

## Thirteenth Sunday After Pentecost

★ *Please stand if it is comfortable to do so*

September 7, 2025

8:30 am and 10:45 am

GATHERING MUSIC

Larry Landusky

WELCOME

Josh McDonald

RESPONSIVE READING

Josh McDonald

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

**We will worship God with gladness;**

Come into God's presence with singing.

**We sing, for God made us, and we are God's people.**

Enter God's gates with thanksgiving and praise.

**We give thanks to God, for God is good.**

Know that God remains steadfast for all generations.

**We rejoice, for God's steadfast love endures forever.**

Words of Gathering based on Psalm 100

Ana Gobledale

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

★ *Creator God, Creating Still*

ST. ANNE



1. Cre - at - or God, cre - at - ing still, By will and word and deed,
2. Re - deem - er God, re - deem - ing still, With o - ver - flow - ing grace,
3. Sus - tain - er God, sus - tain - ing still, With strength for ev - 'ry day,
4. Great Trin - i - ty, for - this new day We need Your pres - ence still.

*Fine*



Cre - ate a new de - sire in us To meet the pres - ent need.  
Pour out Your love on us, thro' us, Make this a ho - ly place.  
Em - pow'r us now to do Your will. Cor - rect us when we stray.  
Cre - ate, re - deem, sus - tain us now To do Your work and will.

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PASTORAL PRAYER

Carrie Veal

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Juli McCauley, James Ward


Jeremiah 18:1-11

<sup>1</sup>The word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord: <sup>2</sup>“Come, go down to the potter’s house, and there I will let you hear my words.” <sup>3</sup>So I went down to the potter’s house, and there he was working at his wheel. <sup>4</sup>The vessel he was making of clay was spoiled in the potter’s hand, and he reworked it into another vessel, as seemed good to him. <sup>5</sup>Then the word of the Lord came to me: <sup>6</sup>Can I not do with you, O house of Israel, just as this potter has done? says the Lord. Just like the clay in the potter’s hand, so are you in my hand, O house of Israel. <sup>7</sup>At one moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will pluck up and break down and destroy it, <sup>8</sup>but if that nation, concerning which I have spoken, turns from its evil, I will change my mind about the disaster that I intended to bring on it. <sup>9</sup>And at another moment I may declare concerning a nation or a kingdom that I will build and plant it, <sup>10</sup>but if it does evil in my sight, not listening to my voice, then I will change my mind about the good that I had intended to do to it. <sup>11</sup>Now, therefore, say to the people of Judah and the inhabitants of Jerusalem: Thus says the Lord: Look, I am a potter shaping evil against you and devising a plan against you. Turn now, all of you, from your evil way, and amend your ways and your doings.

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

Children of God

CHILDREN OF GOD



1. In my walk you can see me try - ing. In my  
2. In my pray'r you can hear me try - ing. In my  
Chil - dren of God, we are march - ing to Zi - on. Chil - dren of

walk you can see me try - ing. In my walk you can  
pray'r you can hear me try - ing. In my pray'r you can  
God, we are march - ing to Zi - on. Chil - dren of God, we are

see me try - ing, step by step all the way.  
hear me try - ing, step by step all the way.  
march - ing to Zi - on, step by step all the way.

*Luke 14:25-33*

<sup>25</sup> Now large crowds were traveling with him, and he turned and said to them, <sup>26</sup> “Whoever comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, yes, and even life itself, cannot be my disciple. <sup>27</sup> Whoever does not carry the cross and follow me cannot be my disciple. <sup>28</sup> For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost, to see whether he has enough to complete it? <sup>29</sup> Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him, <sup>30</sup> saying, ‘This fellow began to build and was not able to finish.’ <sup>31</sup> Or what king, going out to wage war against another king, will not sit down first and consider whether he is able with ten thousand to oppose the one who comes against him with twenty thousand? <sup>32</sup> If he cannot, then while the other is still far away, he sends a delegation and asks for the terms of peace. <sup>33</sup> So therefore, none of you can become my disciple if you do not give up all your possessions.

This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Thanks be to God!**

## CHORAL RESPONSE

## Second Voices

*Jesus Is a Rock*  
Glenn Burleigh, arr.

Jesus is a rock in a weary land.  
 Jesus is a rock in a weary land. A shelter in the time of storm.  
 I would not be a sinner, I'll tell you the reason why  
 I'm afraid my Lord might call my name, and I wouldn't be ready to die.  
 I would not be a back-slider. I'll tell you the reason why  
 I'm afraid my Lord might call my name, and I wouldn't be ready to die.  
 Has He ever made a way, when you didn't have a dime?  
 Has He ever stepped in just right on time?  
 Has He ever picked you up when you were down?  
 Has He ever placed your feet on solid ground?  
 Then you know He is a rock in a weary land!  
 Shelter in the time of storm.

