



Our Objections and God's Provisions
September 20, 2026
Seventeenth Sunday of Trinitytide



MEDITATION

Moses
thought of ev'ry
excuse that rendered God's
call void; not one of them got him
excused.

- Kelly Lorencin, "A Chinquain on the Call of Moses"

Doubts are the ants in the pants of faith. They keep it awake and moving."

- Frederick Buechner

Faith never knows where it is being led, but it loves and knows the One who is leading."

-Oswald Chambers

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday, September 21st	Psalm 119:97-104	Exodus 16:31-35	Romans 16:1-16
Tuesday the 22nd	Psalm 119:97-104	Numbers 11:1-9	Romans 16:17-20
Wednesday the 23rd	Psalm 119:97-104	Numbers 11:18-23	31-32; Matthew 18:1-5
Thursday the 24th	Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16	Isaiah 48:17-21	James 4:11-16
Friday the 25th	Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16	Numbers 20:1-13	Acts 13:32-41
Saturday the 26th	Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16	Numbers 27:12-14	Mark 11:27-33

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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

Oh sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things!

His right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him.

The Lord has made known his salvation;

he has revealed his righteousness in the sight of the nations.

**He has remembered his steadfast love and faithfulness
to the house of Israel.**

All the ends of the earth have seen

the salvation of our God.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth;

break forth into joyous song and sing praises!

- Psalm Psalm 98:1-4

Gathering Hymn - 'Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

'Tis so sweet to trust in Jesus

And to take him at his word

Just to rest upon his promise

And to know, "Thus saith the Lord."

[Refrain]

Jesus, Jesus, how I trust him

How I've proved him o'er and o'er

Jesus, Jesus, precious Jesus

O for grace to trust him more

O how sweet to trust in Jesus

Just to trust his cleansing blood

And in simple faith to plunge me

'Neath the healing, cleansing flood

[Refrain]

Yes, 'tis sweet to trust in Jesus

Just from sin and self to cease
Just from Jesus simply taking
Life and rest, and joy and peace
[Refrain]

I'm so glad I learned to trust Thee
Precious Jesus, Savior, friend
And I know that Thou art with me
Wilt be with me to the end
[Refrain]

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.

Gracious God, we know that You have forgiven us in Jesus Christ, but we often remain slow to forgive one other. You have sent Your Spirit to reconcile us to each other, but we resist Your work to bind us together. Fill us with gratitude for the grace of being in forgiven-fellowship with You. Change our hearts, making us ever more ready to extend peace. All this we pray through Jesus, the One who came from heaven to earth to reconcile us back to God, Amen.

Words of Forgiveness & Peace

Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come. ¹⁸ All this is from God, who through Christ reconciled us to himself and gave us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹ that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting to us the message of reconciliation.

2 Corinthians 5:17-19

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]

Do With It What You Will

You have given all to me, to you O Lord I return it
Everything I have is Yours, do with it what you will

You will gather all of me, every gift, every burden
Every day and every hour, do with it what you will

I lift it up, I lay it down at your table
Multiply my sacrifice for You are able

I will take my daily cross, every step of the journey
I will bear it for your sake, do with it what you will

I lift it up, I lay it down at your table
Multiply my sacrifice for You are able

Take my laughter and my loss, make them tools of your mercy
Anything my hands can make, do with it what you will

I lift it up, I lay it down at your table
Multiply my sacrifice for You are able

You have given all to me, to you O Lord I return it
Everything I have is Yours, do with it what you will
Do with it what you will
Do with it what you will



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Living Our Faith - Lauren Bonnema, Logos Academy Harrisburg

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

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Psalm Reading

Psalm 94:1-11; page 590

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 4:1-18; page 55

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 4:7-11; page 1147

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 10:16-20; page 969

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Peter Rowan - *Our Objections and God's Provisions*

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)

○ Lord, show your mercy upon us;

And grant us your salvation.

○ 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.

○ Lord, save your people;

And bless your inheritance.

Give peace in our time, ○ Lord;

And defend us by your mighty power.

Let not the needy, ○ Lord, be forgotten;

Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.

Create in us clean hearts, ○ 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, most holy Lord
Lord God of pow'r and might
Heaven and earth are filled, filled with your holy light
O blessed is the one, the one who comes
Comes in the name of God
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna
Hosanna in the highest
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

Christ, our passover Lamb, has been sacrificed

Therefore let us keep the feast!

Sharing Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

Keep your Church, O Lord, by your perpetual mercy; and because without you the frailty of our nature causes us to fall, keep us from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable for our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and 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 - The Blessing

The Lord bless you, and keep you
Make His face shine upon you, and be gracious to you
The Lord turn His face toward you, and give you peace

Amen, amen, amen
Amen, amen, amen

May His favor be upon you, and a thousand generations
And your family and your children, and their children and their children
May His presence go before you, and behind you and beside you
All around you and within you, He is with you, He is with you
In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going
In your weeping and rejoicing, He is for you, He is for you, He is for you, He is for you
He is for you, He is for you, He is for you, He is for you

Dismissal

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Shaffer Retreat Campout, Worship and Picnic October 17-18

The retreat begins at 4 pm on Saturday 10/17. There will be a 10 am worship service on Sunday 10/18 at Shaffer retreat followed by a picnic. See more details in the newsletter. If you do not receive the newsletter, and would like to, please email office@seondcitychurch.org or see Mya.

* There will not be a worship service at the church building on Verbeke Street on October 18. Worship will be held at Shaffer Retreat. There will also not be an online service that day.

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@seondcitychurch.org. We are looking for at least one more volunteer to serve with the 2nd-4th graders. Thanks!

Mothers Group

There is a mother's group that meets regularly during the school year on Wednesday mornings and occasionally through the summer. If you are interested or know of others who may be, please contact either Jess or Hannah: jess@seondcitychurch.org, hannah@seondcitychurch.org

Parking

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!

Weekday Church Entrance

When you come to the church during the school day, Logos has asked that we only use our alcove entrance (the entrance between the two building from the parking lot) and sign the document at that entrance so we know who all is in the building and where they are. Please keep this in mind if you come to the church during school hours. Thank you.



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

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ATTRIBUTIONS

Tis So Sweet To Trust In Jesus

Words by Louisa Stead (1882)
Music by Wm. James Kirkpatrick (1838-1921)

Create In Me A Clean Heart, O God

Words and Music by Keith Green
based on Psalm 51:10

Glory Be to God

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Holy, Most Holy Lord

Paraphraser (into English): Greg ScheerT
Tune: SANNANINA

I Want Jesus To Walk With Me

Author unknown
African American Spiritual Traditional

The Blessing

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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
- _____ Regular Attendee
- _____ Member

Name(s):

Address (please include city and zip):

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E-mail: _____

Prayer
Requests: _____

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