



**First Sunday of Lent  
February 21, 2021**

**GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD**

**Prelude**      My Lord, What a Morning      Spiritual, arr. Raymond Haan

**Introit**

Let the Heaven Light Shine on Me      Spiritual, Arr. Moses Hogan  
*Let the heaven light shine on me, for low is the way to the upper bright world. Let the light from heaven shine on me. See what love the Father has given us, that we may be called the children of love. And everyone who hopes in Him through the Lord is blessed.*

**\*\*Call to Worship** (responsively)      Psalm 25

Leader: To you, O LORD, I lift up my soul

**People: In you, O God, I put my trust.**

Leader: Make me to know your ways, O LORD.

**People: Teach me your path and lead me in your truth.**

Leader: Good and upright is the LORD.

**People: Therefore God instructs sinners in God's way.**

Leader: God leads the humble in what is right and teaches the humble  
God's way.

**People: All the paths of the LORD are steadfast love and faithfulness.**

**\*\*Hymn**      My Lord! What a Morning      #352

## 352 My Lord! What a Morning

Refrain

My Lord! what a morn-ing; my Lord! what a morn-ing;

O my Lord! what a morn-ing, when the stars be-gin to

*Fine*  
fall, when the stars be-gin to fall. 1 You will hear the trum-pet  
2 You will hear the sin-ner  
3 You will hear the Chris-tian

sound  
cry,  
shout, to wake the na-tions un-der ground,

*to Refrain*  
look-ing to my God's right hand, when the stars be-gin to fall.

This spiritual reflects on Jesus' saying about the endtimes as recorded in Matthew 24:29-30/Mark 13:24-26. It belongs to the slower, less common style of spirituals with long, sustained phrases and was among those popularized in concerts by the Fisk Jubilee Singers.

### **Prayer of Confession** (responsively)

Leader: Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you.

**People: But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete.**

Leader: Day by day we fail to grow into your likeness; yet you are slow to be angry with your children.

**People: For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, do not hold our sins against us, but in your tender love, forgive.**

Leader: Lord have mercy.

**People: Christ have mercy.**

Leader: Lord have mercy.

### **Silent Confession**

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

Leader: In our weakness, Christ is our strength.

**People: In our darkness, Christ is our light.**

Leader: In our forgetfulness, Christ restores a mind to love him.

**People: In our rebellion, Christ renews a heart to serve him.**

Leader: In our wanderings, Christ guides us back to his way and his truth

**People: In our sorrows, Christ grants us comfort and peace.**

Leader: Friends, believe in the power of the gospel to save our souls:

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

### **\*\*Gloria Patri**

#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.*

### **\*\*Passing of the Peace** (responsively)

Leader: The good news is to all those who are near and far away.

**People: The good news is to all who are neighbors and strangers.**

Leader: Because Christ loves us, we are members of the household of faith. We are one in the Spirit—we are family.

**People: Because Christ calls us, we are citizens of the realm of God. We are living out God’s precious kingdom.**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

## **PROCLAIMING GOD’S WORD**

**Minute for History**

Jessica Ochiabutor  
Madison Vanderbilt

**Prayer of Illumination**

**Scripture Lesson**      Mark 12:28-34

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

<sup>28</sup> One of the scribes came near and heard them disputing with one another, and seeing that he answered them well, he asked him, “Which commandment is the first of all?” <sup>29</sup> Jesus answered, “The first is, ‘Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God, the Lord is one;’ <sup>30</sup> you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ <sup>31</sup> The second is this, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ There is no other commandment greater than these.” <sup>32</sup> Then the scribe said to him, “You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that ‘he is one, and besides him there is no other’; <sup>33</sup> and ‘to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,’ and ‘to love one’s neighbor as oneself,’—this is much more important than all whole burnt offerings and sacrifices.” <sup>34</sup> When Jesus saw that he answered wisely, he said to him, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” After that no one dared to ask him any question.

