



Jesus, Call Me Too!
February 16, 2025
Sixth Sunday of Epiphany



MEDITATION

Boys, I may lead you into hell, but I'll get you out if you do exactly as I tell you to do. I'll never send you into a battle, I'll lead you. All I ask any man to do is follow me.

- Leander McNelly, McNelly's Rangers

The true name is one which expresses the character, nature, the meaning of the person who bears it. It is the man's own symbol – his soul's picture, in a word – the sign which belongs to him and to no one else. Who can give a man this, his own nature? God alone. For no one but God sees what a man is.

- George MacDonald, *The New Name*

Who am I? This or the Other?

Am I one person today and tomorrow another?

Am I both at once? A hypocrite before others,

And before myself a contemptible woebegone weakling?

Or is something within me still like a beaten army

Fleeing in disorder from victory already achieved?

Who am I? They mock me, these lonely questions of mine.

Whoever I am, Thou knowest, O God, I am thine!

- Dietrich Bonhoeffer, "Who Am I?"

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 17th	Psalm 120	2 Kings 24:18-25:21	1 Corinthians 15:20-34
Tuesday the 18th	Psalm 120	Ezra 1:1-11	2 Corinthians 1:12-19
Wednesday the 19th	Psalm 120	Jeremiah 22:11-17	Luke 11:37-52
Thursday the 20th	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40	Genesis 43:16-34	Romans 8:1-11
Friday the 21st	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40	Genesis 44:1-17	1 John 2:12-17
Saturday, the 22nd	Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40	Genesis 44:18-34	Luke 12:57-59

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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 families of the peoples,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength!

Ascribe to the Lord the glory due his name;
bring an offering, and come into his courts!

Worship the Lord in the splendor of holiness;
tremble before him, all the earth!

Say among the nations, **“The Lord reigns!”**

-Psalm 96:7-10


Gathering Hymn - *Dayspring (Christ Whose Glory)*

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!

Confession Hymn - *Jesus, My Only Hope*



Je - sus, Je sus, Son of God Jes - us my on - ly
hope of sal - va - tion, have mer - cy on me, a sin - ner.

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

He has delivered us from the domain of darkness and transferred us to the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Colossians 1:13-14

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Hymns of Praise and Adoration

Our Great God

Eternal God unchanging mysterious and unknown
Your boundless love, unfailing grace and mercy shown
Bright seraphim in ceaseless flight, around Your glorious throne
They raise their voices day and night, in praise to You alone

Hallelujah glory be to our great God
Hallelujah glory be to our great God

Lord we are weak and frail, helpless in the storm
Surround us with Your angels, hold us in Your arms
Our cold and ruthless enemy, his pleasure is our harm
Rise up O Lord and he will flee, before our sov'reign God

Hallelujah glory be to our great God
Hallelujah glory be to our great God

Let ev'ry creature in the sea, and ev'ry flying bird
Let ev'ry mountain, ev'ry field and valley of the earth
Let all the moons and all the stars, in all the universe
Sing praises to the living God, who rules them by His Word

Hallelujah glory be to our great God
Hallelujah glory be to our great God

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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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 103:6-14; page 594

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

Isaiah 55:1-7; page 731

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Revelation 2:17; page 1219

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 2:13-17; page 995

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

Sermon

Rev. Dale Kulp - *Jesus, Call Me Too!*

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.

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

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 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, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are filled with your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he 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.
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Calling on the Holy Spirit and Lord's Prayer

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy Sacrament, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.
Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you
and feed on him by faith with thanksgiving.

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, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, 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 - Barocha

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face shine upon you
And give you peace, and give you peace
And give you peace, forever

The Lord be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face, toward you
And give you peace, and give you peace
And give you peace, forever

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord make His face shine upon you
And give you peace, and give you peace
And give you peace, forever
And give you peace, and give you peace
And give you peace, forever

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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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.

Children's Sunday School Classes Starting Again in March

During all five Sundays in March, we will offer a new series of classes on the book of Acts. The classes will meet at 9 am in the same upstairs Logos classrooms where they met during the January session. There will be two classes: ages 3 - 7 and ages 8 - 13.

Announcements Continued: Easter Choir

Since the Christmas choir was so well received, we're planning to assemble one for the Easter season as well! If you'd like to participate, please contact Greysen Kemper for details at greysenkemper@gmail.com.

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 help us make sure you don't miss any important messages:

- If you're not sure the church office has your current email address or cell phone number, please send your contact info to office@secondcitychurch.org as well as to solimpi@hotmail.com.
- If you don't have a cell phone or an email address, please call the church office at 717-232-0604 ASAP to request a personal phone call concerning future delays or cancellations. Thank you!



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



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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!

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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):

Phone: _____

E-mail: _____

Prayer

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