



Biblical Anthropology
October 13, 2024
Twenty-First Sunday of Trinitytide



MEDITATION

Everyone is screwed up, broken, clingy, and scared, even the people who seem to have it more or less together. So try not to compare your insides with their outsides.

- Anne Lamott

I think the hardest thing for anyone is accepting that other people are real as you are. That's it. Not using them as tools, not using them as examples or things to make yourself feel better or things to get over or under. Just accepting that they are absolutely as real as you are and have all the same expectations and demands. And it's so difficult that basically the only person that ever did it was Christ. The rest of us are very, very far behind.

- Zadie Smith

But we have this treasure in jars of clay, to show that the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair

- Paul

What the heart loves, the will chooses, and the mind justifies.

- Ashley Null

These readings are provided as a personal, family, or group worship resource. Use them along with your worship guide as resources for readings, prayers and hymns. Set in the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), a schedule of daily Bible readings in accord with the Church year, these scripture readings are designed around a three-year cycle that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice, and the Psalms frequently.

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday, October 14th	Psalm 39	Job 26:1-14	Revelation 7:9-17
Tuesday October 15th	Psalm 39	Job 28:12-29:10	Revelation 8:1-5
Wednesday the 16th	Psalm 39	Job 32:1-22	Luke 16:19-31
Thursday the 17th	Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b	Job 36:1-16	Romans 15:7-13
Friday the 18th	Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b	Job 37:1-24	Revelation 17:1-18
Saturday the 19th	Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35b	Job 39:1-30	Luke 22:24-30

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WELCOME

Second City Church is a community that exists to worship the Triune God and to celebrate, in word and deed, the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Harrisburg.

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We are glad you are here with us. We know that church can be hard to attend, sometimes because it is intimidating, sometimes because the week just seems to have been too hard, sometimes because the doubts seem too big. But Jesus rose from the dead and he has you here this morning, and for this we rejoice! We hope this guide will help you participate in our service. If you have any questions about our worship, faith, or how you can be a part of our mission to serve God and neighbor in Harrisburg, be sure to talk to our pastor.

For Parents:

Children of all ages are welcome to remain with us as we worship. We like the noise; it helps us remember we are alive. The following services are available for you and your children to get the most out of your time of worship:

Infant & Toddler Care

Infant and toddler care is available on the first floor of the east wing of our building. Ask one of our greeters if you need help locating this room. Nursery staff are well-trained, have required background checks, and maintain a safe environment for your child(ren).

Children & Worship

Children & Worship is for children ages preschool through 2nd grade and meets in a worship space below the sanctuary during the sermon. They are dismissed during the announcements and return during the offertory.

ADVENT + CHRISTMAS + EPIPHANY + LENT + EASTER + PENTECOST + TRINITY

Pentecost Season, sometimes called Trinity Season, the Time of the Church, or Ordinary Time, is the long season that follows Pentecost and lasts until the beginning of Advent. During this season we celebrate the Holy Spirit, the mission of the Church, and the growth of the church through the Spirit. The symbols of the season are any Trinity symbol, images of the Apostles or Saints, symbols of the church, or symbols of Christ. The liturgical color for the season is green, the color of growth and new life.

Please note that our services are live-streamed.



LITURGY OF PREPARATION

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me,
for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

Matthew 11:28-30

Gathering Hymn - O For A Thousand Tongues To Sing

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace

My gracious Master and my God
Assist me to proclaim
To spread through all the earth abroad
The honors of Thy name

He breaks the power of canceled sin
He sets the prisoner free
His blood can make the foulest clean
His blood availed for me

He speaks, and, listening to His voice
New life the dead receive
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice
The humble poor believe

Look unto Him, ye nations own
Your God, ye fallen race
Look, and be saved through faith alone
Be justified by grace

See all your sins on Jesus laid
The Lamb of God was slain
His soul was once an offering made
For every soul in pain

Glory to God, and praise and love
Be ever, ever given
By saints below and saints above
The church in earth and heaven

O for a thousand tongues to sing
My great Redeemer's praise
The glories of my God and King
The triumphs of His grace

Confession Hymn - Trisagion

Ho - ly God Ho - ly and might - y Ho - ly Im-
mor - tal One have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

Confession of Sin

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness & Peace

I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

Galatians 2:20

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

[Invitation for congregation to share a sign of peace with one another]

Hymns of Praise and Adoration

Doxology

To Him who is able, to keep you from falling
To Him, to Him, to Him
To Him, to Him, to Him
[2x]

We are standing in His presence
With our garments clean and white
All glory, honor, power, majesty
To Jesus Christ

To Him who is able, to keep you from falling
To Him, to Him, to Him
To Him, to Him, to Him

We are standing in His presence
With our garments clean and white
All glory, honor, power, majesty
To Jesus Christ

To Him who is able, to keep you from falling
To Him, to Him, to Him
To Him, to Him, to Him

Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer
There is no more for heaven now to give
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
For my life is wholly bound to his
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine
Yet not I but through Christ in me

The night is dark but I am not forsaken
For by my side the Saviour he will stay
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing
For in my need his power is displayed

To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me
Through the deepest valley he will lead
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome
Yet not I but through Christ in me

No fate I dread I know I am forgiven
The future sure the price it has been paid
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
And he was raised to overthrow the grave

To this I hold my sin has been defeated
Jesus now and ever is my plea
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free
Yet not I but through Christ in me

With every breath I long to follow Jesus
For he has said that he will bring me home
And day by day I know he will renew me
Until I stand with joy before the throne

To this I hold my hope is only Jesus
All the glory evermore to him
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat
Yet not I but through Christ in me

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Yet not I but through Christ in me
Yet not I but through Christ in me



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Living Our Faith

Blessing our Children

Jesus called the children to him and said,

Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them,

for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.

