



If one should give me a dish a sand and tell me there were particles of iron in it, I might look for them with my eyes and search for them with my clumsy fingers and never detect them.

But let me take a magnet and sweep through that dish of sand, and that magnet would draw those tiny particles of iron to it through the power of the magnet's attraction.

The unthankful heart is like my finger in the sand.

It discovers no mercies.

But let the thankful heart sweep through the day, as the magnet finds iron, so it will find in every hour some heavenly blessing; only the iron in God's hand is gold.

*Henry Ward Beecher, 1851*



## Twenty-fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020

### GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

**Prelude**

Thanksgiving

Richard Purvis

**Introit**

Enter His Gates with Thanksgiving

Hal Hopson

*Enter His gates with thanksgiving. Come into His courts with joyful song.  
O bless the name of the Lord.*

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

Leader: Make a joyful noise to the LORD, all the earth. Worship the LORD with gladness! Come into God's presence with singing! Know that the LORD is God. God made us, and we are his. We are his people, the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise. Give thanks to God; bless his name. For the LORD is good; His steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

**People: Amen.**

**\*\*Hymn**

Now Thank We All Our God

#643

**Prayer of Confession** (responsively)

Leader: Holy and loving God, we offer our praise this day, for your wonderful gifts. For your love that sustains us daily; for your wisdom which fills the earth with good things; for your power which generates new life; for your call which binds us together as your people; for your peace which takes away fear and brings hope. Forgive us, good God, when we fail to trust in your goodness and generosity. Help us to sense your presence and your purpose at work in our lives, and in our world. Help us respond with joy and gladness, by investing ourselves in your kingdom and offering ourselves to do your will.

**People: Amen.**

## 643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice - es,  
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

who, from our moth-ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per-plexed,  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count-less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

## **Silent Confession**

### **Declaration of Pardon** (responsively)

Leader: The LORD is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, abounding in steadfast love. As far as the east is from the west, the LORD puts our transgression from us. The good news is that God is more willing to forgive us than we are willing to ask for, or accept forgiveness. As far as the north is from the south, so great is God's love for us. Friends, believe the good news that sets us free:

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

### **\*\*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: Through faith in Christ, we are offered life in the Spirit. The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, and patience. The fruit of the Spirit is kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk in the Spirit. The peace of Christ is alive and at work in this congregation. The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD**

### **Prayer of Illumination**

#### **Scripture Lesson**

Psalm 103:1-5, 15-22

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

**People: Thanks be to God!**



## 39 Great Is Thy Faithfulness

1 \*Great is thy faith - ful - ness, O God my Fa - ther;  
 2 Sum - mer and win - ter, and spring - time and har - vest,  
 3 Par - don for sin and a peace that en - dur - eth,

there is no shad - ow of turn - ing with thee.  
 sun, moon, and stars in their cours - es a - bove  
 thine own dear pres - ence to cheer and to guide,

Thou chang - est not; thy com - pas - sions they fail not.  
 join with all na - ture in man - i - fold wit - ness  
 strength for to - day and bright hope for to - mor - row:

As thou hast been thou for - ev - er wilt be.  
 to thy great faith - ful - ness, mer - cy, and love,  
 bless - ings all mine, with ten thou - sand be - side!

\*Or "Great is thy faithfulness, O God, Creator."

Written as a meditation on Lamentations 3:22-23, this text is one of the few hymns among the 1200 poems by this Methodist writer and pastor that has gained much currency. The tune that appears here was composed especially for these words, and the pairing has proved enduring.

Great is thy faith - ful - ness! Great is thy faith - ful - ness!  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 오 신 실 하 신 주

Morn - ing by morn - ing, new mer - cies I see.  
 날 마 다 자 미 를 배 푸 시 녀

All I have need - ed thy hand hath pro - vid - ed.  
 일 용 할 모 든 것 내 려 주 시 니

Great is thy faith - ful - ness, Lord un - lo mel  
 오 신 실 하 신 주 나 의 구 주

**\*\*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**

**Solo**

A Simple Song

Leonard Bernstein

John Concepcion, soloist

*Sing God a simple song: Lauda Laude. Make it up as you go along; sing like you like to sing; God loves all simple things, for God is the simplest of all. I will sing the Lord a new song, to praise Him to bless Him, to bless the Lord. I will sing His praises while I live, all of my days. Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, blessed is the man who praises Him, and walks in His ways. I will lift up my eyes to the hills from whence comes my help. I will lift up my voice to the Lord singing Lauda, Laude. For the Lord is my shade, is the shade upon my right hand, and the sun shall not smite me by day, nor the moon by night. Blessed is the man who loves the Lord, and walks in His ways. Lauda Laude, all of my days.*