## **Solo**

This Little Light of Mine

Spiritual, arr. Jacqueline Hairston

Sherry Watkins, soloist

*This little light of mine, I'm gon' let it shine. All around this world, I'm gon' let it shine. Everywhere I go, I'm gon' let it shine.*

**Scripture Lesson**      1 Peter 4:8-9

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

<sup>8</sup> Above all, maintain constant love for one another, for love covers a multitude of sins. <sup>9</sup> Be hospitable to one another without complaining.

## **Sermon**

“Love”

The Reverend Dr. Joel Tolliver, preaching

## **RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD**

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

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

#729

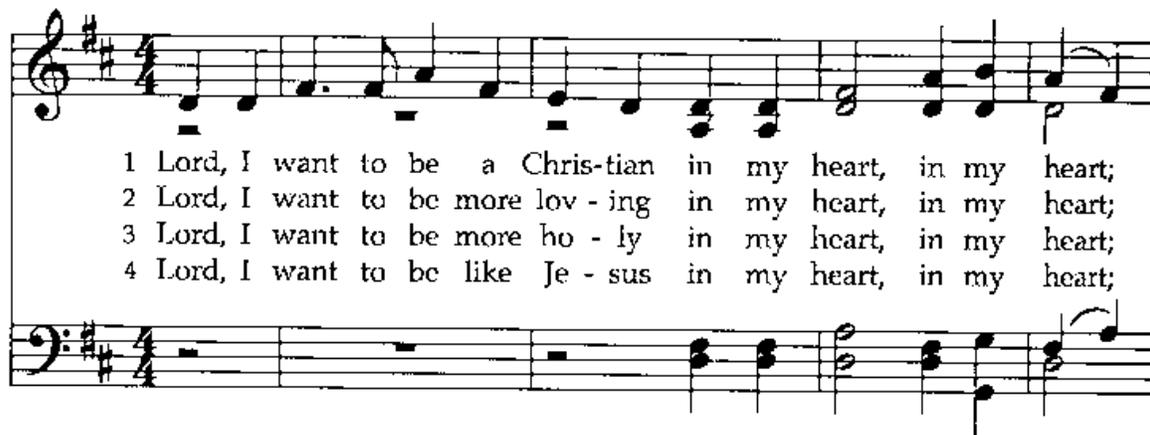
### **\*\*Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

**The Apostles’ Creed**

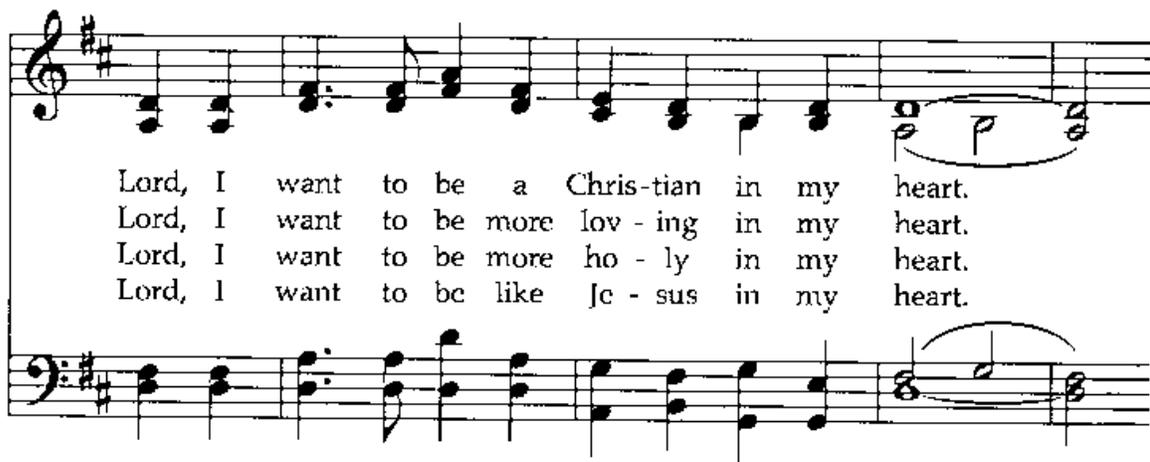
**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; 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. Amen.**

## **Welcome and Announcements**

## 729 Lord, I Want to Be a Christian



1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;  
 2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart;  
 3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;  
 4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;



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Through its recurring phrase, "in my heart," this poignant African American spiritual expresses the desire that our professed faith will not be superficial or hypocritical but will permeate the very center of our being, so that we may truly be the people God calls us to be.

