

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

Our worship this morning focuses on the greatness of Jesus Christ — His reign, His grace and favor, and His pardon for sinners. As you prepare to worship, allow this prayer from the collection of Puritan prayers (The Valley of Vision), lead you to the awe-inspired praise of our great Lord.

O God, You have taught me that Christ has all the fullness and that all the fullness I lack in myself is in Him, for His people, not for Himself alone. He, having perfect knowledge, grace, and righteousness — to make me see, to make me righteous, and to give me fullness. You have taught me that the finding of this treasure of all grace in the field of Christ begets strength, joy, glory, and renders all graces alive. Help me to delight more in what I receive from Christ, more in that fullness which is in Him, the fountain of all glory. To this end, O God, establish me in Christ, settle me, give me a being there, assure me with certainty that all this is mine, for this only will fill my heart with joy and peace. Amen.

CELEBRATE HIS SUPREMACY

ORGAN PRELUDE: "I Sing the Mighty Power of God" Albert Travis Samuel Metzger, organ

BRASS PRELUDE: "Resound, Ye Drums! Ring Out, Ye Trumpets!" J. S. Bach; arr. S. Metzger

SOLO INTROIT: "Every Time I Feel the Spirit"arr. Hal Johnson Ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray. Oh, ev'ry time I feel the spirit moving in my heart, I will pray!

On the mountain my Lord spoke, out of His mouth came fire and smoke. Down in the valley, on my knees, ask my Lord have mercy, please.

Jordan river is chilly and cold, chills the body but not the soul. All around me look to shine, ask my Lord if all was mine.

Ain't but one train on this track, runs to Heaven and runs right back. Saint Peter is waiting at the gate and says, "Come on, sinner, don't be late!"

Jonathan Blanchard, soloist

CALL TO WORSHIP. Gerry A. Peak

✦HYMN OF CHRIST'S REIGN: No. 310 "Rejoice, the Lord Is King". DARWALL

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦HYMN OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS: No. 710 "God of Our Fathers" . . NATIONAL HYMN

CHERISH HIS GRACE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, You shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that we remain captive to doubt, fear, and pride, bound by the ways that lead to death. We waste Your gifts, wander from Your ways, and forget Your love. We overlook our neighbor and are consumed with ourselves—our desires, our needs and our rights. We humbly ask Your forgiveness and strengthening grace found only in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 500 "Rock of Ages, Cleft for Me" . . NEW CITY FELLOWSHIP

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Joshua D. Yates

SOLO OFFERTORY: "I Stood on the River of Jordan". AFRICAN SPIRITUAL

I stood on the river of Jordan, to see that ship come sailing over, Stood on the river of Jordan, to see that ship sail by.

Oh, moaner, don't you weep! When you see that ship come sailing over, Oh, moaner, don't ye weep when you see that ship sail by!

Oh, sister, you better be ready, to see that ship come sailing over! Brother, you better be ready to see that ship sail by!

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Robert Lowry

Musical notation for the first two lines of the congregational response. Line 1: Shall we gather at the river, Where bright angel. Line 2: Soon we'll reach the shining river, Soon our pilgrim.

Musical notation for the next two lines of the congregational response. Line 3: feet have trod; With its crystal tide for-mage will cease; Soon our happy hearts will.

Musical notation for the next two lines of the congregational response. Line 4: e-ver Flo-wing by the throne of God? qui-ver With the melody of peace.

Musical notation for the first line of the refrain. Line 5: Yes, we'll gather at the river, The beautiful, the

Musical notation for the second line of the refrain. Line 6: beautiful river; Gather with the saints at the

Musical notation for the third line of the refrain. Line 7: river That flows by the throne of God.

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

✦GREETINGS

CONTEMPLATE HIS GREATNESS

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.

GOSPEL LESSON: John 8:48-58 Rusty Shappley (8:15) (page 895 in pew Bible) Blanche Tosh (11:00)

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 The Exceeding Greatness of Jesus Christ Sanders L. Willson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF RESURRECTION: No. 498 "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" . . . HYFRYDOL

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Rise Up, O Church of God" Robert Hebble

✦Indicates congregation standing CCLI License #252778

Getting Connected To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, contact Todd Erickson at (901) 531-8895 or todd.erickson@2pc.org.

