HYMN OF THANKSGIVING No. 98: “Now Thank We All Our God”

Order for the Public Worship of God
The Ninth Day of November, Two Thousand and Eight
Commitment Sunday
8:15 & 10:50 A.M. • The Sanctuary
As you enter the Sanctuary, please assume a quiet and respectful attitude of worship.
Please turn off your cell phone.

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Schmücke dich, O Liebe Seele” BWV 564 • J. S. Bach
Lenora Morrow, Organist

CHORAL INTROIT: “A Simple Song of Thanks” Ray/Callaway

For all the simple things, I sing a simple song of thanks.
For all the joy they bring.
I sing a simple song of thanks.
Now thank we all our God, with hearts and hands and voices.
For all the simple things, I sing a simple song of thanks.
For all those simple things and all the joy they bring.
For all the simple things, I sing a simple song of thanks.

ORGAN PRELUDE: “Schmucke dich, O Liebe Seele” BWV 564

And God is able to make all grace abound to you, so that in all things you may abound in every good work.

Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously.

A melody of praise, I sing a simple song of thanks.
For all these simple things and all the joy they bring.
For all the simple things, I sing a simple song of thanks.
For all these simple things and all the joy they bring.
For all the simple things, I sing a simple song of thanks.

Call Jehovah your salvation, rest beneath th’Almighty’s shade;
And He will deliver you from the fowler’s snare.
For He watches over the poor.
He who supplies the seed provides the harvest too.

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name.
Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
For He watches over the poor.
He who supplies the seed provides the harvest too.

Dear Lord and Teacher,
Who delights not in the gift,
but in the humble and generous heart of the giver, who delights not in the gift,
but in the humble and generous heart of the giver.
We have at times given not to please, but ourselves.
We are truly sorry and do most humbly repent.
May Your sacrifice so transform our lives that we give our all —
in response to Your indescribable gift offered freely to us! Amen.

IN divided PRAYERS OF CONFESSION
ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

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And He who supplies the seed provides the harvest too.
For He who supplies the seed provides the harvest too.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Psalm 91” • Andrew P. Wells

You who dwell in the shelter of the Most High;
Who abide in the shadow of the Almighty.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

GREETINGS

All men are like grass, and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;
The grass withers and the flowers fall, but the Word of our God stands forever. Amen.
(Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

BENEDICTION

Thankful Response...

TERMINAL PRAYER

We consider it a privilege to have our children in worship with us. If your small children become restless and vocal, we invite you to the children’s room especially designed for them at the rear of the Sanctuary.

Terri Theil, Director of Children’s Choirs • Mary Lawrence Flinn, Accompanist

Andrew P. Wells

Darrin S. Anthony

Instrumentalist: Dee Walker, flute

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One of our pastors will be available after the service to pray for you or to offer helpful direction regarding your spiritual life. He will be in the Gathering Room, which is the first room on your left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary (closest to the pulpit). You may also send your confidential email to pastor@2pc.org with questions about your spiritual life.
**Sunday Night Worship**

Getting to Know Him... Really

"The Character of Jesus" • Preaching: Mike Gatlin

Thomas McIntyre Ordination, Reception to Preach

> What would it have been like to be around Jesus, day-in and day-out? How would He have treated you? Would you have constantly felt inadequate? Could you be like Him? Was He safe to be around? Did He have any sense of irony and humor, or was He all business? If you’re a follower of Jesus, you’ll be spending eternity with Him. Come tonight, and begin to get to know Him better.

Join us tonight at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall!

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November Flowers

The rosesbud in the Chancel of the Sanctuary today are placed in honor of the births of: William Graham Gore, born October 14, 2008, son of Molly and Nick Gore and Emily Anne Turner, born October 15, 2008, daughter of Anne and Gavin Turner.

The flowers in the Sanctuary for the month of November are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of: S.G. and Dixie J. Collins and Marjorie Vanderclerk by Keith, Kristi, Elliott and David Collins; Ann Thornton Edmonds by her family; George Shea Flint by his wife Bernice and his sons George, Fred, Carl and their families; Jim Fox by his family; Dr. Max Wesley Painter by his family.

