

ENTERING HIS PRESENCE WITH REVERENCE

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Adagio from Sonata No. 2" Felix Mendelssohn

Molly Johnson, Guest Organist

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.
Please silence your mobile devices.*

CHORAL CALL TO CONFESSION: "Fix Me Jesus" arr. Robert L. Morris

O, fix me. O my Lord, fix me.
Fix me, Jesus, fix me.
Fix me for my long robe.
Fix me for my starry crown.
Fix my dying bed.
O Lord! Fix me for my journey home.
O Lord! Fix me.

*Laudis Domini Vocal Ensemble
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION Dan G. Burns

**Gracious heavenly Father,
We come before You this morning to humbly ask for Your help.
We are a broken and selfish people,
and we rely on Your grace and forgiveness to fix our broken spirits.
Help us love one another as You have loved Your church.
Help us to forgive one another as You have forgiven us.
And Father, please restore our relationships
that we may live new life in You and with Your kingdom on earth.
In the almighty and forgiving love of Christ we pray. Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptance:
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.
Let everyone truly acknowledge this in his heart
and believe in Christ and receive the forgiveness of sins.

SINGING HIS PRAISE WITH REJOICING

DECLARATION OF HIS GLORY

✦HYMN OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS:

No. 97 "We Praise You, O God, Our Redeemer, Creator" KREMSER

Latecomers will be seated at this time.

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 16:13-19 Courtney T. Humphreys (8:15)
(page 822 in pew Bible) Gregory T. Wilkinson (11:00)

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

♠ HYMN OF RESPONSE Keith Getty / Stuart Townend

O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mor on; Hear the
 Our call to war, to love the cap - tive soul, but to
 Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the
 So Spir - it come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give
 call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the weak can say that
 rage a - gainst the cap - tor; and with the sword that makes the
 Son of God is strick - en; Then see His foes lie crushed be -
 grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle; That we may run with faith to
 they are strong, in the strength that God has giv - en. With shield of
 wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - or. When faced with
 neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en. And as the
 win the prize of a serv - ant, good and faith - ful. As saints of
 faith and belt of truth, we'll stand a - gainst the dev - il's
 trials on ev - 'ry side, we know the out - come is se -
 stone is rolled a - way, and Christ e - merg - es from the
 old still line the way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His
 lies; An ar - my bold whose bat - tle cry is Love, reach - ing
 cure. And Christ will have the prize for which He died, an in -
 grave, this vic - t'ry march con - tin - ues till the day ev - 'ry
 grace, we hear their calls, and hun - ger for the day when with
 out to those in dark - - - ness.
 her - it - ance of na - - - tions.
 eye and heart shall see Him.
 Christ, we stand in glo - - - ry.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS A. Mitchell Moore

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "My Soul's Been Anchored in the Lord" Moses Hogan

In the Lord, my soul's been anchored, in the Lord.

Before I'd stay in hell one day, my soul's been anchored in the Lord.
 I'd sing an' pray myself away. My soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Goin' shout an' pray an' never stop, my soul's been anchored in the Lord.
 Until I reach the mountain top. My soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Do you love Him? Oh yes! Do you love Him? Hallelujah!
 Do you love Him? Oh yes! God almighty.

Are you anchored? Oh yes! Yes, I'm anchored, my soul's been anchored in the Lord.

Yes, will you serve Him? Oh yes! Will you serve Him? Hallelujah!
 Will you serve Him? Oh yes! God almighty.

Are you anchored? Oh yes!
 Yes, I'm anchored, my soul's been anchored in the Lord, Hallelujah!

Will you praise Him? Oh yes! Will you praise Him? Hallelujah!
 Will you praise Him? Oh yes! God almighty!

Are you anchored? Yes, I'm anchored. Lord, I'm anchored. Oh yes!
 Lord, I love You. Oh yes! Yes, I'll serve You. Oh yes!
 Lord, I'll praise You. Oh yes! Hallelujah!
 My soul's been anchored in the Lord, God almighty,
 My soul's been anchored in the Lord.

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE SOLID ROCK

**My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' Name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

**When He shall come with trumpet sound, O may I then in Him be found;
Dressed in His righteousness alone, faultless to stand before the throne.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
All other ground is sinking sand.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦ GREETINGS

HEARING HIS WORD WITH REPENTANCE AND FAITH

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE READING II Corinthians 9:6-15
(page 968 in pew Bible)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;
**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** *(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)*

SERMON *Overflowing with Many Thanksgivings* Darrin S. Anthony

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

STEWARDSHIP COMMITMENTS FOR 2012

CHORAL MEDITATION: "Great Is Thy Faithfulness" arr. Mark Hayes

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;
As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see:
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided—
Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

✦ HYMN OF THANKSGIVING:
No. 715 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S, WINDSOR

✦ BENEDICTION

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Tocatta from Suite Gothique, Opus 25" Léon Boëllman

Sunday Night Worship - 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

We gather each Sunday evening for an informal service of prayer, praise and teaching from God's Word. Our morning and evening services frame our weekly Lord's Day worship. We invite you to worship with us.