Sunday Night Worship We gather each Sunday at 6:00 p.m. for a service of prayer, praise, and teaching from God's Word. Our summer worship series is about temptations, titled Money, Sex, Power. Tonight, we will look at I Corinthians 6:12-20 to answer the question, "What Does Sex Have to Do with Discipleship?" We invite you to worship with us. Sensitive Topic Resources: During this series, we anticipate that children might have questions, specifically about sex. Our children's ministry has compiled some helpful resources for parents which can be found online at 2pc.org/snw.

Domestic Mission Partners

To support the many ministries already doing an outstanding job of addressing the varying needs of our city and nation, Second Presbyterian has partnered with the following organizations and individuals. We are grateful for the opportunity to be a contributor to the advancement of God’s kingdom through our partnership in the work being done by these ministries.

There are many ways you can serve alongside our partners – visit 2pc.org/volunteer for details.

Agencies

Advance Memphis
Agape Child and Family Services
Alcy Ball Development Corporation
Bethany Christian Services
Binghampton Christian Academy
Brinkley Heights Urban Academy
Calvary Rescue Mission
Child Evangelism Fellowship
Christ Community Health Services
CMDA
Christian Psychological Center
Church Health Center
Citizens for Community Values
Discipling Men
Downline Ministries
Economic Opportunities
Eikon/Nathan Street Ministries
Emmanuel Center
Families Matter
Fellowship of Christian Athletes
For the Kingdom Camp/Retreat Center
JIFF
Knightlife
Leadership Empowerment Center
Life Choices
MARRS
Memphis Athletic Ministries
Memphis Leadership Foundation
Memphis Teacher Residency
Memphis Union Mission
MIFA
Multi National Ministries
Neighborhood Christian Centers
One by One Ministries
Orange Mound Outreach Ministries
Red Zone Ministries
Refugee Empowerment Program
Repairing the Breach
Salvation Army
Service Over Self
Streets Ministries
Su Casa Family Ministries
Teen Challenge of Memphis
Victims to Victory
World Relief Memphis
YMOT
Young Life Memphis Urban
Youth Leadership of Memphis
Youth Striving for Excellence

Special Projects

Berclair Elementary
Campus Outreach Intl.
Excel Leadership & Scholarship
The Gospel Coalition
The House (NCC)
Women’s Prison Ministry

Missionaries

Anna Adams – InterVarsity Memphis
Denny Catalano – CO Memphis
John Craft – RUF Rhodes
Tony Dentman – CO Memphis
Todd Ellis – CO Rhodes
Matt Howell – RUF UT Knoxville
Michael Keller – RUF City Campus, NY
Brain Lewis – Campus Outreach
Scott Luley – Faculty Commons, Princeton
Chuck McElroy – Campus Outreach
Barry McGlothlin – Navigators Alabama
Richie Sessions – RUF Vanderbilt
Wes Simmons – RUF Auburn
Brian Sorgenfrei – RUF Mississippi State
Jason Sterling – RUF Ole Miss
Brent Webster – RUF Berkley

Church Plants

All Saints Presbyterian Church – Memphis
Christ Fellowship – Horn Lake, MS
Christ’s Community Church – Memphis
Esperanza Church – Memphis
Innovation Church – Memphis
New City – Hollywood, Florida
New City Presbyterian Church – MI
Quest Church – San Antonio, TX
Redeemer – Fountain Square, IN
St. Patrick Presbyterian – Denver, CO

Colleges and Seminaries

Belhaven College, MS
Covenant College, GA
Covenant Theological Seminary, MO
Gordon Conwell Seminary, MA
Reformed Theological Seminary,
Memphis & Jackson
Westminster Theological Seminary, PA
Visible Music College, Memphis
Union University, Jackson

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 for 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. Visit 2pc.org/cc for a list of classes.