Truly I tell you, anyone who will not receive the kingdom of God like a little child will never enter it.

October Memory Verse

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly.

Romans 5:6

Psalm Reading

Psalm 8; page 531

Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be world without end. Amen. Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 3:20-24; page 4

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Romans 12:1-2; page 1126

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:
Glory to you, O Lord!

Luke 1:68-75; page 1018

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Peter Rowan - *Biblical Anthropology*

Creed

Let us affirm the faith of the Church:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe 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, died, and was buried;

he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended to heaven,

and is seated at 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 life everlasting. Amen.

- *The Apostles' Creed*

Offering of Prayers of the People

Grateful for your gifts and mindful of the communion of your saints, we offer to you our prayers for all people.

God of compassion, we remember before you the poor and the afflicted, the sick and the dying, prisoners and all who are lonely, the victims of war, injustice, and inhumanity, and all others who suffer from whatever their sufferings may be called. [*Silence*]

O Lord of providence holding the destiny of the nations in your hand, we pray for our country. Inspire the hearts and minds of our leaders that they, together with all our nation, may first seek your kingdom and righteousness so that order, liberty, and peace may dwell with your people. [*Silence*]

O God the Creator, we pray for all nations and peoples.
Take away the mistrust and lack of understanding that divide your creatures. [*Silence*]

O Savior God, look upon your church in its struggle upon the earth.
Have mercy on its weakness, bring to an end its unhappy divisions, and scatter its fears.
Look also upon the ministry of your church. Increase its courage, strengthen its faith, and inspire its witness to all people, even to the ends of the earth. [*Silence*]

Author of grace and God of love, send your Holy Spirit's blessing to your children here present. Keep our hearts and thoughts in Jesus Christ, your Son, our only Savior. **Amen.**

Offering of Gifts

Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he himself said, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Acts 20:35

Friends and members of Second City Church support the extension of God's Kingdom with gifts of bread, wine, talents and resources. Guests are not expected to contribute. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering plates, boxes on the wall as you leave, or can be made electronically. Instructions for setting up online giving are available at the donation boxes.



Doxology

Praise God from Whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him all creatures here below
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.



LITURGY OF THE TABLE

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Praise God for His Mighty Acts

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin. By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil, and to live no longer for ourselves alone, but for him who died for us and rose again. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna in the highest

Praise for Christ's Sacrifice

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Calling on the Holy Spirit and Lord's Prayer

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying:

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Invitation to the Table

Jesus ate and drank with sinners. Come to the table of our Lord.

Sharing Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

O God, you declare your almighty power chiefly in showing mercy and pity: Grant us the fullness of your grace, that we, running to obtain your promises, may become partakers of your heavenly treasure; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

May the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you now and forever. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn - The Blessing

The Lord bless you, and keep you
Make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you, and give you peace

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

May His favor be upon you, and a thousand generations
And your family and your children, and their children and their children
May His presence go before you, and behind you and beside you
All around you and within you, He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, in the evening
In your coming and your going
In your weeping and rejoicing
He is for you, He is for you, He is for you, He is for you
He is for you, He is for you, He is for you, He is for you

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

The Lord bless you, and keep you
Make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you, and give you peace

Dismissal

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Details for Shaffer Retreat Campout, Worship Service and Picnic

Saturday evening, October 19, 4 PM camp out:

- Bring your own camping gear, tent, sleeping bag and food for Saturday evening and breakfast Sunday morning.

Sunday morning worship and picnic October 20:

- *Worship at 10 AM at Shaffer retreat. Please bring your own lawn chairs and blankets, and a friend or two.
- Coffee and donuts will be available before the service.
- A picnic will follow the worship service. The church will provide the main dish, sides, drinks, paper products and plasticware.
- Bring a fall dessert to share.

* There will not be a worship service at the church building on Verbeke Street on October 20. Worship will be held at Shaffer Retreat. There will also not be an online service that day.



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Directions to Shaffer Retreat, 2011 Fishing Creek Valley Road, Harrisburg, PA 17112:

From the church parking lot:

- Take a left out of the church parking lot onto Verbeke St.
- Turn right onto 2nd Street
- Turn left at Division Street onto N. Front Street
- Follow North Front Street just past Fort Hunter park
- Turn right onto Fishing Creek Valley Road
- Shaffer Retreat is on the right in 3.9 miles. There will be a marker to let you know you are there.

Altar Flowers

Today's Altar Flowers are sponsored in loving memory of her parents, Elder Emeritus and Mrs. Franklin Anderson and her brother Richard F. Anderson by Virginia Anderson.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue
to pray for the following people:

Barb Koller and family
Darwin Leshner
Gail Pennay
Virginia Anderson

Sophia James, USAF
Elmer and Pat Cope
Dottie Roden
Kristi Barbato and family

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Instagram



YouTube



Your contact information

If you are our guest and would like to indicate your presence with us, or if you'd like to make us aware of a change in your contact information, fill out this form and place it in the offering plate.

_____ Visitor
_____ Regular Attendee
_____ Member

Name(s):

Address (please include city and zip):

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Prayer

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