



ORDER FOR THE
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

November 19, 2017
Thanksgiving Sunday



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

We are glad that you have come to worship with us this Lord's Day. Today we are examining what it look likes to become a contagious community of Jesus followers. Our faith thrives best in community rather than in isolation. We hope that you will find such a community here at Second.

Here are a few thoughts to prepare your heart for worship:

Cyprian of Carthage, a famous early Christian martyr, wrote: "No one can have God as his Father who does not have the church for his mother."

"The physical presence of other Christians is a source of incomparable joy and strength to the believer." – Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

"If you can grow on your own, even with God's help, then you have something to boast about before others. But if we need each other to grow then our boasting is turned into humility. This is how community exposes our inadequacies and magnifies the power of the gospel as our only hope for personal and cultural transformation." – Will Walker, *A Kingdom of Couches*

"The testimony has come down to us from the early churches, not in the Scripture but by an apparently accurate tradition, that in the Greek and Roman world the cry went out, 'Behold, how they love one another!'" – Francis Schaeffer, *The Church at the End of the Twentieth Century*

THANKSGIVING IN THE LORD'S SANCTUARY

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Come Ye Thankful People Come" Jason Payne
Brad Jones, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Romanze No. 2 in A Major" Robert Schumann
Aubrey Mills, violin

CHORAL INTROIT: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Vicki Wright

*All things bright and beautiful, all things great and all things small,
All things wise and wonderful: God our Father created them all.*

Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings,
God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings.
God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell
How great is God Almighty, who doeth all things well.

*The Children's Choir
Katie Pollorena, Music Intern and Conductor
Mary Lawrence Flinn, Accompanist*

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP D. Todd Erickson

✦HYMN OF PRAISE:

No. 715 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

✦INVOCATION (*please raise hands*)

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15

Lillian Ruth Bergeron, born March 29, 2009, daughter of Jaclyn and Blake Bergeron

Samuel Beaty Bergeron, born April 20, 2012, son of Jaclyn and Blake Bergeron

Noah David Johnson, born October 6, 2007, son of Gina and Tim Johnson

Luke Daniel Johnson, born July 11, 2011, son of Gina and Tim Johnson

Lillie Grace Linae Johnson, born January 22, 2016, daughter of Gina and Tim Johnson

11:00

James Wilson Harris, born August 1, 2017, son of Libby and Owen Harris

May Catherine Lequerica, born April 21, 2017, daughter of Emily and Frank Lequerica

PARENTAL VOWS

Do you acknowledge your child’s need of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God’s covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the sacred Scriptures, and that you will strive, by all the means that God provides you, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you undertake the responsibility to assist these parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: “Jesus Loves You” JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.**

CONFESSING BEFORE THE LORD’S THRONE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Holy Father, You are the One who created us, redeemed us
and sustains us every second of our lives.
You supply us with all things richly to enjoy.
Yet, we have failed in giving You thanks.
We confess that we have received your blessings with a thankless hearts.
We have murmured and complained against You.
We have failed to give thanks to You in all circumstances.
Empower us to cast off the spiritually unhealthy weight
of thanklessness that is slowing us down in our race of faith.
May Your Holy Spirit so rule us that You give us victory
over this and all the other sinful tendencies of our hearts.
For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

♠HYMN OF ASSURANCE: “For the Fruit of All Creation” AR HYD Y NOS



1. For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to God.
2. In the just re - ward of la - bor, God’s will is done.
3. For the har-vests of the Spir - it, thanks be to God.



For His gifts to ev - ‘ry na - tion, thanks be to God. For the
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God’s will is done. In our
For the good we all in - her - it, thanks be to God. For the



plow - ing, sow-ing, reap-ing si - lent growth while we are sleep-ing,
 world-wide task of car - ing for the hun - gry and de - spair-ing,
 won - ders that as-tound us, for the truths that still con-found us,



fu - ture needs in earth's safe - keep-ing, thanks be to God.
 in the har-vests we are shar-ing, God's will is done.
 most of all, that love has found us, thanks be to God.

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Dan G. Burns

A special Thanksgiving offering will be received today for Young Life Capernaum and Orphanos (special needs ministries in Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan); Calvary Rescue Mission; and Memphis Union Mission. If you wish to participate, please mark your checks "for Thanksgiving Offering" or use the special Thanksgiving Offering envelopes in the pew racks.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "All Creatures of Our God and King" arr. Robert Shaw

All creatures of our God and King,
 Lift up your voice and with us sing, alleluia, alleluia!
 Thou burning sun with golden beam,
 Thou silver moon with silver gleam, O praise Him, alleluia!
 Thou rushing wind that art so strong,
 Ye clouds that sail in heav'n along,
 O praise Him, alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
 Ye lights of evening, find a voice, O praise Him, alleluia!
 Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
 Make music for thy Lord to hear, alleluia, alleluia!
 Thou fire so masterful and bright,
 That givest man both warmth and light, O praise Him, alleluia!
 And all ye men of tender heart,
 Forgiving others, take your part, O sing ye, alleluia!
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,
 And praise the Spirit, Three in One, O praise Him, alleluia!

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
 Christy Young, director*

✦ DOXOLOGY OLD HUNDRETH

**Praise God from Whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host:
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

✦ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

FLOURISHING IN THE LORD'S CHURCH

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15) Peggy Stephens

✦ 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.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 2:42-47
(page 911 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. (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)**

SERMON *A Blood-bought Church* George W. Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF COMMITMENT:

No. 457 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON

✦ BENEDICTION (please raise hands)

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Now Thank We All Our God" J.S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox
Samuel Metzger, organ

✦ *Indicates congregation standing*

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THANKSGIVING
Worship Service

Please join us this evening
for our annual Thanksgiving
worship service at 6:00 p.m.
in the Sanctuary.

I. Worship (*Acts 2:42, 43*)

A. Word

B. Sacrament

II. Work (*Acts 2:44-46*)

A. Fellowship

B. Mercy/Hospitality

III. Witness (*Acts 2:47*)

A. Doxological

1. Informal Missionaries

a. Testimony

b. Homes

c. Word of Mouth

2. Consistent

a. Morally

b. Joyfully

c. Sacrificially

B. Numerical