**Anthem**      Give Me a Clean Heart      Margaret Douroux, arr. Helgen  
*Give me a clean heart so I may serve thee. Lord, fix my heart so that I may be used by thee. For I'm not worthy of all these blessings. Give me a clean heart, and I'll follow thee. I'm not asking for the riches of the land. I'm not asking for the proud to know my name. Please give me, Lord, a clean heart that I may follow thee. Give me a clean heart, and I will follow thee. Sometimes I am up and sometimes I am down. Sometimes I am almost level to the ground. Please give me, Lord, a clean heart that I may follow thee.*

**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**      See What Love      Lena McLin  
*See what love the Father has given us, that we may be called the children of love.*

**BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD**

**\*\*Hymn**      There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit      #408

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

**\*\*Benediction**      God Be With You      William Farley Smith  
*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.*

**Postlude**      Postlude on Two Spirituals      arr. Charles Callahan

**Thanks to Those Assisting in Our Service**

Liturgists      Brian Louis and Ozzie Kinnard

## 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.

## 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.

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.

The Circle of Prayer continues each Thursday at noon. For thirty minutes, we pray for one another, our families, our friends, our city and our world; concluding by 12:30 p.m. The call in number is **(312) 626-6799**; meeting **#811 8615 6150**; passcode **965 126**. All are welcome.

Today, our guest bass is Mr. John Orduña.

Music Notes: **Moses Hogan** was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on March 13, 1957. Mr. Hogan was a pianist, conductor and arranger of international renown. He studied at the New Orleans Center for Creative

Arts, Oberlin Conservatory of Music in Ohio, New York's Juilliard School of Music, and Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge. Hogan served as an artist in residence of Music at Dillard University in New Orleans and as artistic director of the internationally acclaimed Moses Hogan Chorale. Mr. Hogan arranged and performed several compositions for the 1995 PBS documentary, "The American Promise" and conducted the famed Mormon Tabernacle Choir on their recording "American Heritage of Spirituals. With over 70 published works, Hogan's arrangements have become staples in the repertoires of high school, college, church, community and professional choirs worldwide. Hogan's choral style, high musical standards and unique repertoire have consistently elicited praise from critics worldwide, and are revered around the world. On February 11, 2003 at the age of 46, Moses Hogan died from a stroke. Sadly this happened at the height of his musical career, just as he was gaining great national recognition.

**Jacqueline B. Hairston** received her musical training at the Juilliard School of Music, Howard University School of Music, and her Masters in Music from Columbia University. While her education was in classical music, her professional career has given her experience in many realms, particularly in the world of Negro spirituals. Hairston's spiritual arrangements have been sung by many well-known vocalists, including mezzo-soprano Denyce Graves, and soprano Kathleen Battle. Hairston was the Composer-in-Residence for The Negro Spiritual Foundation of Orlando, Florida. Her list of commissions includes the names of Florence Quivar, New York's Opera Ebony, Shirley Verrett, Madame Grace Bumbry, Benjamin Matthews, William Warfield, Robert Sims and the 1993 March-On-Washington. Hairston frequently worked with her cousin, the late acclaimed composer/conductor/actor, Dr. Jester Hairston, who was the oldest living preservationist of the Negro Spiritual at the time of his death in January 2000.

