



Stay in Your Lane

November 16, 2025 Twenty-third Sunday of Trinitytide



#### **MEDITATION**

The first ministers were the twelve disciples. There is no evidence that Jesus chose them because they are brighter or nicer than other people. Their sole qualification seems to have been their initial willingness to rise to their feet when Jesus said, "Follow me."

-Frederick Buechner

Trying to do the Lord's work in your own strength is the most confusing, exhausting, and tedious of all work. But when you are filled with the Holy Spirit, then the ministry of Jesus just flows out of you.

- Corrie Ten Boom

The man who is wise, therefore, will see his life as more like a reservoir than a canal. The canal simultaneously pours out what it receives; the reservoir retains the water till it is filled, then discharges the overflow without loss to itself ... Today there are many in the Church who act like canals, the reservoirs are far too rare ... You too must learn to await this fullness before pouring out your gifts, do not try to be more generous than God.

-Bernard of Clairvaux

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday, November 17th	Psalm 76	Isaiah 60:17-22	Ephesians 4:25-5:2
Tuesday the 18th	Psalm 76	Isaiah 66:1-13	I Corinthians 10:23-11:1
Wednesday the 19th	Psalm 76	Isaiah 66:14-24	Matthew 23:37-24:14
Thursday the 20th	Luke 1:68-79	Jeremiah 21:1-14	Hebrews 9:23-28
Friday the 21st	Luke 1:68-79	Jeremiah 22:1-17	I Peter 1:3-9
Saturday the 22nd	Luke 1:68-79	Jeremiah 22:18-30	Luke 18:15-17

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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.



#### **Words of Welcome**

#### Call to Worship

Oh come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!

For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands formed the dry land.

Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

- Psalm 95:1-6

## Gathering Hymn -Come Ye Thankful People Come

Come ye thankful people come
Raise the song of harvest-home
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin
God our Maker doth provide
For our wants to be supplied
Come to God's own temple come
Raise the song of harvest-home

All the world is God's own field Fruit unto His praise to yield Wheat and tares together sown Unto joy or sorrow grown First the blade and then the ear Then the full corn shall appear Lord of harvest grant that we Wholesome grain and pure may be For the Lord our God shall come And shall take His harvest home From His field shall in that day All offenses purge away Give His angels charge at last In the fire the tares to cast But the fruitful ears to store In His garner evermore

Even so Lord quickly come
To Thy final harvest-home
Gather Thou Thy people in
Free from sorrow free from sin
There forever purified
In Thy presence to abide
Come with all Thine angels come
Raise the glorious harvest-home

## Confession Hymn - Create In Me A Clean Heart

Create in me a clean heart, oh God, and renew a right spirit within me Create in me a clean heart, oh God, and renew a right spirit within me

Cast me not away from Your presence, oh Lord
Take not Your Holy Spirit from me
Restore unto me the joy of my salvation
And renew a right spirit with me

#### **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**

For you know the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sake he became poor, so that you by his poverty might become rich.

2 Corinthians 8.9

In Christ Jesus 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 Glory Be To God

Glory be to God Father, Son and Holy Spirit Forever more

[Repeat]

#### 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.

November Memory Verse

My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.

2 Corinthians 12:9

## **Psalm Reading**

Psalm 18:1-6; page 536

#### 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**

I Samuel 30:6; page 297

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

## **New Testament Reading**

2 Corinthians 10; page 1150

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 11:25-30; page 970

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

#### Sermon

Jed Stalker - Stay in Your Lane

#### 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

Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

(A time of open prayer)

O Lord, show your mercy upon us;

And grant us your salvation.

O Lord, guide those who govern us;

And lead us in the way of justice and truth.

Clothe your ministers with righteousness;

And let your people sing with joy.

O Lord, save your people;

And bless your inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord;

And defend us by your mighty power.

Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, O God;

And take not your Holy Spirit from us.

Amen.

## Offering of Gifts

Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. 8 And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that having all sufficiency in all things at all times, you may abound in every good work.

2 Corinthians 9:7-8

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. You bid your faithful people cleanse their hearts, and prepare with joy for the Paschal feast; that, fervent in prayer and in works of mercy, and renewed by your Word and Sacraments, they may come to the fullness of grace which you have prepared for those who love you. 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
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord
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**

Set us free, loving Father, from the bondage of our sins, and in your goodness and mercy give us the liberty of that abundant life which you have made known to us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

## **Benediction**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

- 2 Corinthians 13:14

## **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

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!



#### **ATTRIBUTIONS**

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#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **November Sunday School Classes for Children**

Sunday school continues through November 23. Classes start at 9 am and are broken into the following age groups: Age 3 - 1st grade; 2nd - 4th grade; and 5th - 8th grade.

#### Thanksgiving Gathering Next Sunday, November 23

Next Sunday at 5pm we will gather for our annual Thanksgiving meal and worship service. Please bring a side dish or salad to share along with your favorite Thanksgiving dessert. As in previous years, the contributor of the best dessert takes home a trophy!

#### **Operation Christmas Child Boxes Must be Returned by November 23**

Empty boxes are now available outside the Social Hall. If you want to participate this year, please take a box, fill it with gifts for a needy child, and return it by next Sunday, November 23. You can return your box either Sunday morning or at the evening Thanksgiving meal. Thanks!



#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED**

#### Vespers Service Sunday, December 7 at 6 pm

We invite you to contemplate Advent and this time of waiting at our next Vespers service. We gather in song to celebrate the "almost, not yet, already" aspect of the season as we prepare for the joy of Christmas and, ultimately, Christ's return.

#### **Benevolence Team Reminder**

The Benevolence Team exists to help meet needs inside and outside of our church community. Please don't hesitate to reach out to the team if you need help with groceries or other needs.

#### **New Church Directory**

If you haven't already, please remember to update your information by filling out the back page of a church bulletin or by emailing your contact information to <a href="mailto:office@secondcitychurch.org">office@secondcitychurch.org</a>. Thank you!

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to

pray for the following people:

Dottie Roden Sophia James, USAF

Darwin Lesher Eleanor Orner

Virginia Anderson Christine Zubrod Perrin

Nevin White Jon Yawger

Elizabeth James Chuck Bagley and Bagley/Gazsi families

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