



The chief end of life  
is to glorify God and  
enjoy God forever.

Westminster Catechism



**Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**October 18, 2020**

**GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

**Prelude**                      Adagio from Symphony No. 3                      Louis Vierne

**Introit**                      God Is Here                      Glenn Wonacott  
*God is here, reaching out to all who gather; God is here, listening to the prayers of all. God is here, giving grace where hearts are wounded; God is here, lifting lives after a fall. God is here, calling us to find our passion; God is here, teaching us to find ourselves. Reaching, listening, giving grace, lifting lives to see God's face. God is here, showing why we all are here; for God is here.*

**\*\*Call to Worship** (responsively)                      Psalm 122

Leader: I was glad when they said to me "Let us go to the house of the LORD!" Our feet are standing within your gates, O Jerusalem, to which the tribes of the LORD go up as was decreed for Israel, to give thanks to the LORD. Pray for the peace of Jerusalem: May they prosper who love you. Peace be within your walls and security within your towers. For the sake of the house of the LORD our God, I will seek your good.

**People: Amen.**

**\*\*Hymn**                      Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken                      #81

**Prayer of Confession** (responsively)

Leader: You have taught us to love you and serve you with all our heart and mind, all our soul and strength. Yet we neglect your call to covenant living. Lord have mercy.

**People: Lord have mercy.** (continued)

# 81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.  
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear  
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



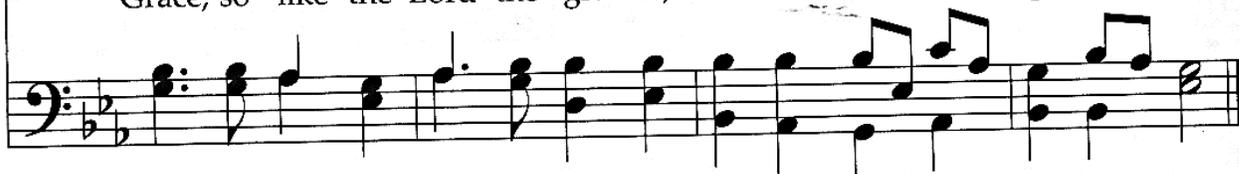
God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.  
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.  
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?  
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,  
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.  
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.  
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.



Leader: You have taught us to love our neighbor as often and as much as we love ourselves. Yet we fail to follow your holy will and choose disordered loves that lack integrity. Christ have mercy.

**People: Christ have mercy.**

Leader: You call us to worship you and you alone. But we seek other gods and honor other idols in our service. We lose our way because we reject your holy way. Lord have mercy.

**People: Lord have mercy.**

## **Silent Confession**

**Declaration of Pardon** (responsively)

Isaiah 43:4-6

Leader: Do not fear for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name. You are mine. I am the LORD your God, the Holy One, your Savior. You are precious in my sight. Everyone who is called by my name, I have formed and made and created for my own glory.

**People: Amen.**

**\*\*Gloria Patri** (sung by Quartet only)

#581

*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.*

**Receiving of the Peace** (responsively)

Leader: The life of Jesus revealed most fully the in-breaking kingdom of God; the reign of love. In the life, death and resurrection of Jesus, God has given us a mighty peace. Let us live to share the peace of Christ with others, and dedicate our lives to spreading peace to all people.

**People: Amen.**



## 408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I  
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are  
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I  
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.  
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

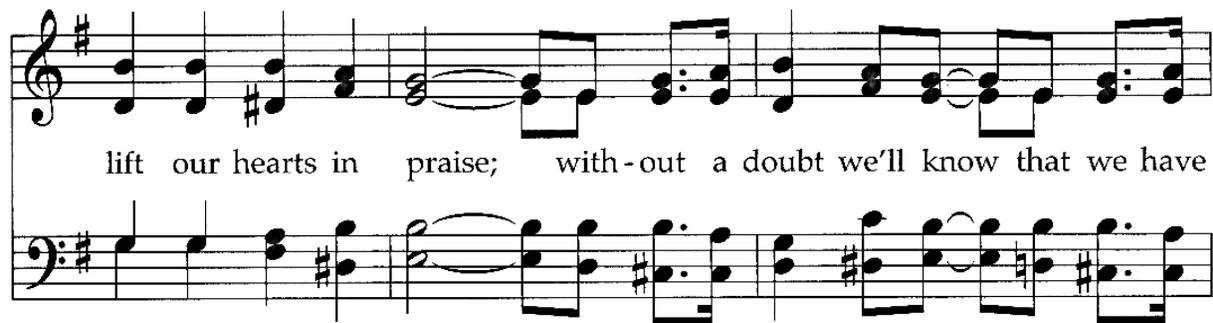
This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.



Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here



with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we



lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have



been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

**\*\*Affirmation of Faith** (responsively) The Apostles' Creed

Leader: I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.

**People: Amen.**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Anthem**                      O How Amiable                      Ralph Vaughan Williams

*O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts! My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord. My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God. Yea, the sparrow hath found her an house, and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young: even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King and my God. Blessed are they that dwell in thy house: They will always praising thee. The glorious Majesty of the Lord our God be upon us: prosper thou the work of our hands upon us. O prosper thou our handywork. O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.*

**The Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer ("debts")**

**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.**

## **Prayer Response**

God Is Our Refuge and Strength

W. A. Mozart

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*

## **BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD**

### **\*\*Hymn**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

#645

### **\*\*The Charge and the Benediction**

#### **\*\*Benediction**

God Be With You

Tomer, arr. Don Besig

*God be with you till we meet again; by His counsels guide, uphold you,  
with His sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again. Till  
we meet at Jesus' feet, God be with you till we meet again.*

### **Postlude**

Laudation

Gilbert Martin

## 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above



1 Sing praise to God who reigns a - bove, the God of all  
 2 What God's al-might - y power has made God's gra - cious mer -  
 3 The Lord is nev - er far a - way, but, through all grief  
 4 Thus all my toil - some way a - long I sing a - loud



cre - a - tion, the God of power, the God of love,  
 cy keep - eth; by morn - ing glow or eve - ning shade  
 dis - tress - ing, an ev - er - pres - ent help and stay,  
 thy prais - es, that all may hear the grate - ful song



the God of our sal - va - tion. With  
 God's watch - ful eye ne'er sleep - eth. With -  
 our peace and joy and bless - ing, as  
 my voice un - wea - ried rais - es. Be



heal - ing balm my soul is filled, and ev - ery faith - less  
 in the king - dom of God's might, lo! all is just and  
 with a moth - er's ten - der hand God gent - ly leads the  
 joy - ful in the Lord, my heart; both soul and bod - y,



The regal divine imagery here will not be new to most singers, but some may not expect the third stanza's image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

mur - mur stilled:  
all is right:  
cho - sen band: to God all praise and glo - ry!  
take your part:

# Sing Out, My Soul

## Magnificat

646

G \* C D7 G (chords continue) \*

Sing out, my soul. Sing out, my soul. Sing out and  
Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi -  
glo - ri - fy the Lord who sets us free. Sing out, my soul.  
cat a - ni - ma me - a Do - mi - num. Ma - gni - fi - cat.  
Sing out, my soul. Sing out and glo - ri - fy the Lord God!  
Ma - gni - fi - cat. Ma - gni - fi - cat a - ni - ma me - a!

\*May be sung as a canon.

This canonic chant from the Taizé Community is based on the opening phrase of Mary's song when she visited her relative Elizabeth, mother of John the Baptist (Luke 1:39-56). Both Eastern and Western churches have used the full text for many centuries as part of daily prayers.

## **Thanks to Those Assisting in Our Service**

Liturgists      Brian Louis and Leslie Deslauriers

## **OUR MISSION AND VISION**

**Mission Statement:** We are a diverse and inclusive community bringing people to Christ through the power of service, education, hospitality and compassion.

**Vision Statement:** Second Presbyterian Church seeks to be a diverse, vibrant and passionate Christ-centered community of hospitality and outreach actively serving the South Loop, the city of Chicago, and the world. We accomplish this through inspirational worship in our historic sanctuary, educational ministry to all ages, and the power of compassionate service to our neighbors.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Worship**

Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church. All are welcome regardless of ethnicity, economic group or sexual orientation to share together in the joy and power of God's love in Jesus Christ.

The devotional booklet "These Days" for October-November-December is available in the church office. For your copy, please call the church office.

Keep worship safe! As we join in responsive and unison prayers, please utter your words with restraint. As you join in singing, we ask you to sing quietly to yourself. When you greet each other, please maintain social distancing. Masks are required during the entirety of the services.

Protecting others protects us all.

