



*In Jesus Christ, the Son of God, all
the promises of God are Yes! For
this reason, we say Amen through
him to the glory of God!*

2 Corinthians 1:20

Twenty-second Sunday after Pentecost
October 24, 2021

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

Prelude Poor Wayfaring Stranger
I Will Arise and Go to Jesus arr. Don Hustad

Introit Praise Ye the Lord Felix Mendelssohn
*Praise ye the Lord all the earth! Serve ye the Lord with
gladness, and come before His presence with singing.
Praise ye the Lord all the earth.*

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

Leader: We come from our scattered lives to this
sanctuary to seek our unity in the Spirit.

**People: We come from busy lives with many centers,
to seek the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and
the peace of God.**

Leader: As we gather together as God's people, let us
worship God in spirit and in truth.

**People: As we receive from God's bountiful goodness,
let us give thanks for God's blessings, and
open our hearts in sharing with others.**

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

****Hymn** Earth and All Stars! #26

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Earth and All Stars!

1 Earth and all stars! Loud rush - ing plan - ets!
 2 Trum - pet and pipes! Loud clash - ing cym - bals! Sing to the
 3 En - gines and steel! Loud pound - ing ham - mers!
 4 Knowl - edge and truth! Loud sound - ing wis - dom!

Lord a new song!
 Hail, wind, and rain! Loud blow - ing
 Harp, lute, and lyre! Loud hum - ming
 Lime - stone and beams! Loud build - ing
 Daugh - ter and son! Loud pray - ing

snow - storm!
 cel - los! Sing to the Lord a new song! God has done
 work - ers!
 mem - bers!

mar - vel - ous things. We too sing prais - es with a new song!

Prayer of Confession (unison)

God of holiness and love: We come to your house to receive a blessing, that we may be a blessing to others; and that our joy might be full. For what good are we to you, or to ourselves, or to others, unless our lives are made gentle by your spirit, made compassionate by your mercy, made sensitive by your love and truth?

Forgive us in those tender places, where we hardly dare face ourselves. Forgive us in those hardened places, where we hide from others. Forgive us in the center, where our emptiness cries for your peace. Replenish us and turn us from the punishment of our faults and failures to the reality of your love and joy, your Lordship and friendship; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon (responsively)

Leader: The mercy of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting.

People: As far as the east is from the west, so far has God removed our transgressions from us.

Leader: May the God of mercy forgive all our sins, strengthen us in all goodness and renew us in abundant and eternal life.

People: Amen.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news that saves us is still good:

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: Because Christ has offered us his peace, we say to each other:

People: I see the face of God in you.

Leader: Because Christ mediates between us, we say to each other:

People: I love the face of God I see in you.

Leader: In kiss and touch, in nod and bow and eye contact, the love of God flows through us. The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Elder Karen Ashley-Bowman

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Psalm 34:1-8

¹ I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.

² I will glory in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

³ Glorify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.

⁴ I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.

⁵ Those who look to him are radiant;

their faces are never covered with shame.

⁶This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.

⁷The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear
him,
and he delivers them.

⁸Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.

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

People: Thanks be to God!

Scripture Lesson Mark 10: 46-52

⁴⁶Then they came to Jericho. As Jesus and his disciples, together with a large crowd, were leaving the city, a blind man, Bartimaeus (which means “son of Timaeus”), was sitting by the roadside begging. ⁴⁷When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁸Many rebuked him and told him to be quiet, but he shouted all the more, “Son of David, have mercy on me!”

⁴⁹Jesus stopped and said, “Call him.”

So they called to the blind man, “Cheer up! On your feet! He’s calling you.” ⁵⁰Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus.

⁵¹“What do you want me to do for you?” Jesus asked him.

The blind man said, “Rabbi, I want to see.”

⁵²“Go,” said Jesus, “your faith has healed you.” Immediately he received his sight and followed Jesus along the road.

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Solo The Blind Man Stood On the Road and Cried
John Concepcion, soloist spiritual, arr. H. T. Burleigh
O the blind man stood on the road and cried, cryin' O my Lord, save me. The blind man stood on the road and cried, cryin' that he might receive his sight, cryin' O my Lord, save me. The blind man stood on the road and cried, cryin' what kind of shoes am those you wear, cryin' O my Lord save me. The blind man stood on the road and cried, cryin' these shoes I wear am the Gospel shoes, cryin' O my Lord, save me, the blind man stood on the road and cried.

Sermon "Our Need for Mercy"
Pastor David Neff, preaching

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

****Hymn** I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry #799

I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry 799

(Psalm 116)

1 I love the Lord, who heard my cry
2 I love the Lord, who heard my cry

and pit - ied ev - ery groan.
and chased my grief a - way.

Long as I live and trou - bles rise,
O let my heart no more de - spair

I'll has - ten to God's throne.
while I have breath to pray.

****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

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.

Choral Response

O Lord, Have Mercy spiritual, Arr. Verolga Nix
O Lord, have mercy, have mercy, Lord, on me.

We Worship God with Our Gifts and Offerings

839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Anthem **Amazing Grace** arr. Richard Proulx

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed! Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come; 'tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. The Lord has promised good to me, His word my hope secures; He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

****Doxology**

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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 Dedication**

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

****Hymn** Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine! #839

****The Charge and the Benediction**

****Benediction** Bless Us, Father Anna Laura Page
Bless us, Father, as we pray. Help us seek You day by day. Bind us all in heart and mind. Bid all our quarrels cease. Fill the world with heaven's peace. Bid all war and hunger cease. Oh, come, Holy Savior, come. Amen.