**Margaret Douroux** (b. 1941), was educated in the Los Angeles public school system. She then attended Southern University and obtained a B.A.

degree at California State University, Los Angeles. She earned an M.S. degree, obtained teaching credentials, and an advanced Master's Degree at the University of Southern California. Her Ph.D. was earned at the University of Beverly Hills. During her 13-year career with Los Angeles City Schools, Dr. Douroux served as an elementary school teacher, guidance counselor, and school psychologist. At an early age she performed as an accompanist with the children's choir at a Baptist church where her father served as pastor. She went on to become the accompanist for the Sunday School Baptist Training Union and the Young People's Choir. For 12 years she was director and accompanist for the Young Adult Choir and Orchestra at Mount Moriah Baptist Church, Los Angeles. During these years, Dr. Douroux was influenced by her love for Gospel music, and has composed hundreds of Gospel music renditions.

**Lena McLin** (b.1928) was a music teacher, composer, author, and pastor. Aside from her career as a composer, McLin is also best known for her career as music teacher in the Chicago Public Schools system, most notably at Kenwood Academy. McLin was born in Atlanta, Georgia, and was the niece of gospel music great Thomas Dorsey. At the age of five she was sent to live with her uncle Thomas Dorsey, and attended the Pilgrim Baptist Church as a child, where she was exposed to gospel music and served as an accompanist to her uncle's choir. McLin has a bachelors in music, specializing in piano and violin, from Spelman College, and a graduate degree in music from the American Conservatory of Music in Chicago. She taught at Chicago public schools for 36 years, including Hubbard High School, Harlan High School, and Kenwood Academy. She officially retired from teaching high school in the mid-1990s but continued teaching voice lessons.

**Per Capita Offering** – Each year, Second Presbyterian Church pays a “per-capita” apportionment on each member of the church. This goes to support the mission and ministry of the larger church, including the Presbytery of Chicago, the Synod of Lincoln Trails and the General Assembly. Your gift of \$36 per person helps the church fund its annual

obligation dues to the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.). Please submit your per-capita offering and consider making a gift to help others in our congregation that may find it difficult to give.

Statements reflecting contributions in 2020 were mailed to members and others who are regular donors on January 10<sup>th</sup>. If you have not received a statement and are expecting one, please contact the office.

As announced at our Annual Meeting, our congregation is embarking on a major program to refurbish our church physical plant. A related capital campaign is also getting underway so that we can take advantage of a \$250,000 matching grant that can be used for the renovations. The remodeling plans include renovations to Fellowship Hall and the North Parlor, improvements to our restrooms, providing an “accessibility” walkway and entrance at the church front and updating our offices and other improvements. A copy of the design booklet along with samples for floor coverings and wall coverings are on display temporarily in the North Parlor. If you would like a computer “link” to the design booklet email Mike Belletire at [mabelletire@gmail.com](mailto:mabelletire@gmail.com) and he will forward the link.

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 and our Office Administrator Ashley. There is an option to mark whether or not your prayer is private.

### **Bible Studies:**

Pastor Neff is offering a Bible study entitled Second Saturdays: From Followers to Leaders. Using the example of Moses, we will be talking about the spirituality of leadership. Please join us on Saturday, March 13<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. We will mask, set up socially distant tables and keep safe.

Seminarian Brian Louis will be teaching a Lenten Bible study on the Book of Revelation beginning Wednesday, February 24th at 6:00 p.m. Please contact Brian at [blouis@uchicago.edu](mailto:blouis@uchicago.edu) to join this five-week class.

We welcome you to join our Sunday morning and Tuesday afternoon Bible Study Classes. If you would like the curriculum, please contact the church office. The conference call number: **(312) 248-0036**. No PIN required.

- **Sunday morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m.**
- **Tuesday afternoons Galatians 1:30 p.m.**

**Alpha to Omega Bible Discussion Group:** The Alpha to Omega Discussion group is in the New Testament. Meetings are on the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays of the month at 6 p.m. Our upcoming meeting on the February 25<sup>th</sup> will cover the second half of the book of Luke (chapters 13-24). No computer is necessary; participants will be on a conference call. Please use this phone number: (312) 248-0036 (No pin is required). For more information contact Flea Parker at [flea@golden2.net](mailto:flea@golden2.net) or (210) 861-6988.