Worship is live-streamed on our website [www.2ndpresbyterian.org](http://www.2ndpresbyterian.org) each Sunday morning. Join us at 10:55 a.m. for the worship. Copies of sermons and bulletins will be mailed and emailed to all who request them.

**Faith Matters. Giving Matters.** Our 2021 Pledge Drive is underway. Members and friends are asked to make a pledge (or estimate of giving) to support our mission and ministry. Please submit your pledge cards with your offering, mail your pledge cards into the church office or submit your pledge online at <https://forms.gle/Z3ConvZbH1vpNyjp9>. Please make your commitments prayerfully and intentionally. Thank you!

We are near our goal of funding our new Audio-Visual Equipment. This new ministry enables our church to reach out and provide worship to hundreds of people. Please submit your gift today! Send your check or give your donation online through our secure website at [www.2ndpresbyterian.org](http://www.2ndpresbyterian.org).

If pastoral care needs arise, please contact the church office at (312) 225-4951. Pastor Neff and Pastoral Assistant Deslauriers are available for pastoral counseling and prayer.

We are still taking prayer requests but now you can submit them by clicking this link <https://forms.gle/72RzSMc9tAA7y5st8> so that we can pray with you and for you. All prayer requests will go to Pastor Neff, Pastoral Assistant Leslie and our Office Administrator Ashley. There is an option to mark whether or not your prayer is private.

### **Bible Studies:**

Do you want to learn more about Villains in the Bible? Join Pastoral Assistant Leslie Deslauriers and Rabbi Marcey Rosenbaum Thursday evenings (October 22, & 29) at 5:30 p.m. to hear about these complex Biblical characters.

We will be meeting in person at the church but will also have a computer set up so those who don't want to meet face-to-face can Zoom in!

**Topic:** Biblical Villains

**Time:** Oct 22, 2020 5:30 PM--Old Testament Female Villains

**Oct 29, 2020 5:30 PM--New Testament Villains & Satan (from both the Christian & Jewish Perspective)**

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

**Weekly:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZEpfuivrjwtG9Mtx9XE6A6X7ti5mxxL2Vq0/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGtqjIrHdSStxiARpwMBor4d-3ziGZajfpwiAe8OwUFQ1XOYfZLZ79nCPSC>

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85491707717?pwd=NTIwR25yNVVITlpZUWw5RmpmejlnUT09>

**Meeting ID: 854 9170 7717**

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/keuk1fZFNy>

If you have any questions or would like more information, please contact Pastoral Assistant Leslie Deslauriers at

[pastoralassistant.2ndpreschgo@gmail.com](mailto:pastoralassistant.2ndpreschgo@gmail.com) or call the church office.

We will be using phone calls for bible studies and Zoom for other groups. For bible studies, use the number below.

New Conference Call number: (312) 248-0036. No PIN required.

- **Sunday Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.**
- **Tuesday Second Corinthians 1:30 p.m.**

**Alpha to Omega Bible Discussion Group:** will be led by Doug Walters until January will continue to be monthly on the second and fourth Thursdays starting with the New Testament with the first half of Matthew on October 22. New Conference Call number: **(312) 248-0036**. No PIN required. For more information, please contact Flea Parker at [flea@golden2.net](mailto:flea@golden2.net) or (210) 861-6988.

## **RIM (Recreation and Interest Ministries) Committee**

**Movie Group:** We will be discussing *Corpus Christi* on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. (97% on review-aggregator Rotten Tomatoes) It's a foreign film but with subtitles. Each person will watch the movie on their own and then we will gather on Zoom to discuss it. The movie is streaming on Amazon Prime (for a small rental fee). This event is brought to you by the RIM committee.

### **Join Zoom Meeting:**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87830257932?pwd=alNtMUh6eFpNNllobWZ0WFIDRTNodz09>

**Time:** October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. Central Time (US and Canada)

**Meeting ID: 878 3025 7932**

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**Book Group:** Our next book of discussion is Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng. This will take place both in person and via Zoom on November 15<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m. In person, we will space ourselves in Fellowship Hall, wear masks and follow all church protocols.

Others can join in via Zoom. Please email Ann Belletire if you would like to join this very lively discussion group at [annabelle620e@aol.com](mailto:annabelle620e@aol.com).