Welcome!

If you are visiting with us today, we welcome you to Second Presbyterian. Please sign our Friendship Pad, which will be passed during the Greetings time of the service. Our Congregational Communities (CCs), also known as Sunday School classes, offer a wide variety of options appealing to various age groups and stages of life. Visiting a CC is the best way to get to know others and become involved. CCs meet on Sunday mornings at 9:45 a.m. For a full listing of classes, visit www.2pc.org/cc.

Weekly Focus on Missions

World Missions: In 2006, Glenn and Mary Ellen left careers in Atlanta to begin their "second act" as English instructors in a large university city in East Asia. Having shared the Gospel with students they befriended, they have seen several students come to Christ. Because there is so much interest in Christianity, the Lord has led Glenn and Mary Ellen to change their ministry strategy. In the past, this couple worked with all of the students, now they disciple this "first generation" of Christians, allowing these student leaders to lead evangelistic Bible studies. In a recent update, Mary Ellen reported that one student-led Bible study was so crowded that many students had to sit on the floor! Pray for the Lord to protect this couple's health, to bless them with wisdom as they disciple students, and to pour out His Spirit on them and the students that they serve.

Mission Memphis: The Christian Medical and Dental Association asks that we pray for a group of second-year medical students who go to the University of Memphis campus every Sunday evening to share the Gospel with students. Over the last two months, they have led 16 people to trust in the Lord! It has changed their lives and they have learned how to overcome their fear and resistance to share the Gospel with a total stranger by stepping out in faith and trusting God to work and open hearts. Ask the Lord to bless this bold, yet compassionate effort to communicate the Gospel to these college students and draw more students to Himself, and to use this training in the CMDA medical students' lives to give them a life-long vision of reaching others for Christ!

This Week/Coming Soon

MidWeek Semester Ending: MidWeek dinner and activities will end for this semester on November 16. Small Groups that meet at the church on Wednesdays may continue to meet; but childcare will not be provided until the new MidWeek semester begins in January. Second Wednesday Prayer will meet in the Fellowship Hall on December 14 (dinner at 5:30 p.m., prayer at 6:30 p.m.).

Bringing Advent Home: On November 20, the Children's Ministry will supply fun, practical ideas, materials, and books at its annual "Bringing Advent Home" event to help us create an atmosphere of celebration in our hearts and our homes in expectancy of Christ's birth. New this year — Materials for Make and Take Advent Wreaths! Stop by display tables outside the Fellowship Hall before and after worship services and Sunday School/CCs and pick up helpful materials. Donations appreciated.

Thanksgiving Worship: Please join us for worship on Thanksgiving Day, November 24, at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary. Nursery will be provided for ages 4 and under.

Crown Financial Ministries: This small group study trains adults to practically apply financial principles from God's Word. Topics include: getting out of debt, spending and earning money, giving and saving, budgeting and investing. The cost of this class is \$45 for singles and \$55 for couples and includes all materials needed. To sign up for the class which begins January 4, 2012, please contact Kathy Oswalt at koswalt@2pc.org or 454-0034 by December 15.

A Mother's Heart 2012 Registration: *Give Them Grace: Dazzling your Kids with the Love of Jesus*, written by Elyse Fitzpatrick and Jessica Thompson, will be the Spring 2012 study at A Mother's Heart on Thursdays, January 19-April 26, 2012, from 9:00-11:00 a.m. in C100. Register online at www.2pc.org/women or contact Nancy Webster at nwebster@2pc.org or 454-0034.

Small Groups

Small group life at Second is a great way to find a community of friends; engage in gospel-centered relationships; study and

discern God's direction in our lives; and pray for one another. If you'd like to join a group or start one of your own and need help getting started, visit www.2pc.org/smallgroups for more information.

The Growing Place Library

Story Time: Children are invited to gather around the Story Tree on Wednesdays from 10:30-11:00 a.m. to hear children's stories with a Christian message!

Student Ministries

Jr. High: Three Degrees meets on Sundays from 7:15-8:45 p.m. Tuesday Morning Prayer meets at 6:00 a.m. at the Nelsons' home (2051 Shadowood Cove). Meet at the church on Tuesday for REP Tutoring (4:00-5:30 p.m.). Small Groups meet on Wednesdays from 6:15-7:30 p.m. Bonfire and Movie Night is Saturday, November 19; meet at the Cracker Barrel on Hacks Cross at 6:30 p.m. (cost \$10). Visit www.2pcyouth.org for more information!

Sr. High: Life Groups do not meet tonight due to the Fall Retreat. Meet at the church tomorrow for REP Tutoring (5:15-6:30 p.m.). Tuesday Morning Prayer meets at 6:00 a.m. at the Nelsons' home (2051 Shadowood Cove). True North meets on Wednesdays from 7:30-9:00 p.m. Visit www.2pcyouth.org for more information!

College: The College Class meets every Sunday, upstairs in the EC Building at 9:45 a.m. For more information about our College Ministry, email Amanda Coop at acoop@campusoutreach.org.