**Weekly Focus on Mission Partners**

World Missions: Today, we at Second Presbyterian Church join believers from around the world in observing the “International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church.” According to the World Evangelical Alliance, over 200 million Christians do not have full religious freedom. Every day 450 believers are killed for their faith in Jesus Christ. Others are tortured, imprisoned or forced to flee their homes. Many face discriminatory practices that affect their housing, education and employment. These dear people count on intercession for strength as they face trials. Pray for great endurance for these sisters and brothers in Christ. Pray that the Lord will use their suffering to draw many to Him. Pray for countries that promote persecution to stop this evil and to promote religious freedom as a basic human right.

MissionUSA:

**Legacies Luncheon:**

Join us Tuesday, November 18, at 11:30 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall as we welcome Jennifer Su McIntyre as our Terrific Tuesday speaker. Jennifer is the author of Devil Wins, Winning, a harrowing biography of three Taiwanese women entangled by drugs, violence and spirit worship. Her talk is titled “Finding the Spirit of Hope in a Broken World.” Jennifer and her husband Thomas, who grew up at Second, are currently raising support to go to Taiwan as long-term missionaries. They hope to plant churches among the working class of Taiwan, a people group of 15 million that is less than 0.5% Christian. They have been accepted as missionaries by OMF International and the Evangelical Presbyterian Church’s World Outreach. With the provision of financial support, they hope to leave for Taiwan in February 2009. Luncheon tickets may be purchased and nursery reservations made in the Through Bookroom November 11. Jennifer’s book is also available for purchase in The Bookmark. For more information contact the Women in Ministry Office at 454-0034.

Girls Night Out: Join us Friday, November 21, at 7:30 p.m. at Second Cup coffee shop across from The Bookstore for an evening of fun and fellowship. This session of GNO will feature Allison Wilson, wife of Sandy, and Kim Wilson, wife of Drew, as they discuss “Trash to Treasures: Transforming Castaway Clothing Into a Beautiful and Fun-to-Wear Wardrobe!” Lenora Morrow will entertain on the piano, as well. Dessert’s on the house; coffee’s for sale. Shop at The Bookmark, too! Invite your friends and neighbors to this special evening! For more information, contact the Women in Ministry Office at 454-0034.

A mother’s heart and the walk bible study registration:

Registration for a Mother’s Heart and the Walk Bible studies held on Tuesday mornings is going on now. You may complete a registration card in your class or call the WIM office to sign up at 454-0034. A Mother’s Heart, led by Craig Harcourt and Carolyn Overcast, will be studying from Calm My Anxious Heart by Linda Dillow. The Walk, taught by Cola Colacogh, will be doing an in-depth study on the book of Proverbs. Both second semester studies will begin January 13, 2009. Anyone needing nursery care for children 3 months to 5 years of age must be registered and have paid for their respective study by December 12. Early registration is recommended for those wanting childcare.

Men’s adult basketball sign ups:

Team registration is going on now through December 5, at www.2pc.org. Games will be played on Tuesdays beginning January 5 and ending in mid-March. Email Phil Em at pems@2pc.org for more information.

3M (more mature members) November trip:

On Friday, November 21, the 3M will visit two historic Memphis churches. Lunch will be on your own at The Cupboard. We will leave from the Activities Building at 9:30 a.m. For reservations, please call Marty Lynn Powell at 744-3282.

Jr. high youth: Three degrees will meet tonight at 7:15 p.m. Please join us for Tuesday morning prayer at the Jorgensens’, 2097 Firefly Cove. True North meets Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Don’t forget to check our website: www.2pcyouth.org.

SR. high youth: True North Small Groups will NOT meet this afternoon. Students return from Fall Retreat at 1:30 p.m. Join us for Tuesday morning prayer at the Jorgensens’, 2097 Firefly Cove. True North meets Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Don’t forget to check our website: www.2pcyouth.org.

Kairois College ministry:

All college students are invited to our Sunday morning time of teaching and fellowship at 9:45 in the college classroom (upstairs in the Activities Building). Parents of college students and the college students themselves are invited to join us for a weekly time of intercessory prayer for your church’s college students and ministry. Thursdays, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. in the youth department conference room. For more information contact Mary Edwards, Leesa Jensen or Susan Warner. For more information contact the College Ministry, visit www.2pcairos.org.

Thanksgiving Day Service

Join us Thursday, November 27 at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary, Rocky Anthony, preaching.