



  
**SECOND CITY**  
CHURCH

*Going In, Moving Out*  
February 2, 2025  
*Fourth Sunday of Epiphany*



## MEDITATION

Mission, from the point of view of our human endeavor, means the committed participation of God's people in the purposes of God for the redemption of the whole creation. The mission is God's. The marvel is that God invites us to join in.

- Christopher J.H. Wright, *The Mission of God*

Mission is not essentially an action by which the church puts forth its own power and wisdom to conquer the world around it; it is, rather, an action of God, putting forth the power of his Spirit to bring the universal work of Christ for the salvation of the world nearer to its completion. . . . The Spirit brings the reality of the new world to come into the midst of the old world that is. It is the firstfruits of the coming harvest. It is the proof that we are heirs of the coming kingdom. And it is thus that the Spirit is witness--the recognizable presence of a future that has been promised but is not yet in sight. It is thus, also, that the Spirit is the source of hope--not just hope for ourselves, but hope for the completion of God's whole cosmic work.

- Lesslie Newbigin, *The Open Secret*

*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, February 3rd	Psalm 56	1 Kings 17:8-16	1 Corinthians 2:6-16
Tuesday the 4th	Psalm 56	2 Kings 5:1-14	1 Corinthians 14:13-25
Wednesday the 5th	Psalm 56	Jeremiah 1:11-19	Luke 19:41-44
Thursday the 6th	Psalm 138	Numbers 20:22-29	Acts 9:19b-25
Friday the 7th	Psalm 138	Numbers 27:12-23	Acts 9:26-31
Saturday, the 8th	Psalm 138	Judges 3:7-11	Luke 4:42-44

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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 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. If you would like to indicate your presence to us, please fill out the form on the back page of this bulletin and place it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter.*

## *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 undergone required background checks, and will maintain a safe environment for your child(ren). Ask the nursery workers for a copy of our policies for more information.

### *Children & Worship*

Children & Worship is for children ages preschool through 2nd grade and meets in a worship space below the sanctuary during the sermon. This time is designed to prepare them for more fully participating in our liturgy when they are older. They are dismissed during the announcements and return during the offertory. New families are welcome to tour the space before or after a service if desired.

*Please note that our services are live-streamed.*



## LITURGY OF PREPARATION

### Words of Welcome

### Call to Worship

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!

Serve the Lord with gladness!

Come into his presence with singing!

Know that the Lord, he is God!

**It is he who made us, and we are his;  
we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.**

Enter his gates with thanksgiving,  
and his courts with praise!

**Give thanks to him; bless his name!**

**For the Lord is good;**

**his steadfast love endures forever,  
and his faithfulness to all generations.**

-Psalm 100

### Gathering Hymn - Bonhoeffer's Prayer

Lord, early in the morning, we cry unto You

In You, there is light, when I cannot see

In You, there is love, patience, and peace

Lord, I do not understand Your ways

But You know the way for me

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## **Confession Hymn - *Create In Me A Clean Heart***

Create in me a clean heart, oh God  
And renew a right spirit within me  
Create in me a clean heart, oh God  
And renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from Your presence, oh Lord  
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me  
Restore unto me the joy of my salvation  
And renew a right spirit with me

## **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

**God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in light of Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **Words of Forgiveness & Peace**

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. <sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made us both one and has broken down in his flesh the dividing wall of hostility.

*Ephesians 2:13-14*

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

**Thanks be to God!**

## 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*

## Receiving New members

Do you receive these brothers and sisters in Christ and do you promise to give the gifts God has given to you all to encourage her as she follow Jesus.

**We do.**

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these brothers and sisters now before you in your care?

**We will.**

Affirmations of the Congregation

**We will surround you with a community of love and forgiveness, that you may grow in her trust of God, and be found faithful in her service to others. We will pray for you, that you may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

## Passing of the Peace

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

# Hymns of Praise and Adoration

## *Praise To The Lord, The Almighty*

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation  
O my soul, praise Him for He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear, now to His temple draw near, praise Him in glad adoration

Praise to the Lord, Who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth  
Shelters thee under His, wings, yea, so gently sustaineth  
Hast thou not seen? How Thy desires e'er have been, granted in what He ordaineth

Praise to the Lord, Who doth prosper thy work and defend thee  
Surely His goodness and, mercy here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew, what the Almighty can do, if with His love He befriend thee

Praise to the Lord, O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before Him  
Let the Amen, sound from His people again, gladly for aye we adore Him

## **Constant One**

In the moment, I am hiding  
Your love it seeks me out  
You hold me, and You know me  
From the inside out, from the inside out

Constant One, endless is Your love  
Like a river can't be stopped, You're faithful  
Constant One, who is like You God  
Your mercy's like the sun  
Always rising over us

It's amazing, how You take me  
Just for who I am  
In the valleys, on the mountains  
I'm always in Your hands  
I'm always in Your hands

Constant One, endless is Your love  
Like a river can't be stopped, You're faithful  
Constant One, who is like You God  
Your mercy's like the sun  
Always rising over us

And there is no place that I could run that  
You won't chase me down  
You won't chase me down  
And there is no place that I could hide that  
I will not be found I will not be found

Constant One, endless is Your love  
Like a river can't be stopped, You're faithful  
Constant One, who is like You God  
Your mercy's like the sun  
Always rising over us



## 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.**

*February Memory Verse*

If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me.