**Join Zoom Meeting:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82595103879> **Meeting ID:** 825 9510 3879

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**General**

**Hiring: Building Aides for Second Presbyterian Church:** We are seeking building aides to staff for building rentals. The duties are to open/allow access to the church and offer a hospitable, friendly and responsible presence to all our guests, closing and securing the church afterwards. Light cleaning duties are required. Hours are flexible (including weekdays and weekends). If you might be interested, please contact the church office (312) 225-4951 or [secondchurch1936@comcast.net](mailto:secondchurch1936@comcast.net).

**Barbara's Basement Resale Shop:** As we draw closer to the holidays, Barbara's Basement Resale Shop is beginning to decorate for Thanksgiving and Christmas with pumpkins, Christmas tree ornaments and floral arrangements. Our store is stocked with a large assortment of new and used ladies and men's watches, bracelets, earrings, necklaces and rings. Do you need extra dinner plates for the holidays? Check out our stock. Gift wrapping is available this year, beginning December 1st (by appointment only). Please provide boxes if needed. New Store Hours: Tuesday – Friday: 10:00 a.m.—2:00 p.m. All proceeds go to fund the mission and ministry of Second Presbyterian

## **The Presbyterian Women: Spring Gathering**

**Date:** Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2020

**Time:** 9:00 - 11:15 a.m.

Ordering Life in the Light of God's Love: Barbara Vaughan, Speaker.  
Please email: [PWofChicago@yahoo.com](mailto:PWofChicago@yahoo.com). After you register, you will receive an email invitation to join the meeting via Zoom. Please reserve your spot by Sunday, October 17<sup>th</sup>.

## **Support Our Mission and Ministry**

The work of the church is critical in this time of crisis. Our ministry continues to grow in creative and innovative ways. You may now give your offering on the Second Presbyterian Church website at [www.2ndpresbyterian.org](http://www.2ndpresbyterian.org). Look for the "Donate" button and scroll down, following the prompts. Thank you for your faithful giving!

## **Connect with Us**

Dr. Neff's sermons, poetry and reflections on ministry can be found in his blog: [www.davidneff.me](http://www.davidneff.me). To obtain copies of sermons for our Pastoral Assistant Leslie Deslauriers, please go to her blog [lesliefollowsgodthroughchicago.blogspot.com](http://lesliefollowsgodthroughchicago.blogspot.com)

## **PRAYER REQUESTS** (please pray for the following)

**Ashley McLean** – my grandparents; Guy, Bella and JB; the pursuit of happiness; understanding and wisdom

**Leslie Deslauriers** – B. Chinchilla; A. Cintron; L. Escobedo; A. Williams; L. Williams; S. Williams; J. Shouse; C. Hinton; D. Raiford

**Nate Battles** – Sister Addie Ford (age 94) recovering from a broken thigh and hip surgery, in rehabilitation at St. Mary's Hospital

**Pastor Neff** – the Presbyterian Syrod of Cameroon; for all pastors, elders and churches living under persecution

## The Session

Reverend Dr. David M. Neff, Pastor  
Darlene Pollard, Clerk

### 2020

Eric Annafi  
Lisa Henry-Reid  
Dr. Argie Johnson

### 2021

Dr. Cliff Crawford  
Anthony Ochiabutor  
Vicki Reynolds

### 2022

Darlene Pollard  
Howard Tiffen  
Amy Haack

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Jane Tiffen, President  
Jeremy Nichols, Secretary

### 2020

Nate Battle  
Barbara Crawford  
Mary Tibbs

### 2021

Denise Conway  
Catherine Soberekon

### 2022

Jeremy Nichols  
Francis Osazuwa  
Jane Tiffen

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Leslie Deslauriers, Pastoral Assistant  
Michael Shawgo, Music Director  
Ashley McLean, Office Administrator  
Marco Alberto, Sexton  
Brian Louis, Seminarian

## Second Presbyterian Quartet Choir

Sherry Watkins, soprano  
Corinne Wallace-Crane, alto

John Concepcion, tenor  
Vince Wallace, bass



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# *Laughter Came From Every Brick*

Just these two words God spoke  
changed my life:

Enjoy Me.

What a burden I thought I was to  
carry--a crucifix, as did He.

Love once said to me: "I know a song.  
Would you like to hear it?"

And laughter came from every brick in  
the street and from every pore in the  
sky.

After a night of prayer, He changed  
my life when He sang:

Enjoy Me.

Teresa of Avila

*paraphrased by Daniel Ladinsky*