## 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.

★ *Before You I Kneel*

## A WORKER'S PRAYER



1. Be - fore You I kneel, my Mas - ter and Ma - ker, to of - fer the  
2. Be - fore You we kneel, our Mas - ter and Ma - ker; es - tab - lish the

work of my hands. For this is the day you've gi - ven Your ser - vant;  
work of our hands. And or - der our steps to seek first Your King - dom

I will re - joice and be glad. For the strength I have to  
in ev - 'ry small and great task. May we live the Gos - pel

live and breathe, for each skill Your grace has gi - ven me;  
of Your grace; serve Your pur - pose in our fleet - ing days;

for the needs and op - por - tun - i - ties that will glo - ri - fy Your great Name.  
then our lives will bring e - ter - nal praise and all glo - ry to Your great Name.

## 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](https://secondb.org/give) or @secondbaptistlbk on Venmo

### ★OFFERTORY PRAYER

Scott Sharp, Becky Corley

### OFFERTORY

Marilyn Arland and Larry Landusky

*In the Garden*

arranged by Mark Hayes and Marvin Gaspard

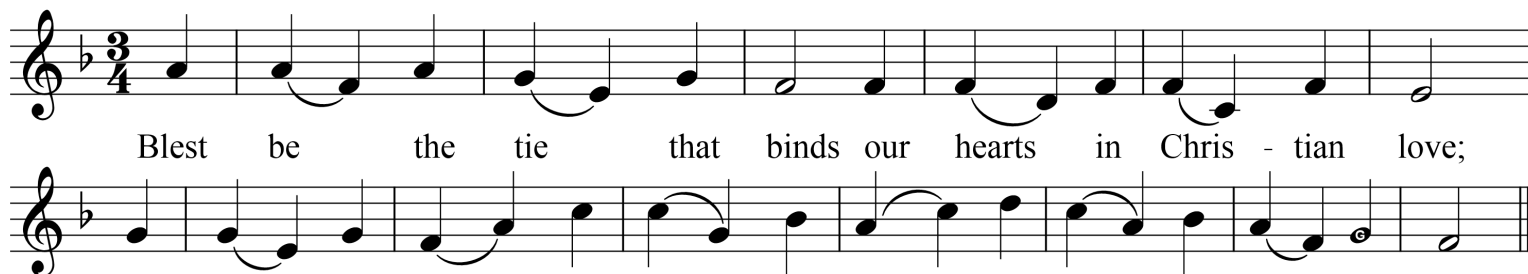
### ★PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Josh McDonald

Please share the peace with those near you.

### ★ *Blest Be the Tie*

DENNIS



Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;  
The fel - low - ship of kin - dred minds is like to that a - bove.

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### ★PASTORAL BENEDICTION

Carrie Veal

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Following this worship gathering, please join us in the Grand Hall for a time of fellowship, connection and coffee. We do ask that all cups in the building have lids. At 10:30, there are Sunday school classes for children, youth, and adults. We invite you to visit a discipleship group today.

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**TODAY**

**COFFEE DUTY - Covenant Class**

- 8:30 am: Worship
- 9:30 am: Sunday School / Bible Study
- 10:45 am: Worship & Livestream
- 4:00 pm: Bells Gloria Rehearsal - Room #101
- 6:00 pm: Second Chance Al-Anon - Room #134

**MONDAY, September 8**

No Activities

**TUESDAY, September 9**

- 6:30 am: Tuesday Morning Prayer Group @ Chicken Run Café
- 9:30 am: Worship Implementation Team Meeting
- 11:00 am: B & B Book Club Meeting - Hope Class Room #123
- 6:00 pm: Learn to Play Mahjong - Room #130  
Reconciliation Team Meeting

**WEDNESDAY, September 10**

- 10:00 am: Beginners Bridge - Room #130
- 10:30 am: Low Vision Support Group
- 2:00 pm: Senior Adult Fellowship - Room #130
- 4:00 pm: Prayer Shawl Ministry - Conference Center
- 5:15 pm: Wednesday Fellowship Dinner - Grand Hall
- 6:00 pm: Wednesday Reflection on Richard Rosen Presentation - Grand Hall  
Youth Hangout / Children's Ministry
- 6:30 pm: Orchestra Rehearsal
- 7:00 pm: Second Voices Rehearsal

**THURSDAY, September 11**

- 6:45 am: Jesus and Grits @ Chicken Run Cafe
- 10:00 am: Living Well Yoga Classes - Conference Center



# 2b Carrie(d) ForWard

Join us for small, home-hosted gatherings  
this fall to meet Rev. Carrie Veal and  
connect! Gatherings start in September.

Sign up at the desk outside  
the church office.



## WEDNESDAY EVENING DINNER MENU



### *Comfort Food!*

*Adults:* Meat Loaf, Steamed Red Potatoes,  
Broccoli, Salad, Dessert

*Kids:* Hot Dog, Fries, Dessert

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

RSVP Online at [secondb.org/wednesday](https://secondb.org/wednesday)

Find complete information on Wednesday Programming and  
RSVP for dinner at [secondb.org/wednesday](https://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*

#### *Church Staff*

Rev. Carrie Veal

*Senior Pastor*

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