



A Matter of the Heart
March 1, 2026
Second Sunday in Lent



MEDITATION

The heart wants what it wants

- Selena Gomez

Lord I offer my heart to you, promptly and sincerely.

- John Calvin

Fight for the things that you care about. But do it in a way that will lead others to join you.

- Ruth Bader Ginsburg

Let truth, the light of my heart, speak to me and not my own darkness!...I went astray and I remembered you. I heard your voice behind me, calling me back, and I could scarcely hear it for all the noise made by those without your peace. And now, look, I return thirsty and panting to your foundation. Let no one hold me back! I shall drink of it, and I shall live of it. Let me not be my own life! I lived evilly of myself. I have been death to myself. I come back to life in you.

- Augustine

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, March 2nd	Psalm 128	Numbers 21:4-9	Hebrews 3:1-6
Tuesday the 3rd	Psalm 128	Isaiah 65:17-25	Romans 4:6-13
Wednesday the 4th	Psalm 128	Ezekiel 36:22-32	John 7:53-8:11
Thursday the 5th	Psalm 95	Exodus 16:1-8	Colossians 1:15-23
Friday the 6th	Psalm 95	Exodus 16:9-21	Ephesians 2:11-22
Saturday the 7th	Psalm 95	Exodus 16:27-35	John 4:1-6

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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

Lent is a 40 day season of confession and repentance in preparation for Easter. Christians have been keeping the season of Lent since the 2nd century. During this season Christians typically fast on certain days and abstain from certain things in order shape our hearts and souls towards repentance. The 40 day fast of Lent symbolizes several events in salvation history: Jesus' 40 fast in the wilderness, Israel's 40 year wandering in the desert, the 40 days of rain cleansing the earth during the flood of Noah, among others. The liturgical colors for Lent are purple and black, symbolizing mourning and repentance.

Please note that our services are live-streamed.



LITURGY OF PREPARATION

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

I lift up my eyes to the hills.
From where does my help come?
**My help comes from the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.**

The Lord will keep you from all evil;
he will keep your life.
**The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in
from this time forth and forevermore.**

Psalm 121:1-2, 7-8

Gathering Hymn - I Heard The Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say
Come unto me and rest
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon my chest
I came to Jesus as I was
Weary, and worn, and sad
I found in him a resting place
And he has made me glad

I heard the voice of Jesus say
Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one
Stoop down and drink, and live

I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream
My thirst was quenched, my soul
revived, and now I live in him

I heard the voice of Jesus say
I am this dark world's light
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and
all thy day be bright
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In him my Star, my Sun
And in that light of life I'll walk
Till traveling days are done

Confession Hymn - Have Mercy

*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

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1:8-9

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

Doxology

To Him who is able, to keep you from falling
To Him, to Him, to Him
To Him, to Him, to Him
[Repeat]

We are standing in His presence
With our garments clean and white
All glory, honor, power, majesty
To Jesus Christ

To Him who is able, to keep you from falling
To Him, to Him, to Him
To Him, to Him, to Him

We are standing in His presence
With our garments clean and white
All glory, honor, power, majesty
To Jesus Christ

To Him who is able, to keep you from falling
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Jesus Paid It All

I hear the Savior say
Thy strength indeed is small
Child of weakness, watch and pray
Find in Me thine all in all
Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

Lord, now indeed I find
Thy pow'r, and Thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone
Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow

And when before the throne
I stand in Him complete
Jesus died my soul to save
My lips shall still repeat
Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow



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.

March Memory Verse - Romans 8:28-29

For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Psalm Reading

Psalm 46:1-8; page 557

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 29:13-14; page 701

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Galatians 2:11-14a; page 1155

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 7:1-23; page 1001

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

Sermon

Pastor Peter Rowan - *A Matter of the Heart*

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

**God of all seasons,
in your pattern of things
there is a time for keeping and a time for losing,
a time for building up and a time for pulling down.
In this season of Lent
as we journey to the cross,
help us to discern in our lives
what we must lay down and what we must take up,
what we must end and what we must begin.
Give us grace to lead a disciplined life,
in glad faithfulness and with the joy
that comes from a closer walk with Christ.**

Hear us as we bring before you the needs of our church, our community and the world.

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

Offering of Gifts

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



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

Glory to you, God of Abraham and Sarah, for you uphold every hope of redemption and upon you rests eternity. In every age you have called your people to receive your blessing by faith, trusting not their own righteousness but the promise that rests forever on your grace. In Christ you came to bear the weight of our sin, carry our offenses, and take up the hope of our salvation; and, through your power, the cross he bears across his shoulders has become for us the resurrection and the life. And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we join the unending hymn.

Sanctus

Holy God of pow'r and might
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory
Holy God of pow'r 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:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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

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, 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 God the Father, who does not despise the broken spirit, give to you a contrite heart.

Amen.

May Christ, who bore our sins in his body on the tree, heal you by his wounds.

Amen.

May the Holy Spirit, who leads you into all truth, speak to you words of pardon and peace.

Amen.

And may the blessing of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and 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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Amen.



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

March Children's Sunday School Classes

During the first four Sundays in March, the church is offering a new series of classes. The classes begin at 9 am Sunday mornings. The age groups and classroom locations are:
Age 3 - 1st grade, meeting in the Children's Worship space, behind the Orange Room, at the ground level of our building.
2nd - 4th grade, meeting in an upstairs Logos classroom, above the Social Hall.
5th - 8th grade, meeting in an upstairs Logos classroom, above the Social Hall.

Vespers Evening Worship Service Next Sunday, March 8

Join us at 6 pm next Sunday for a liturgy of reflective prayer and song.

Spring Forward Next Sunday, March 8

We go back to daylight saving time next Sunday, March 8. Don't forget to move your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed this Saturday, March 7.



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Next Senior Saints' Lunch March 18

The next Senior Saints' lunch gathering is at 12:15 on Wednesday, March 18 at the church. Because of Logos Academy's use of the Social Hall, we will meet in the Orange Room and the Sanctuary. Please join us if you can!

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.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for:

Dottie Roden

Darwin Leshar

Virginia Anderson

Greg Nies

Wes and Cynthia VanderArk

Joseph Ayers

Chuck Bagley and Bagley/Gazsi families

Sophia James, USAF

Elizabeth James

Christine Zubrod Perrin

Jon Yawger

Dawn Benner

Donna Weatherly

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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):

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Prayer

Requests: _____

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