come,
our shel - ter from the storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home!

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*PASTORAL BENEDICTION

Charles Johnson

This Week at 2B

TODAY

COFFEE DUTY - Covenant Class

9:30 am: Sunday School/Bible Study
Youth Ministry

10:45 am: Late Worship & Livestream

5:00 pm: Adult Retreat Committee Meeting
Youth Choir - Grand Hall

6:00 pm: Second Chance Al-Anon

TUESDAY, August 27

6:30 am: Tuesday Morning Prayer Breakfast

11:00 am: B & B Book Club Meeting - Hope Room

6:00 pm: Learn to Play Mahjong

WEDNESDAY, August 28

10:00 am: Beginner's Bridge

10:30 am: Macular Degeneration & Low Vision Support Group

2:00 pm: Senior Adult Fellowship
Day Class - Learn to Play Mahjong

5:15 pm: Wednesday Fellowship Meal

6:00 pm: Children's Choir and Activities
Youth Hangout
Wednesday Adult Programming

6:30 pm: Orchestra Rehearsal

7:00 pm: Second Voices Rehearsal

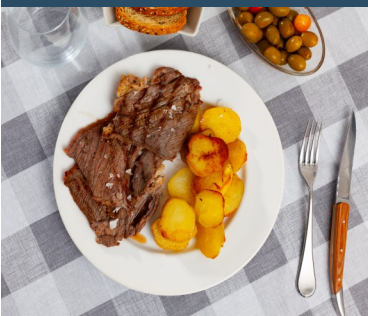
THURSDAY, August 29

6:30 am: Men's Thursday Morning Group

FRIDAY, August 30

12:00 pm: Church & Offices Closed at Noon

WEDNESDAY EVENING DINNER MENU



Good Food From Your 2b Kitchen!

*Herb Roast Beef with Au Jus, Green Salad,
Mac 'n Cheese, Au Gratin Potatoes, Green Beans, Rolls & Dessert*

Adults \$8 and Kids 12 & under eat FREE!

RSVP Online at secondb.org/wednesday

WE TAKE SERIOUSLY OUR MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Prayer cards are available. Please place your filled out card and offerings in the box on the rear wall of the Worship Hall or place in the offering plate as it is passed during worship.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES ARE AVAILABLE FOR YOUR USE.

Please ask an usher for assistance as you enter the sanctuary for worship.

Every Member a Minister

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