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

#### **Money Smart - Course Listing: Complete Education Program**

Wintrust Bank will continue its series of FREE Money Smart classes on Monday evenings via Zoom for all who are interested. Their Money Smart Curriculum, provided by the FDIC, is a great tool to help our communities reach their goals. This training program is geared toward consumers, small business owners, and young adults, and this FREE program provides pretests, workbooks, PowerPoint presentations, and certificates of completion.

Please make note of the days below:

**February 22, 2020 – MODULE 6: Credit Reports and Scores**

**March 1, 2020 – MODULE 7: Borrowing Basics**

They will be conducted at 6:00 p.m. via Zoom. The modules will be mailed to us at the church so we can distribute them in advance. Please

sign up and send your name and email to Howard Tiffen ([htiffen@gmail.com](mailto:htiffen@gmail.com)) or Ann Belletire ([annabelle620e@aol.com](mailto:annabelle620e@aol.com)).

**Movie Group:** On February 26<sup>th</sup>, we will discuss *Minimalism: A Documentary About the Important Things*. This documentary examines people dedicated to rejecting the American ideal that things bring happiness are interviewed showing the virtues of less is more. 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:** February 26<sup>th</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 Anxious People by Fredrik Bachman. This will take place via Zoom on March 21<sup>st</sup> at 9:30 a.m. 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:**

### **Black History Month Observations**

The story of Black History Month (BHM) begins in Chicago during the summer of 1915. Carter G. Woodson, an alumnus of the University of Chicago with many friends in the city, traveled from Washington, D.C. to participate in a national celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of emancipation sponsored by the state of Illinois. BHM pays tribute to the generations of African Americans who struggled with adversity to achieve full citizenship in American society.

This year 2nd Presbyterian is encouraging our members to further explore black history in two specific ways:

1. Attend the Feb 28 Zoom presentation by Dr. Reed on Booker T. Washington,
2. Familiarize yourselves with the tremendous black history resources of the EJI (Equal Justice Initiative) website. EJI is committed to changing the narrative about race in America. It produces groundbreaking reports, an award-winning wall calendar, and short films that explore our nation's history of racial injustice as well as much more.

### **[ONLINE - Booker T. Washington in Chicago: Exhorter for Black prosperity; Pacifier of White anxieties](#)**

Sunday, February 28, 2021 - 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM - Online via ZOOM  
Often condemned by northern Blacks for acquiescing to southern white racism, Booker T. Washington assumed a different stance in the North, especially when dealing with wealthy and influential whites. Hence, he earned his title of being the "Wizard." In Chicago, where he was given to employing militant tones to Black audiences, offering pliant messages to White philanthropists, and delivering contradictory, but effective messages on race, to mixed groups.

This online program (presentation given by Dr. Christopher R. Reed, professor emeritus of history at Roosevelt University), presented in celebration of Black History Month, is co-sponsored by Glessner House, Friends of Historic Second Church, Second Presbyterian Church, and Quinn Chapel A.M.E. Church. This event is free but you need to register in order to receive the Zoom link before the event. Go to [www.historicsecondchurch.org](http://www.historicsecondchurch.org) to Register.

**Coat Drive:** February is the last month for the annual Winter Coat Drive. 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.

### **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, please contact the church office.

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

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

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

**Nate Battle** – Sister Elaine

**Bill Tyre** – Cousin James Boyle, who is battling illness

## The Session

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

### 2021

Dr. Cliff Crawford  
Anthony Ochiabutor  
Vicki Reynolds

### 2022

Darlene Pollard  
Howard Tiffen  
Amy Haack

### 2023

Lisa Armstrong  
Karen Ashley-Bowman  
Ozzie Kinnard

## The Board of Deacons

Jane Tiffen, President  
Jeremy Nichols, Secretary

### 2021

Denise Conway  
Catherine Soberekon  
Tracy Cargo

### 2022

Jeremy Nichols  
Francis Osazuwa  
Jane Tiffen

### 2023

Nate Battle  
Sharon Singer  
Margaret Robinson

## Church Staff

Reverend Dr. David M. Neff, Pastor  
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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