



Heart Health
August 10, 2025
Ninth Sunday of Trinitytide



MEDITATION

If sensuous beauty delights you, praise God for the beauty of corporeal things, and channel the love you feel for them onto their Maker.

- St Augustine

We may ignore, but we can nowhere evade, the presence of God. The world is crowded with Him. He walks everywhere incognito. And the incognito is not always hard to penetrate. The real labor is to remember, to attend.

- C. S. Lewis, *Letters to Malcolm*

Worship . . . puts God at the center of our vision. It is vitally important because it is only when God is at the center of our vision that we see things as they really are.

- Roy Clements

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, August 11th	Psalm 11	Isaiah 2:1-4	Hebrews 11:1-7
Tuesday the 12th	Psalm 11	Isaiah 24:1-13	Hebrews 11:17-28
Wednesday the 13th	Psalm 11	Isaiah 24:14-23	Luke 12:41-48
Thursday the 14th	Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19	Isaiah 2:5-11	Hebrews 10:26-31
Friday the 15th	Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19	Isaiah 3:1-17	Hebrews 10:32-39
Saturday the 16th	Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19	Isaiah 3:18-4:6	Matthew 24:15-27

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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).

Pentecost Season, sometimes called Trinity Season, the Time of the Church, or Ordinary Time, is the long season that follows Pentecost until the end of the church year and the beginning of Advent. During this season we celebrate the Holy Spirit, the mission of the Church, and the growth that the church experiences guided by the Spirit. The symbols of the season are any Trinity symbol, images of the Apostles or Saints, symbols of the church, or symbols of Christ. The liturgical color for the season is green, symbolizing the new growth of the Church that the Spirit brings.

Please note that our services are live-streamed.



LITURGY OF PREPARATION

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

How lovely is your dwelling place, O Lord of hosts!

**My soul longs, yes, faints
for the courts of the Lord;
my heart and flesh sing for joy
to the living God.**

Even the sparrow finds a home,
and the swallow a nest for herself,
where she may lay her young,
at your altars, O Lord of hosts,
my King and my God.

**Blessed are those who dwell in your house,
ever singing your praise!**

Psalm 84:1-4

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 - We Cry Mercy

Leader: Lord have mercy

People: Lord have mercy

Leader: Christ have mercy

People: Christ have mercy

Together: O Lord have mercy on us

[Repeat]

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Words of Forgiveness & Peace

What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us? ³² 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 8:31-34

Passing of the Peace

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

Hymns of Praise and Adoration

Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise

Immortal invisible God only wise
In light inaccessible, hid from our eyes
Most blessed most glorious, the Ancient of Days
Almighty victorious, Thy great name we praise

Unresting unhasting, and silent as light
Nor wanting nor wasting, Thou rulest in might
Thy justice like mountains, high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains, of goodness and love

To all life Thou givest, to both great and small
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all
We blossom and flourish, as leaves on the tree
And wither and perish, but naught changeth Thee

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight
All praise we would render, O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor, of light hideth thee

Let This Heart Not Wander

Let my eyes see nothing
Let my eyes see nothing
But Your glory, my Lord
Let my eyes see nothing
Let my eyes see nothing
But Your glory, my Lord

Let this heart not wander
Let this heart not wander
From Your mercy, my Lord
Let this heart not wander
Let this heart not wander
From Your mercy, my Lord

May I always linger
May I always linger
In Your presence, my Lord
May I always linger
May I always linger
In Your presence, my Lord

I will ever praise You
I will ever praise You
You are worthy, my Lord
I will ever praise You
I will ever praise You
You are worthy, my Lord



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.

August Memory Verse

Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

John 6:29

Psalm Reading

Psalm 73; page 574

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 11:1-6; page 683

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Jude 17-21; page 1216

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord!

Matthew 18:1-9; page 978

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Jed Stalker - *Heart Health*

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

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church;

That we all may be one.

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

That your Name may be glorified by all people.

We pray for all pastors, missionaries, and those who work in your church;

That they may be faithful in their work and faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

That our works may find favor in your sight.

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

That they may be delivered from their distress.

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. . . .

Silence

In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Offering of Gifts

Whoever brings blessing will be enriched, and one who waters will himself be watered.

Proverbs 11:25

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 boxes on the wall as you leave, or can be made electronically on our website or by the QR code to the right.



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; for he is your living Word from before time and for all ages; by him you created all things, and by him you make all things new. 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 full of 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

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray, saying:

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 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

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

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

- Number 6:24-26

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

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Dismissal

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Picnic Today After Church at Negley Park

Join us after church today in the upper pavilion at Negley Park, located at 418 Cumberland Road in Lemoyne!

Missions Team Meeting After Church Next Sunday, August 17

Team members, please plan to attend.

Training for All Nursery Volunteers Next Sunday, August 17

After church on August 17th, there will be a 30-minute training for all Nursery volunteers. If you have any questions about volunteering in the Nursery, or if you are interested in serving in the Nursery in the upcoming year but are unable to attend the meeting, please let Hannah Hollander know so she can connect with you another time.



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Bridal Shower for Emily Rosenberger Saturday, August 23

Women of the church are invited to celebrate Emily Rosenberger and her upcoming marriage to Danny Kulp at a bridal shower on Saturday, August 23rd from 10:00-12:00. The shower will be in the church social hall and will include a light brunch. Please RSVP to Hannah Hollander (717-579-6975, hannah@secondcitychurch.org) by August 16th.

Final Second Sunday Picnic at Negley Park September 14

Join us in the upper pavilion at Negley Park, located at 418 Cumberland Road in Lemoyne.

Altar Flowers

Today's Altar flowers are placed in loving memory of Edward A. Camp Jr.'s birthday, August 12th, by his father Ed Camp.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for the following people:

Dottie Roden
Darwin Leshner
Virginia Anderson

Nevin White
Sophia James, USAF
Eleanor Orner
Christine Zubrod Perrin

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