Postlude Sortie Richard Lloyd

Thanks to Those Assisting in Our Service

Liturgists: Rowena Balogun and Brian Louis
Livestream Operator: Lisa Armstrong

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.

In-Person: We are open for in-person worship. Join us at 11:00 am for the worship. The sanctuary doors will open at 10:30 am.

Online: Worship is live-streamed on our website 2ndPresbyterian.org each Sunday morning at 11:00. Please join us live or watch the recorded services at your convenience.

Visiting Guests

If you are new to Second Presbyterian Church, please sign a blue visitor's card and leave your card in the offering plate.

Our guest bass soloist today is John Orduña.

Bulletin cover by Eduouard Léon Edy-Legrand, *Jesus Healing the Blind Man*. circa 1950. Illustration from *La Bible*, ed. Maurice Robert.

Prayers

Second Church is a praying congregation! Please sign a yellow prayer card found in the pews and note any prayer requests so that we may pray with you and for you.

Please **Click Here** to submit your prayer requests online. All prayer requests will go to Pastor Neff and our Office Administrator Ashley McLean. There is an option to mark whether or not your prayer is private.

Thirty Minute Prayer Circle: Looking for a way to reset your mind and spirit in the middle of the day? Join us on Thursdays from 12-12:30 pm for a short, online, lunchtime prayer circle. We meet by Zoom, share quick prayer requests and praises, and take turns praying out loud (or listening to each other's prayers). It's a great way to pause and reconnect with God and others and to receive a quick infusion of the Holy Spirit's peace and presence.

Topic: Prayer Circle

Time: Oct 7, 2021 – Nov 4, 2021

Join Zoom Meeting: [Click Here](#)

Or Call: (312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 834 0235 2002

Passcode: 865126

Bible Studies

We welcome you to join our Sunday morning and Tuesday afternoon Bible Study Classes.

If you would like the curriculum, please email the church office at [**SecondChurch1936@comcast.net**](mailto:SecondChurch1936@comcast.net). The conference call number: **(312) 248-0036**

- **Sunday morning Bible Study 9:30 am**
- **Tuesday afternoon Titus and Philemon 1:30 pm**

Alpha to Omega Bible Discussion Group: We are discussing the New Testament. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 5 pm Please use this

phone number: **(312) 248-0036**. For more information contact Flea Parker at **Flea@Golden2.net** or (210) 861-6988.

Confirmation Class is beginning on November 7th at 9:30 am. Taught by Elder Eugene Leonard, confirmation will meet two Sunday mornings each month. The Confirmation class will go over biblical foundations, exploration of one's personal faith journey, development of spiritual practices and a growing understanding of what it means to be a Christian. Students will serve the church in a variety of ways and also serve as liturgists. The class will continue through early June when confirmation students will be received as active members of the church. For more information, please contact Eugene Leonard at El10058@gmail.com or call (773) 990-0058.

RIM (Recreation and Interest Ministries) Committee

Book Group: Our next book of discussion is The Henna Artist by Alka Joshi. Please email Ann Belletire if you would like to join this very lively discussion group at AnnaBelle620e@aol.com.

Time: November 21st 2021 at 9:30 am central time

Join Zoom Meeting: [Click Here](#)

Or Call: (312) 626-6799

Meeting ID: 868 6496 0108

Passcode: 726317

General

Hiring Building Aides for Second Presbyterian Church

We are seeking building aides to staff our 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.

Community

Free Tours: Please enjoy a free tour of the art and architecture of Second Presbyterian Church immediately following the Sunday service. A docent will meet you at the back of the church. Public tours are also given on Saturdays from 11 am - 1 pm. Tours are given by trained docents from Friends of Historic Second Church.

Soldier Field Fall 2021 Event Schedule: Restrictions are enforced two hours before and one hour after the event.

Sunday, October 31st – 12pm	Sunday Jan 2nd, 2022 – 12 pm
Sunday, Nov 21st – 12 pm	
Sunday, Dec 5th – 12 pm	
Monday, Dec 20th – 7:15 pm	

Your Support of Our Mission and Ministry

Our work at Second Presbyterian Church is critical year-round and especially crucial in this time of crisis. Our ministry continues to grow in creative and innovative ways. Please **Click Here** to give your offering online or visit the Second Presbyterian Church website at **2ndPresbyterian.org**. Look for the “**Give Online**”

button, scroll down and follow 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: DavidNeff.me. To obtain copies of sermons, please contact the church office via email at SecondChurch1936@comcast.net.

Prayer Requests - Please pray for the following:

Tracy Cargo – my stepmom Ella; my sister; world peace

Denise Conway – Conway, Ellis and Bernard families; all people with no hope

M. Thompson – J. Watkins; J. Graham; Thompson, Eiland, Smith and Miller families

Ann and Mike Belletire – Linda Lilly

Lee Jenkins – healing for loved ones; unity in our nation

Madison Vanderbilt – healthcare for those with underlying disability

Elaine Lampkin – Chicago police officers; nurses and doctors; city workers; Lampkin, Crenshaw and Hughes families; Second Presbyterian family; world healing

Genevieve Bernard – Jean Bernard; Martine Bernard

Darlene Pollard – John Ealey; Janis Byas

Deborah Odoi – thank you for lifting my spirit and renewing my strength

Reuben Mensah – protection for my family

Linda Johnson – myself and family

Gabrielle and John Pickett-Swalek – our family and prayers on the loss of our sister Marine Bernard



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