Career Transition Group

The Career Transition Ministry welcomes those currently in transition or looking for a career change. This group, led by Robert Sutton, meets on the first and third Thursday mornings of the month at 8 a.m. and focuses on prayer and support, networking, and practical employment advice. All are invited! Please contact Gail Turner in the Caring Ministry at 454-0034 with questions.

Caring Ministry

Sympathy to:

Leigh Rhea on the death of her mother, *Bettye McCutchen Schopfer*, November 1, 2011 in Waco, TX.

Janice Akins on the death of her father, *William Wesley Marlar, Sr.*, November 2, 2011.

In the Hospital (as of 11/9/11):

Gerry Tooms, Baptist Rehab

Steve Collins, Baptist

Janet Wright, Village at
Germantown Rehab

Baby Thomas Shipmon, LeBonheur

November Flowers

The rosebuds in the Chancel of the Sanctuary today are placed in honor of the births of: *William Radford Pigg*, born October 19, 2011, son of Mimms and Sean Pigg, and *Luther Ward Ruleman*, born October 21, 2011, son of Melissa and Kurt Ruleman.

The flowers in the Sanctuary on November 6, 2011 were given to the glory of God and in honor of: *Mr. and Mrs. Christopher Miles*, who were married November 5. Mrs. Miles is the former Kate Pride.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for the month of November are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: *S.G. and Dixie J. Collins and Marjorie Wunderlich* by Keith, Kristi, Elliott and David Collins; *Norma Jean Duckworth* by her family; *Ann and Oscar Edwards* by Jimmy and Mary Edwards and their family; *George Shea Flinn* by his sons George, Fred, and Carl, and their families; *Jim Fox* by his family; *Catherine Otey* by her cousin, Rena Jirack; *Dr. Max Wesley Painter* by his family **and in honor of:** Louise and Charles Housholder, who are celebrating seventy years of marriage this month, by their children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

Christmas Flower Order Form

I/We wish to contribute \$_____ to the Flower Ministry of Second Presbyterian Church for use in decorating the church for the Christmas season in memory or honor of loved ones. Please acknowledge the gift (omitting the amount) in the bulletin on Sunday, December 18 as follows:

Please check **ONLY** one: In Memory of In Honor of In Gratitude for

Name: _____

Given by: _____

Telephone number of donor: _____

December 13, 2011 is the deadline for the inclusion of names in the bulletin on December 18, 2011.

Please return this form with your check made out to Second Presbyterian Church and send to 4055 Poplar Ave., Memphis, TN 38111. Clearly designate the gift for the "Flower Ministry."



Rejoice

ADVENT AT SECOND

Hanging of the Green: November 27, 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Join our Children's and Youth Choirs as we bring in the holly and ivy to begin our Advent season. The service will conclude with activities for children, a live nativity, and the decorating of the church campus.

An English Christmas: December 4, 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

The Westminster Singers and Chamber Orchestra will present an evening of traditional British music, similar to what might be heard at Westminster Abbey or York Minster Cathedral, including carols arranged by Ralph Vaughan Williams, Benjamin Britten, David Willcocks, and John Rutter.

Festival of Carols: December 11, 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

This annual service is a favorite for the Second Presbyterian Church Chancel Choir and Orchestra. This year will feature many of our seasonal favorites along with *This Christmastide*, *God Rest You Merry Gentlemen*, *The First Nowell*, and *Sussex Carol*. Congregational carols will include *O Come, All Ye Faithful*, *O Come, O Come, Emmanuel*, *Joy to the World*, and many other favorites!

Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 18

Nine Lessons and Carols, 8:15 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary
Our Nine Lessons and Carols service is based on the original service held on Christmas Eve, 1918 at King's College in Cambridge, England. The congregation will join with the Chancel, Youth and Handbell Choirs to sing carols from France, England, Germany, and the United States.

Advent Evensong: Celtic Carols, 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary

Local Celtic artists, Planet Reel, led by Memphis Symphony

Concertmaster Susanna Perry Gilmore, will lead us in ancient carols that complement the liturgy and ambiance of this worship experience.

PJ Story Time: December 20, 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall

Kids of all ages come dressed in their favorite pajamas to hear the Christmas story from Pastor Sandy, sing songs, enjoy milk and cookies, and find out if "Bear" really does stay up for Christmas!

Christmas Eve Worship: December 24 in the Sanctuary

4:00 p.m., Family Service featuring Christmas video and children's message
5:30 and 8:00 p.m. Candlelight Communion Services with the Chancel Choir
11:00 p.m. Midnight Christmas Communion with The Westminster Singers

Christmas Day Worship: December 25

We will celebrate during one morning service at 11:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.
Sunday School/CCs and Sunday Night Worship will not meet.



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OUR MISSION:

To glorify God through joyful worship, to show God's love to all people,
to lead them to faith in Jesus Christ, to make them His disciples,
and to call them to His service.

Our 11:00 a.m. service is broadcast live each week on WHBQ (AM 560).
The same service is telecast one week later, every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on
WREG-TV (Channel 3). Live streaming of our Sunday morning worship
services is also available at www.ustream.tv/channel/second-stream