Children in Worship: We consider it a privilege for children to worship with us. If your small children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the Cry Room at the back of the Sanctuary. They are also welcome in the nursery. Worship bags including material specifically designed for children are available at the Welcome Desk located outside the west double doors of the Sanctuary.

During the summer months, our older nursery rooms (threes to senior kindergartners) take a break so that children may experience worshipping during “big church” with their families. We look forward to worshipping alongside our little ones.

Pastoral Care: One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you in the Gathering Room, located on the left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary. Confidential emails are also accepted at pastor@2pc.org.

Weekly Focus on Missions

World Missions: After a semester of planting and watering, Jake is seeing a harvest! Two sisters have come to know Christ through the women’s study that met during the semester. Another friend completed a nine-week study, and although hasn’t come to Christ yet, he is still very interested in learning more about Him. Jake’s prayer is for the women to continue to grow in Him and that his friend’s heart would be drawn to the One who loves him. Many changes are about to take place as Jake and Shanelle plan their wedding this August! He asks that we pray specifically for mental, physical, emotional, and spiritual health as he transitions back to the States and they begin their life together.

Mission Memphis: Our partners at Victims to Victory are praising God for the many people, from all races and denominations, who gathered outside the Midsouth Coliseum on June 18 to pray for our city and those impacted by crime. They ask us to join them in prayer for God’s provision of financial resources and for those traumatized by the recent church shootings in Charleston.

General News

Bookmark News: The Bookmark Bookstore will be closed July 6-8 for its annual inventory.

Adult Summer Bible Studies: AMEN men’s Bible study will meet once a month during the summer: July 16 (Bill Weber, speaker) and August 20 (TBA). Complimentary breakfast will be served beginning at 6:15 a.m. in Fellowship Hall, and the study will end promptly at 7:30. The women will meet July 8, 15, 22, and 29, at 10:30 a.m. in the Chapel. Coffee will be served in the Salmon Room at 10:00.

Fabric Donations for Mission Trip: This fall, a team of women will go to Kenya to serve with Judy Mbugua’s Homecare Spiritual Fellowship in Nairobi. While there, they will lead a sewing class, and fabric is greatly needed. Please bring fabric donations by the yard to the Women in Ministry office.

Upcoming Events

July 20-24: Rhythm U Arts Camp, 9:00 a.m.–1:00 p.m., for rising 2nd-6th graders, *visit 2pc.org/rhythmu to register*

Wednesdays in August: Bach Vespers, 6:30 p.m. in the Chapel

Caring Ministry

Sympathy to:

Woods Weathersby on the death of his mother, *Eugenia Woods Weathersby*, June 28, 2015.

Congratulations to:

Mr. and Mrs. Joey Bland who were married June 5, 2015. Mrs. Bland is the former Priscilla Veazey.

In the Hospital (as of 7/1/15):

Pat Corbitt, Baptist-Collierville
Bobby Shute, Baptist
Ken Moore, Signature on Primacy Rehab
Joan Moore, Allen Morgan Rehab
John Dunlap, Allen Morgan Rehab
Jean Williamson, Memphis Jewish Home

July Flowers

The flowers in the Sanctuary for the month of July are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: *Thomas Bechtel* by his wife, Judy Bechtel, and his children, Charles Bechtel and Kathryn Fox; *Marjorie Wunderlich* by her husband, Al, and her family.

Giving Update	
<i>July 1, 2014 through May 31, 2015</i>	
Actual:	\$8,108,295
Budget:	\$8,164,637
Variance:	\$(56,342)



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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/FM 87.7).

Our worship services can be seen every Sunday at 10:00 a.m. on WREGTV WREG-TV (Channel 3). Live streaming of our Sunday morning and evening worship services is also available at www.2pc.org/live



Please leave your bulletin in the pew if you’d like it to be recycled.

July 5, 2015

Trinity Season

Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church.

May our worship open our hearts to God’s love, our eyes to God’s beauty, our minds to God’s truth, and our will to God’s service.