



What's In A Name?
September 13, 2026
Sixteenth Sunday of Trinitytide



MEDITATION

One of the peculiar sins of the twentieth century which we've developed to a very high level is the sin of credulity. It has been said that when human beings stop believing in God they believe in nothing. The truth is much worse: they believe in anything.

- Malcolm Muggeridge

Jesus is the God whom we can approach without pride and before whom we can humble ourselves without despair.

- Blaise Pascal

Still, let us both take heart of hope and of faith. The link between father and son is not only of the perishable flesh: it must have something of *aeternitas* about it. There is a place called 'heaven' where the good here unfinished is completed; and where the stories unwritten, and the hopes unfulfilled, are continued. We may laugh together yet.

- J. R. R. Tolkien, *Letters*

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday, September 14th	Psalm 77	Joshua 3:1-17	Hebrews 11:23-29
Tuesday the 15th	Psalm 77	Nehemiah 9:9-15	Romans 14:13-15:2
Wednesday the 16th	Psalm 77	2 Kings 2:1-18	Mark 11:20-25
Thursday the 17th	Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45	Exodus 15:22-27	2 Corinthians 13:1-4
Friday the 18th	Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45	Exodus 16:1-21	2 Corinthians 13:5-10
Saturday the 19th	Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45	Exodus 16:22-30	Matthew 19:23-30

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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

Your steadfast love, O Lord, extends to the heavens,
your faithfulness to the clouds.

Your righteousness is like the mountains of God;
your judgments are like the great deep;
man and beast you save, O Lord.

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

They feast on the abundance of your house,
and you give them drink from the river of your delights.

For with you is the fountain of life;
in your light do we see light.

- Psalm Psalm 36:5-9

Gathering Hymn -Jesus What A Friend For Sinners!

Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! Lover of my soul
Friends may fail me, foes assail me
He, my Savior, makes me whole
Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving
He is with me to the end

Jesus! what a Help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll
Even when my heart is breaking
He, my Comfort, helps my soul
Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving
He is with me to the end

Jesus! what a Strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in Him
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing
He, my Strength, my victory wins
Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving
He is with me to the end

Jesus! I do now receive Him
More than all in Him I find
He has granted me forgiveness
I am His, and He is mine
Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah! what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving
He is with me to the end

Confession Hymn - Kyrie

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy
On my soul
[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

We were buried therefore with him by baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, we too might walk in newness of life.

Romans 6:4

In Christ Jesus our sins are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

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

Baptism of Peter Silas Glendinning

Do you receive Peter as your family in Christ and do you promise to give the gifts God has given to you all to encourage him as he follows Jesus.

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include Peter now before you in your care?

We will.

Affirmations of the Congregation

We will surround Peter with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Peter Silas Glendinning you are..

Left side of congregation: **Dead to sin!**

Right side: **Alive to God!**

All: **In Christ Jesus!**

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

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

Constant One

In the moment I am hiding, Your love it seeks me out
You hold me and You know me, from the inside out from the inside out

Constant One endless is Your love
Like a river can't be stopped You're faithful
Constant One who is like You God
Your mercy's like the sun, always rising over us

It's amazing how You take me, just for who I am
In the valleys on the mountains
I'm always in Your hands, I'm always in Your hands

Constant One endless is Your love
Like a river can't be stopped You're faithful
Constant One who is like You God
Your mercy's like the sun, always rising over us

And there is no place that I could run that
You won't chase me down, You won't chase me down
And there is no place that I could hide that
I will not be found, I will not be found

Constant One endless is Your love
Like a river can't be stopped You're faithful
Constant One who is like You God
Your mercy's like the sun, always rising over 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.

September Memory Verse

God saw the people of Israel—and God knew.

Exodus 2:25

Psalm Reading

Psalm 37:3-9, 39-40; page 550

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

Exodus 3; page 54

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Philippians 2:8-11; page 1165

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

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

Glory to you, O Lord!

John 14:6-7; page 1070

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Peter Rowan - *What's in a Name?*

Offering of Prayers of the People

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation, we pray especially for [...]

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever. 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 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
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is the one 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

O God, who by the glorious resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ destroyed death and brought life and immortality to light: Grant that we, who have been raised with him, may abide in his presence and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, 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 - Trinity Sending Song

May God the Father who loves us guide us
May God the Son speak the truth among us
May God the Holy Spirit move us
Show us the Kingdom of God

May God the Father who knows us bless us
May God the Son send his healing through us
May God the Holy Spirit teach us
Show us the Kingdom of God
Show us the Kingdom of God

May we go in peace
To love and serve the Lord amen
May we go in peace
To love and serve the Lord amen

May God the Father who made us send us
May God the Son shine his light before us
May God the Holy Spirit lead us
Show us the Kingdom of God
Show us the Kingdom of God

May we go in peace
To love and serve the Lord amen
May we go in peace
To love and serve the Lord amen

Dismissal

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God!



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Second Sunday Picnic!

Join us at the upper pavilion at Negley Park in Lemoyne immediately after church today, September 13, for our last Second Sunday Second City Picnic of the season! These are a great way to connect with other and get to know new people in our church. SCC will provide hot dogs, chips, drinks and plates and utensils. Please plan to bring a side or a dessert to share.

Ladies tea to celebrate Jess and Cammie

Please join us in celebrating Cammie Cothron and Jess Reapsome as they prepare for their upcoming births. We will have a ladies tea, Sunday October 4th at 4pm. If you would like to contribute to a gift, we are accepting donations. Please see Melise Rowan by September 27.

Children's Sunday School

Children's Sunday School will be beginning again in September! Sunday School classes are from 9:00-10:00am for children 3yrs-8th grade. We will meet September 13, 20, 27, October 4, and November 1, 8, 15, and 22. Parents are invited to attend the adult Sunday School hour, which meets at the same time.

If you are interested in volunteering in our Sunday School program please email hannah@secondcitychurch.org. We are looking for at least one more volunteer to serve with the 2nd-4th graders. Thanks!



ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

Shaffer Retreat Campout, Worship Service and Picnic October 17-18

Mark your calendars for this beloved event, taking place the third weekend of October at the church's property at 2011 Fishing Creek Valley Road! More details to follow.

New Church Directory

The church is updating its directory, so please make sure your contact information is current. You can update your information by filling out the back page of a church bulletin or by emailing your information to office@secondcitychurch.org.

Senior Saints Lunches

This Fall, Senior Saints lunches will be held on Wednesday September 16, October 14, and November 11!

Parking Note

If you are able-bodied and a regular attendee of our church we strongly encourage you to find street parking on Sunday mornings! We have limited spots available in our lot and we would like to be generous to guests and members of our church who may need more accessible parking. Thank you for considering this act of hospitality!

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to
pray for the following people:

Erica Bryce
Andrew & Rachel Crago
Virginia Anderson
Darwin Leshner
Nathaniel & Sophia Dorris, USAF

Dottie Roden
Christine Zubrod Perrin
Elizabeth James
Jon Yawger
Greg Nies
Bruce & Donna Weatherly

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
- ☐ Regular Attendee
- ☐ Member

Name(s):

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Prayer

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