**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**            Father, We Thank Thee            Daniel Batchellor  
*Father, we thank thee for the night, and for the pleasant morning light; for rest and food and loving care, and all the makes the world so fair.*

**BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD**

**\*\*Hymn**                    I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me                    #700

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

**\*\*Benediction**            Let All Things Now Living                    arr. Katherine Davis

*Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving to God the Creator triumphantly raise; who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us, who guideth us on to the end of our days. His banners are o'er us, His Light goes before us, a pillar of fire shining forth in the night, till shadows have vanished and darkness is banished, as forward we travel from light into light!*

**Postlude**                    Now Thank We All Our God                    arr. Sigfrid Karg-Elert

**Thanks to Those Assisting in Our Service**

Liturgists                    Brian Louis and Leslie Deslauriers

# 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so) God can use me an - y -  
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so)  
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (an - y - time!) I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)  
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -  
 pray so (pray so)  
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

## **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.

Next Sunday is Christ the King Sunday. We will celebrate the reign of Christ in our lives and in our world. We will also recognize all Lunch Bag volunteers in attendance. Started by Deacon Lucille Whitworth in 1986, the Lunch Bag Program continues its vital ministry of feeding our neighbors in need and sharing the love of Christ.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given Ralph and Nancy Schuetz and family (Heather and Rich Steinmeier and children; Holly and Jason Friend and family) in remembrance of Gary Schuetz (1945-2017).

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.

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.

The Meeting of the Congregation will be Sunday, November 29<sup>th</sup> at 12:15 p.m. We encourage all members of the church to attend worship that day and remain for the service. A Zoom link and phone number will also be provided in the Friday e-mail.

**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:**

**Advent Bible Study: Prophecy and Fulfillment:** Pastor Neff will be leading a bible study on the prophecies of the Messiah and Messianic Kingdom on Wednesday nights at 6:15 p.m. We will study the prophecies of Isaiah, Jeremiah and Ezekiel and find their scriptural fulfillment in Matthew, Mark, Luke and the letters of Paul. **Please call the church office or Pastor Neff for the phone number.**

Topic: Advent Bible Study: Prophecy and Fulfillment

Time: Nov 18, 2020 06:00 PM & Dec 2, 2020 06:00 PM

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<sup>nd</sup>. 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:** On November 20<sup>th</sup>, we will discuss *Daughters of Destiny*, episodes 1 & 2; on December 18<sup>th</sup>, we will discuss episodes 3 & 4.

*Daughters of Destiny* (original Netflix documentary series) was shot over seven years, and follows a group of girls from rural India who are denied education because of their caste. Please note that the dates were bumped up a week in November/December due to the holidays. Each person will watch the movie on their own and then we will gather on Zoom to discuss it. This event is brought to you by the RIM committee.

**Join Zoom Meeting:**

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

**Time: November 20<sup>th</sup>** at 6:30 p.m. Central Time (US and Canada)

**Meeting ID: 878 3025 7932**

**Password: 602018**

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**Book Group:** Our next book of discussion is Begin Again by Eddie Glaude. This will take place both in person and via Zoom on December 20<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>

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## **Community Interests:**

**Sharing the Blessings of the Season!** On Thanksgiving Day, Liam's Table will offer bags of groceries from 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Pick up your bag of groceries at the Cullerton Avenue door. The restaurant Tapas Valencia will offer free Thanksgiving meals for pick-up if your order is placed by November 20<sup>th</sup>. Please call (312) 842-4444.

The Hanging of the Greens will be on Saturday, November 28<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 a.m. All hands are needed to decorate the sanctuary for Advent and Christmas. We anticipate concluding by noon.

**Coat Drive:** Second Presbyterian Church is hosting its annual Winter Coat Drive November through February. Donations of warm clothes, socks, sweat shirts, hoodies, sweaters, coats, gloves, caps, scarves and mittens will be distributed to our neighbors in need. Donations are received

Tuesdays through Fridays, 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. We regret that we must decline clothing donations other than warm winter clothing.

**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

## **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; R. Hinton

**Nate Battle** – Sister Addie Ford; Elaine Weston; Owen; Sandy; Vernon; Renee

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

**Denise Conway** – Joe Biden and Kamala Harris; Nate Battle; Pat Foley; Cynthia Ellis

## 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  
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Leslie Deslauriers, Pastoral Assistant  
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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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