

SECOND CITY
CHURCH

Friendship With God

November 22, 2026

Twentysixth Sunday of Trinitytide

MEDITATION

There have been times when I think we do not desire heaven, but more often I find myself wondering whether in our heart of hearts, we have ever desired anything else. . . . It is the secret signature of each soul, the uncommunicable and unappeasable want, the thing we desired before we met our wives or make our friends or chose our work, and which we shall still desire on our deathbeds when the mind no longer knows wife or friend or work.

-C. S. Lewis, *The Problem of Pain*

The way to heaven is ascending; we must be content to travel uphill, though it be hard and tiresome, and contrary to the natural bias of our flesh.

- Jonathan Edwards

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, November 23rd	Psalm 28	Numbers 27:15-23	2 Timothy 2:8-13
Tuesday the 24th	Psalm 28	Zechariah 11:4-17	Revelation 19:1-9
Wednesday the 25th	Psalm 28	Jeremiah 31:10-14	John 5:19-40
Thursday the 26th	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	Zechariah 13:1-9	Revelation 14:6-13
Friday the 27th	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	Zechariah 14:1-9	1 Thessalonians 4:1-18
Saturday the 28th	Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19	Micah 2:1-13	Matthew 24:15-31

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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

O God, you are my God; earnestly I seek you;
my soul thirsts for you; my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.
So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.
Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.
So I will bless you as long as I live;
in your name I will lift up my hands.

- Psalm 63:1-4

Gathering Hymn - Sing To The Lord of Harvest

Sing to the Lord of harvest
Sing songs of love and praise
With joyful hearts and voices
Your alleluias raise
By him the rolling seasons
In fruitful order move
Sing to the Lord of harvest
A song of happy love

By him the clouds drop fatness
The deserts bloom and spring
The hills leap up in gladness
The valleys laugh and sing
He filleth with his fullness
All things with large increase
He crowns the year with goodness
With plenty, and with peace

Heap on his sacred altar
The gifts his goodness gave
The golden sheaves of harvest
The souls Christ died to save
Your hearts lay down before him
When at his feet you fall
And with your lives adore him
Who gave his life for all

To God the gracious Father
Who made us "very good, "
To Christ, who, when we wandered
Restored us with his blood
And to the Holy Spirit
Who doth upon us pour
His blessed dews and sunshine
Be praise forevermore

Confession Hymn - Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy,Lord, have mercy

Holy Spirit rest upon us, lead us in the way of your justice
Holy Spirit rest upon us, teach us how to serve in our weakness

Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy
Lord, have mercy, Lord, have mercy

Holy Spirit rest upon us, teach us how to tend to creation
Holy Spirit rest upon us, guide us from our path of destruction

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

O Lord, the great and awesome God, who keeps covenant and steadfast love with those who love him and keep his commandments, we have sinned and done wrong and acted wickedly and rebelled, turning aside from your commandments and rules. To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his laws, which he set before us by his servants the prophets. And now, O Lord our God, who brought your people out of the land of Egypt with a mighty hand, and have made a name for yourself, as at this day, we have sinned, we have done wickedly. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God.

Daniel 9:4-5, 9,10, 15, 18-19

Words of Forgiveness & Peace

The Lord passed before him and proclaimed, "The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness"

Exodus 34:6

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

He Is Exalted

He is exalted
The King is exalted on high
I will praise Him
He is exalted forever exalted
And I will praise His name

He is the Lord
Forever His truth shall reign
Heaven and earth
Rejoice in His holy name
He is exalted
The King is exalted on high

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The King is exalted on high

I Don't Have Much

How can I respond
To the love that You have lavished on me?
How can I respond
To the love that You have lavished on me?

I don't have much, I don't have much
But I have a heart that beats for You
I have a heart that beats for You
I don't have much, I don't have much
But I have a heart that beats for You
I have a heart that beats for You

Every part of me
Wants to love You like You've loved me, Lord
Every part of me
Wants to love You like You've loved me, my Lord

I don't have much, I don't have much
But I have a heart that beats for You
I have a heart that beats for You
I don't have much, I don't have much
But I have a heart that beats for You
I have a heart that beats for You

I have a heart that beats for You, I have a heart that beats for You
I have a heart that beats for You, I have a heart that beats for You
I have a life I'll give to You, I have a life I'll give to You
I have a life I'll give to You,I have a life I'll give to You

