



*Get Ready to Party*  
**February 8, 2026**  
*Fifth Sunday of Epiphany*



# MEDITATION

It is better to suffer wrong than to do it.

-Socrates

Salome disappears from history at that point, and you can only hope she took the platter with her to remind her that she should be careful where she danced that particular dance in the future, and that she should never ask for her mother's advice again about anything, and that even when you cut a saint's head off, that doesn't mean you've heard the last of him by a long shot.

-Frederick Buechner

he be calling the people brother  
even in the prison  
even in the jail

i'm only just a baptist preacher  
somebody bigger than me coming  
in blackness like a star

-Lucille Clifton

*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*

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday, February 9th	Psalm 119:105-112	2 Kings 22:3-20	Romans 11:2-10
Tuesday the 10th	Psalm 119:105-112	2 Kings 23:1-8, 21-25	2 Corinthians 4:1-12
Wednesday the 11th	Psalm 119:105-112	Proverbs 6:6-23	John 8:12-30
Thursday the 12th	Psalm 2	Exodus 6:2-9	Hebrews 8:1-7
Friday the 13th	Psalm 2	Exodus 19:9b-25	Hebrews 11:23-28
Saturday, the 14th	Psalm 2	1 Kings 21:20-29	Mark 9:9-13

*you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice, and the Psalms frequently.*

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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

Ascribe to the Lord, O heavenly beings,  
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

**Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;**  
worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness.

The voice of the Lord is over the waters;

**the God of glory thunders,**  
the Lord, over many waters.

The voice of the Lord is powerful;

**the voice of the Lord is full of majesty.**

-Psalm 29:1-4

### Gathering Hymn - O Splendor of God's Glory Bright

O Splendor of God's glory bright, from Light eternal bringing light  
O Light of light, light's living Spring, true Day, all days illumining

Come, very Sun of heaven's love, in lasting radiance from above  
And pour the Holy Spirit's ray, on all we think or do today

Teach us to love with all our might, drive envy out, remove all spite  
Turn to the good each troubling care, and give us grace your name to bear

All glory be to God Most High, to God the Son let praises rise  
Whom with the Spirit we adore, forever and forevermore

### Confession Hymn - Kyrie

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner  
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me a sinner

Kyrie Eleison, Lord Jesus Christ  
Kyrie Eleison, Have mercy on me a sinner  
Have mercy on me a sinner

## 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

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

*Psalm 36:9*

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

### ***Dayspring (Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies)***

Christ, whose glory fills the skies  
Christ, the true, the only Light  
Sun of Righteousness, arise!  
Triumph o'er the shades of night  
Dayspring from on high, be near  
Daystar, in my heart appear!

Dark and cheerless is the morn  
Were it ever without thee  
Joyless is the day's return  
Till thy mercy's beams I see  
Till they inward light impart  
Glad my eyes, and warm my heart

Visit then this soul of mine!  
Pierce the gloom of sin and grief!  
Fill me, radiance divine  
Scatter all my unbelief

More and more thyself display  
Shining to the perfect day  
Dayspring from on high, be near  
Daystar, in my heart appear!

## **Our Song In The Night**

In the darkness, can you hear us? When the night comes, are we alone?  
Have you forgotten all of your children? When we remember you how we groan  
But our hearts cannot be silent

O God, be our song in the night, when the light is gone  
God, be our hope, be our strength , be our sheltering place  
Our song in the night

We are broken, are we forsaken? Has your love gone down with the sun?  
And your mercy through all history, Is it abandoned and undone?  
Oh our hearts cannot be silent

O God, be our song in the night, when the light is gone  
God, be our hope, be our strength, be our sheltering place  
Our song in the night

Our song in the night, our song in the night  
Our song in the night, Allelu - ia, Allelu - ia, Allelu - ia

Your road, it led me down to the Red Sea  
The waters trembled, and you made a way  
You raised Your arm and led them to dry land  
Lord, will You hear us when we say  
That our hearts cannot be silent

O God, be our song in the night, when the light is gone  
God, be our hope, be our strength , be our sheltering place  
Our song in the night

Our song in the night  
[Repeat]



## 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 9:13-20; page 532*

### 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

*Malachi 4:1-6; page 955*

The Word of the Lord:

**Thanks be to God.**

### New Testament Reading

*1 Peter 3:10-14; page 1205*

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 6:14-29; page 1000*

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

## **Sermon**

Jed Stalker - Get Ready to Party

## **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**

**All the ends of the earth  
have seen the salvation of our God. Alleluia!**

**Shout to the Lord, all the earth. Alleluia!**

With joy let us pray to our Savior,  
the Son of God, who became one of us.



O Christ, let your gospel shine in every place where the Word of life is not yet received. Draw the whole creation to yourself, that your salvation may be known through all the earth.

God of all mercies, **hear our prayer.**

O Christ, Savior and Lord, extend your church to every place. Make it a place of welcome for people of every race and tongue. God of all mercies, **hear our prayer.**

O Christ, Ruler of rulers, direct the work and thoughts of the leaders of nations, that they may seek justice and further peace and freedom for all. God of all mercies, **hear our prayer.**

O Christ, Master of all, support of the weak and comfort of the afflicted, strengthen the tempted and raise the fallen. Watch over the lonely and those in danger. Give hope to the despairing and sustain the faith of the persecuted.

Here our prayers as we raise them to you, especially . . .  
God of all mercies, **Hear our prayer.**

## Offering of Gifts

Even the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many.

*Mark 10:45*

*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 God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
Holy God of power and might  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory  
[Repeat]*

## Praise for Christ's Sacrifice

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

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Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, Ris - ing you re - stored our life,  
Come, Lord Je - sus come, in glor - y.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 4/4 time, key of B-flat major. The first staff contains the melody for the first two phrases: 'Dy - ing you de - stroyed our death, Ris - ing you re - stored our life,'. The second staff, starting with a measure rest and the number '5', contains the melody for the final phrase: 'Come, Lord Je - sus come, in glor - y.' The melody is simple and hymn-like, using quarter and eighth notes.

## 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

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. 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 - We Are Not Overcome**

Flesh will fail, and bones will break  
thieves will steal, the earth will shake  
Night will fall, the light will fade  
The Lord will give, and take away

Because of His great Love, we are not overcome  
Because of His great Love, we are not overcome

Put no trust, in the earth  
in the sod, you stand upon  
Flowers fade, into dust  
The Lord will make, a place for us

Because of His great Love, we are not overcome  
Because of His great Love, we are not overcome

Have no fear, for your life  
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek  
Bear the yoke, of love and death  
The Lord will give, all life and breath

Because of His great Love, we are not overcome  
Because of His great Love, we are not overcome

## **Dismissal**

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



## ATTRIBUTIONS

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## Announcements:

### **Next Winter Potluck Next 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 Ted and Cathy Prescott about their lives and their journeys 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.

### **Intro to Second City Church Class Saturday, February 28**

Are you new to Second City? Would you like to know more about the church's core beliefs? If so, join us for the Intro to Second City class from 9 am to noon on February 28. Contact Pastor Peter at [peter@secondcitychurch.org](mailto:peter@secondcitychurch.org) to sign up or to learn more.

## Announcements Continued:

### Giving Statements Available

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.

### Weather-Related Delays or Cancellations

In the case of weather-related changes to worship services or other scheduled events, the church will send group messages by email and text, providing any updated information. Please contact the office if you have new contact information.



## 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



## 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.

\_\_\_\_\_ Visitor  
\_\_\_\_\_ Regular Attendee  
\_\_\_\_\_ Member

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