




SECOND CITY
C H U R C H

Judas and the Betrayal of God
February 11, 2024
Last Sunday After Epiphany



MEDITATION

And what shall I speak of his meekness? Who could encounter the monstrous ingratitude and dissimulation of that miscreant who betrayed him in no harsher terms than these, “Judas, betrayest thou the Son of Man with a kiss?”

- Henry Scougal, *The Life of God in the Soul of Man*

We cultivate love when we allow our most vulnerable and powerful selves to be deeply seen and known, and when we honor the spiritual connection that grows from that offering with trust, respect, kindness and affection. Love is not something we give or get; it is something that we nurture and grow, a connection that can only be cultivated between two people when it exists within each one of them – we can only love others as much as we love ourselves. Shame, blame, disrespect, betrayal, and the withholding of affection damage the roots from which love grows.

- Brene Brown

For there to be betrayal, there would have to have been trust first.

— Suzanne Collins, *The Hunger Games*

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 12th	Psalm 110:1-4	Exodus 19:7-25	Hebrews 2:1-4
Tuesday the 13th	Psalm 110:1-4	Job 19:23-27	1 Timothy 3:14-16
Wednesday the 14th	Psalm 51:1-17	Joel 2:1-2, 12-17, Isaiah 58:1-12	Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21
Thursday February 15th	Psalm 25:1-10	Daniel 9:1-14	1 John 1:3-10
Friday the 16th	Psalm 25:1-10	Daniel 9:15-25a	2 Timothy 4:1-5
Saturday the 17th	Psalm 25:1-10	Psalm 32	Matthew 9:2-13

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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.

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. New families are welcome to tour the space before or after a service if desired.

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

The word “epiphany” comes from the Greek word that means “to reveal.” Thus, the season of Epiphany is about the revealing of Jesus as the Son of God and Savior of the World. Historically three main events from Jesus’ life are commemorated during Epiphany season: the visit of the Magi, the baptism of Jesus, and the Transfiguration of Jesus. All three of these events in their own way reveal something about the glory and worship of Christ. We use green as our primary color during Epiphany to emphasize the growth of the gospel out into the world through the the revelation of Jesus Christ to the world.

Please note that our services are live-streamed.



LITURGY OF PREPARATION

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Arise, shine, for your light has come!

The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.

Let us praise the Lord together.

**The sun shall no longer be our light by day,
nor will the brightness of the moon shine on us,**

for the Lord will be our light,
and our God will be our glory.

—based on Isaiah 60

Gathering Hymn - What A Friend We Have In Jesus (Oh What A Friend!)

What a friend we have in Jesus
All our sins and griefs to bear
What a privilege to carry
Everything to God in prayer
Oh, what peace we often forfeit
Oh what needless pain we bear
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
Jesus, Savior, is our refuge
Take it to the Lord in prayer
Are we weak and heavy laden
Cumbered with a load of care?
Jesus knows our every weakness
Take it to the Lord in prayer

Oh, what a friend
Oh, what a friend in Jesus
Oh, what a friend
Oh, what a friend in Jesus

Blessed Savior, You have promised
All our burdens You will bear
May we ever, Lord, be bringing
All to you in earnest prayer
Soon, in glory bright unclouded
Face to face will be our prayer
Joyful praise and endless worship
Will be our sweet portion there

Oh, what a friend
Oh, what a friend in Jesus
Oh, what a friend
Oh, what a friend in Jesus

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:

**Almighty and most merciful Father,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things which we ought not to have done;
and apart from your grace, there is no health in us.
O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare all those who confess their faults.
Restore all those who are penitent, according to your promises
declared to all people in Christ Jesus our Lord.
And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may now live a
godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy Name. Amen.**

Words of Forgiveness & Peace

He was despised and rejected by men, a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed.

Isaiah 53:3-5

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

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

Let us love and sing and wonder
Let us praise the Savior's name
He has hushed the law's loud thunder
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has brought us nigh to God

Let us love the Lord who bought us
Pitied us when enemies
Called us by His grace and taught us
Gave us ears and gave us eyes
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He has washed us with His blood
He presents our souls to God

Let us sing though fierce temptation
Threatens hard to bear us down
For the Lord our strong salvation
Holds in view the conqu'ror's crown

He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
Soon will bring us home to God

Let us wonder grace and justice
Join and point to mercy's store
When through grace in Christ our trust is
Justice smiles and asks no more
He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
He who washed us with His blood
Has secured our way to God

Let us praise and join the chorus
Of the saints enthroned on high
Here they trusted Him before us
Now their praises fill the sky
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou hast washed us with Thy blood
Thou art worthy Lamb of God

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

“The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge.”

