



Ministry, Jesus'Way
February 1, 2026
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*

The church is a movement launched into the life of the world to bear in its own life God's gift of peace for the life of the world.

- Lesslie Newbigin, *The Open Secret*

The Church is by nature missionary to the extent that, if it ceases to be missionary, it has not just failed in one of its tasks, it has ceased being Church.

- Andrew Kirk, *What is Mission?*

The church is not a provider of goods and services, but the people of God sent on mission.

- George Huntsberger

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.

	Psalms	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday, February 2nd	Psalms 37:1-17	Ruth 1:1-18	Philemon 1-25
Tuesday the 3rd	Psalms 37:1-17	Ruth 2:1-16	James 5:1-6
Wednesday the 4th	Psalms 37:1-17	Ruth 3:1-13; 4:13-22	Luke 6:17-26
Thursday the 5th	Psalms 112:1-9	Deuteronomy 4:1-14	1 John 5:1-5
Friday the 6th	Psalms 112:1-9	Isaiah 29:1-12	James 3:13-18
Saturday, the 7th	Psalms 112:1-9	Isaiah 29:13-16	Mark 7:1-8

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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 - Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy
Holy Spirit rest upon us, lead us in the way of your justice
Holy Spirit rest upon us, teach us how to serve in our weakness

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy
Holy Spirit rest upon us, teach us how to tend to creation
Holy Spirit rest upon us, guide us from our path of destruction

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. ¹⁴ 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!

Hymns of Praise and Adoration

Jesus I Come (Out of My Bondage, Sorrow and Night)

Out of my bondage, sorrow and night
Jesus, I come; Jesus I come
Into Thy freedom, gladness and light
Jesus, I come to Thee
Out of my sickness into Thy health
Out of my wanting and into Thy wealth
Out of my sin and into Thyself
Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of my shameful failure and loss
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross
Jesus, I come to Thee
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm
Out of life's storms and into Thy calm
Out of distress into jubilant psalm
Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of unrest and arrogant pride
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come
Into Thy blessed will to abide
Jesus, I come to Thee
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love
Out of despair into raptures above
Upward forever on wings like a dove
Jesus, I come to Thee

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb
Jesus, I come; Jesus, I come
Into the joy and light of Thy home
Jesus, I come to Thee
Out of the depths of ruin untold
Into the peace of Thy sheltering fold
Ever Thy glorious face to behold
Jesus, I come to Thee

Shine On Us

Lord, let your light, light of your face, shine on us
Lord, let your light, light of your face, shine on us
That we may be saved, that we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night, let your light shine on us

Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand, fall on us
Lord, let your grace, grace from your hand, fall on us
That we may be saved, that we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night, let your grace fall on us

Lord, let your love, love with no end, come over us
Lord, let your love, love with no end, come over us
That we may be saved, that we may have life
To find our way in the darkest night, let your love come over us
Let your light shine on 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 67; page 569

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 12:1-3; page 10

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Acts 18:5-8 ; page 1102

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 6:6b-14a; page 1000

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Rev. Peter Rowan - *Ministry, Jesus' Way*

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

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 forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your name:

Sanctus

Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and might
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the one who comes, in the name of the Lord
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.

Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, Ris - ing you re - stored our life,

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Come, Lord Je - sus come, in glor - 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 - Instrument of Peace

Lord make me, an instrument of peace
An instrument of peace
Lord make me, an instrument of peace
An instrument of peace

Where there is hatred, let me sow love
Where there is darkness, let me sow light
For in the giving, we shall receive
And in the dying, we're given life

Lord make me, an instrument of peace
An instrument of peace
Lord make me, an instrument of peace
An instrument of peace

Where There is sorrow, let me sow hope
Where there is doubt, let me sow faith
Where there is injury, your pardon give
Your consolation, to Those in pain

Lord make me, an instrument of peace
An instrument of peace
Lord make me, an instrument of peace
An instrument of peace

A - men, a - men

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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Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Congregational Meeting Today After Church

Please join us for a brief congregational meeting after our worship service today.

Please Pick Up Your Giving Statement As You Leave Today

Many thanks for your generous support of Second City in 2025! Statements documenting your giving are now available. You can find yours on the table in the room outside the Narthex, just outside the Sanctuary. Please pick it up on your way out today.

First Practice for Easter Choir Monday, February 2

If you're singing in the Easter choir this year, practices start on February 2 (6:30-8 pm) and continue every other Monday until Easter. Contact Jess Reapsome if you'd like to join.

Announcements Continued:

Senior Saints Lunch Scheduled for February 4

The Senior Saints will meet in the Social Hall at 12:15 this Wednesday, February 4 for a time of fellowship and worship. We hope to see you there!

Next Winter Potluck Sunday, February 15

Plan to beat the winter blahs during our next potluck lunch on February 15, after our worship service. Pastor Peter will interview a new guest or guests from the congregation about their life and journey of faith.

Preparation for Lent February 17 and 18

Lent begins Ash Wednesday, February 18. The church will have a Mardi Gras pancake dinner at 6 pm on Tuesday, February 17 in the Social Hall. The following evening, also at 6 pm, the church will have an Ash Wednesday service in the Sanctuary.



PRAYER REQUESTS

Prayer Requests

Please continue to pray for:

Dottie Roden
Darwin Leshner
Virginia Anderson
Greg Nies

Chuck Bagley and Bagley/Gazsi families
Sophia James, USAF
Elizabeth James
Christine Zubrod Perrin
Jon Yawger
Dawn Benner
Donna Weatherly



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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):

Phone: _____

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Prayer

Requests: _____

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