*Mark 8:34*

### Psalm Reading

*Psalm 142; page 619*

### 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

*2 Kings 5:1-14; page 365*

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

### New Testament Reading

*Romans 5:1-5 ;page 1119*

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**



## **Gospel Reading**

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

*Mark 1:35-45; page 995*

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

## **Sermon**

Rev. Peter Rowan - *Going in, Moving Out*

## **Offering of Prayers of the People**

*A time open of prayer*

## **Offering of Gifts**

He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?

*Romans 8:32*

*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 took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light. 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, most holy Lord, Lord God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are filled, filled with your holy light

Oh blessed is the one, the one who comes

Comes in the name of God

Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna

Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna in the highest

## Praise for Christ's Sacrifice

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

Musical notation for the hymn "Praise for Christ's Sacrifice". The music is written on two staves in 4/4 time, with a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are: "Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, Ris - ing you re - stored our life, Come, Lord Je - sus come, in glor - y." The first staff contains the first two phrases, and the second staff contains the final phrase. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a final cadence on the word "y."

## Calling on the Holy Spirit and Lord's Prayer

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us:

**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

The Bread we break is the Bread of Life  
The Cup we Share is the Cup of Promise  
These are the gifts of God for the people of God.  
Come and eat, the banquet awaits.

## Sharing Holy Communion

*Second City Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ in a Christian church to join us in this sacrament. Non-communicants can come forward and ask for a blessing. If you need to receive communion in your seat, ask a fellow worshiper to let the communion servers know. If you are unable to receive wine, you will find a chalice containing non-alcoholic grape juice at the station the pastor is serving. The communion bread is gluten-free.*

## Closing Prayer

**Lord, make me an instrument of your peace:**

**where there is hatred, let me sow love;**

**where there is injury, pardon;**

**where there is doubt, faith;**

**where there is despair, hope;**

**where there is darkness, light;**

**where there is sadness, joy.**

**O divine Master, grant that I may not so much seek**

**to be consoled as to console,**

**to be understood as to understand,**

**to be loved as to love.**

**For it is in giving that we receive,**

**it is in pardoning that we are pardoned,**

**and it is in dying that we are born to eternal life. Amen.**

## Benediction

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in our hearts, transform our lives, and brighten the world. And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, rest upon you always. **Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn - Joy of Jesus**

May the grace of my God be with you  
May the grace of my God be with you  
May you know the grace of my God  
And may the grace of my God be with you

May the love of my Lord be with you  
May the love of my Lord be with you  
And may you know the love of my Lord  
And may the love of my Lord be with you

And may you dance and laugh and sing  
May you know the warmth of His embrace  
May you feel the brush of angel wings  
Like the wind upon your face

May the joy of Jesus be with you  
May the joy of Jesus be with you  
May you know the joy of Jesus  
And may the joy of Jesus be with you  
May the joy of Jesus be with you  
May the joy of Jesus be with you  
May you know the joy of Jesus  
And may the joy of Jesus be with you

## **Dismissal**

May you be a light for the nations,  
**That God's salvation may reach to the end of the earth. Amen!**



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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### **Update from the Gazsi Family and a Request for Help with Meals**

On February 5, Jessi Gazsi is having a safe and routine but substantial surgery to resolve a chronic health condition with about a 6-week recovery of pretty limited activity where they may need some support. Thankfully, there should not be any cause for ongoing concern or health implications following recovery. Her family is very thankful for the outpouring of support. Her mother set up a meal train which is nearly full, but here is the link if you would still like to participate: <https://mealtrain.com/zrwe96>

### **Valentine's Day Childcare Night February 14**

Second City will be offering a childcare night on February 14! Children are invited to join us from 5-8 pm in the social hall, where we will provide a pizza dinner and a movie with popcorn. Please RSVP with how many children will be attending and note any food allergies by emailing [Hannah@secondcitychurch](mailto:Hannah@secondcitychurch), or texting 717-579-6975. If you would like to volunteer to serve for this evening please contact Hannah Hollander for more information. Child clearances are required. Thanks!

## Announcements Continued:

### Please Pick Up Your Giving Statement As You Leave Today

Many thanks for your financial gifts to Second City in 2024! Statements documenting your giving are now available. You can find your statement on the table in the room outside the Narthex, just outside the Sanctuary. Please remember to pick up your statement on your way out. Statements will be available here for the next few weeks.

### Monthly Lunch Dates Starting This Wednesday, February 5

The church is initiating monthly lunch gatherings of those who are retired and others who are home during the day. We want to get together for celebration and fellowship! Please join us this Wednesday at noon at Duke's Riverside Bar & Grille, located at 313 S. Front Street in Wormleysburg.

Be sure to put the first Wednesday of the month on your calendars!



## PRAYER REQUESTS

### Prayer Requests

Please continue to pray for the following people:

Dottie Roden  
Darwin Leshner  
Gail Pennay  
Virginia Anderson

Nevin White  
Sophia James, USAF  
Amy Kemper  
Jessica Gazsi  
Tony Russo



## SOCIAL MEDIA

Please consider liking, following and subscribing to our social media! Also, when you see, read or watch something you like, share it with your friends. It's a helpful way to let others know we are here!

Facebook



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.

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