Proverbs 1:7

Psalm Reading

Psalm 54; page 562

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

Zechariah 11:12-13; page 949

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Hebrews 6:4-8; page 1190

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 22:47-53; page 1049

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Peter Rowan - *Judas and the Betrayal of God*

Creed

We believe in the one High God, who out of love created the beautiful world and everything good in it. He created man and wanted man to be happy in the world. God loves the world and every nation and tribe on the earth. We have known this High God in the darkness, and now we know him in the light. God promised in the book of his word, the Bible, that he would save the world and all nations and tribes.

We believe that God made good his promise by sending his son, Jesus Christ, a man in the flesh, a Jew by tribe, born poor in a little village, who left his home and was always on safari doing good, curing people by the power of God, teaching about God and man, showing that the meaning of religion is love. He was rejected by his people, tortured and nailed hands and feet to a cross, and died. He was buried in the grave, but the hyenas did not touch him, and on the third day, he rose from that grave. He ascended to the skies. He is the Lord.

We believe that all our sins are forgiven through him. All who have faith in him must be sorry for their sins, be baptized in the Holy Spirit of God, live the rules of love, and share the bread together in love, to announce the good news to others until Jesus comes again. We are waiting for him. He is alive. He lives. This we believe.

Offering of Prayers of the People

O Jesus, light of the world, come into the dark places of this earth.
You bring a light from God that only you can shed. Light eternal, your light shines in the darkness, and the darkness does not overcome it.

We bring to you the darkness of our world in war, starvation, cruelty, and exploitation.

We bring to you the darkness of our earth, damaged and defaced by pollution.

We bring to you the darkness of our nation, beset with conflict of race and class, religion and politics.

We bring to you the darkness of our relationships, people not looking, not speaking, not listening, not forgiving.

We bring to you the darkness of our own souls, hidden closets we have not visited or cleaned out for years.

O Jesus, light of the world, be a morning star above for us, a radiance within, the shining all around that lets us live in love. Only then shall we be reflectors of your brightness and give glory to God in heaven. **Amen.**

Offering of Gifts

One gives freely, yet grows all the richer; another withholds what he should give, and only suffers want.

Proverbs 11:24

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, because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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



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

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

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us once for all upon the cross.

Therefore let us keep the feast!

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, look mercifully upon your people, that by your great goodness they may be governed and preserved evermore; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. 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 Walking In The Light of God*

We are walking in the light of God
We are walking in the light of God
(Repeat)

We are walking, walking
We are walking, o-oh!
We are walking in the light of God
(Repeat)

We are living in the love of God
We are living in the love of God
(Repeat)

We are living, living
We are living, o-oh!
We are living in the love of God
(Repeat)

We are moving in the power of God
We are moving in the power of God
(Repeat)

We are moving, moving
We are moving, o-oh!
We are moving in the power of God
(Repeat)

We are walking in the light of God
We are walking in the light of God
(Repeat)

We are walking, walking
We are walking, o-oh!
We are walking in the light of God
(Repeat)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Amen.



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Sunday Morning Christian Education Classes

For the months of February and April we will have Sunday morning Christian Education classes. Classes are divided into age groups 3-7, 8-12, and high school. Classes start at 9 am. Parents and adults, please consider joining the adults' Bible study during the same time! The adults' Bible study is meeting in the music room this month, across from the church office.

Fasnacht Day and Ash Wednesday

Tuesday, Feb 13 is Fasnacht Day. Come join us at the church for pancake and bacon. Bring all of your Christmas candy and favorite toppings to load down your pancakes!

Wednesday, Feb 14 is Ash Wednesday. We will have our service of repentance at 6pm.



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Giving Statements Now Available

Giving statements are now available in the back of the church, on the table in the room outside the narthex. Please pick up your statement on your way out today. Thank you for your faithful giving to the work of Second City Church.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for the following people:

Mary Watts
Christine Zubrod Perrin
Chuck & Michelle Bagley

Clair Webster
Barb Koller
Joe Sawanowich
Darwin Leshner

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
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_____ Member

Name(s):

Address (please include city and zip):

Phone: _____

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Prayer

Requests: _____

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