I don't have much, I don't have much
But I have a heart that beats for You
I have a heart that beats for You
I don't have much, I don't have much
But I have a heart that beats for You
I have a heart that beats for You

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Living Our Faith - Rachel & Andrew - Refugee Ministry in Turkey

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
He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

Psalm Reading

Psalm 90:12-17; page 588

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 33:7-23; page 86

The Word of the Lord:
Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

2 Corinthians 4:1-6; page 1147

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 15:15; page 1072

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

Sermon

Pastor Peter Rowan - *Friendship With 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*

Offering of Prayers of the People

When our harvest looks more like a legal brief,
a slide deck, or a carefully worded email,
Bless the Lord, O my soul
Give Him thanks, O my soul

When the fruit of our labor is a child finally asleep, the hum of the dishwasher,
clean countertops and a moment of blessed peace,
Bless the Lord, O my soul
Give Him thanks, O my soul

When the treasure we offer is an annual budget recommendation,
an employee review or final grades submitted,
Bless the Lord, O my soul
Give Him thanks, O my soul

We bring our tightly scheduled lives, our simple successes and vague dissatisfactions, our hopeful reaching for the next rung of the corporate ladder – we lay it all on the altar asking You to do with it (and with us) what you will, knowing that, in any case, we will say:
Bless the Lord, O my soul
Give Him thanks, O my soul

For what else shall we pray?

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
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

Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed for us
Therefore let us keep the feast!

Sharing Holy Communion

Closing Prayer

O God, your wonderful deeds of old shine forth even to our own day, by the power of your mighty arm you once delivered your chosen people from slavery under Pharaoh, to be a sign for us of the salvation offered to all nations by the water of Baptism: Grant that all the peoples of the earth may be numbered among the offspring of Abraham, and rejoice in the inheritance of Israel; through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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 - Father, Let Your Kingdom Come

Refrain:
Hallelu, hallelujah, Father, let Your kingdom come
Hallelu, hallelujah, Father, let Your kingdom come

May the works of my hands bring You joy
May the works of my hands bring You joy
May the works of my hands bring You joy
May the works of my hands bring You joy

[Refrain]

May the words from my mouth speak Your peace
May the words from my mouth speak Your peace
May the words from my mouth speak Your peace
May the words from my mouth speak Your peace

[Refrain]

You make all things new
You make all things new
In places we don't choose
You make all things new

[Refrain]

Dismissal

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayer and Celebration for Ben and Ava Visbeen (Yawger)
Ben and Ava would like to share the exciting news with the congregation that they are expecting a baby in May! Please be praying for them in this new and exciting time!

Prepare the Sanctuary for Christmas- Nov 29
Join us after church next Sunday to decorate and prepare the sanctuary for the Advent & Christmas Season! Pizza will be provided.

Thanksgiving Dinner - Nov 22
Join us at the church at 6 pm for a thanksgiving dinner! Bring a friend and your favorite side to share. We will also be having a desert competition! so, bring your best (if you choose to participate).

"All Our Minds" - Dec 1
Come explore our new theology discussion group! This will meet at the church on first Tuesdays (changed from second Wednesday) at 7pm. Our first meeting will be Dec 1. We will learn systematics from the great theologian Herman Bavink over the course of the year. There will be brief readings to think through each month. And snacks!

Children's Movie Night - Dec 4
On December 4th from 5:30-8:00pm Second City is hosting a children' s movie night. We will provide a pizza dinner and movie for children while parents can enjoy a date night. In light of Peter's current sermon series, we will be showing "The Prince of Egypt" (the story of Moses and the Exodus). Please use the link in the newsletter to sign your child(ren) up so we can properly plan for dinner. Thanks!

Small Group at the Kulp's -Dec 20
In December they will be meeting on the 20th at 5:00 for dinner with the study to follow. Anyone is welcome! Please let Shelly Kulp know if you are planning to attend.

PRAYER REQUESTS

Please continue to pray for the following people:

Dominic & Raegan (McClymont) Conigliaro
Edward A Camp
Erica Bryce
Andrew & Rachel Crago
Virginia Anderson
Darwin Lesher
Nathaniel & Sophia Dorris, USAF
Dottie Roden
Christine Zubrod Perrin
Elizabeth James
Jon Yawger
Greg Nies
Bruce & Donna Weatherly

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