

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP of GOD

November 19, 2017 Thanksgiving Sunday



PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

We are glad that you have come to worship with us this Lord's Day. Today we are examining what it look likes to become a contagious community of Jesus followers. Our faith thrives best in community rather than in isolation. We hope that you will find such a community here at Second.

Here are a few thoughts to prepare your heart for worship:

Cyprian of Carthage, a famous early Christian martyr, wrote: "No one can have God as his Father who does not have the church for his mother."

"The physical presence of other Christians is a source of incomparable joy and strength to the believer." – Dietrich Bonhoeffer, *Life Together*

"If you can grow on your own, even with God's help, then you have something to boast about before others. But if we need each other to grow then our boasting is turned into humility. This is how community exposes our inadequacies and magnifies the power of the gospel as our only hope for personal and cultural transformation." – Will Walker, *A Kingdom of Couches*

"The testimony has come down to us from the early churches, not in the Scripture but by an apparently accurate tradition, that in the Greek and Roman world the cry went out, 'Behold, how they love one another!'" – Francis Schaeffer, *The Church at the End of the Twentieth Century*

THANKSGIVING IN THE LORD'S SANCTUARY

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Come Ye Thankful People Come"..... Jason Payne Brad Jones, organ

INSTRUMENTAL PRELUDE: "Romanze No. 2 in A Major"..... Robert Schumann Aubrey Mills, violin

CHORAL INTROIT: "All Things Bright and Beautiful" Vicki Wright

All things bright and beautiful, all things great and all things small, All things wise and wonderful: God our Father created them all.

Each little flow'r that opens, each little bird that sings, God made their glowing colors, God made their tiny wings. God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell How great is God Almighty, who doeth all things well.

> The Children's Choir Katie Pollorena, Music Intern and Conductor Mary Lawrence Flinn, Accompanist

SCRIPTURAL CALL TO WORSHIP.....D. Todd Erickson

+HYMN OF PRAISE:

No. 715 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

†INVOCATION (please raise hands)

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15

Lillian Ruth Bergeron, born March 29, 2009, daughter of Jaclyn and Blake Bergeron Samuel Beaty Bergeron, born April 20, 2012, son of Jaclyn and Blake Bergeron Noah David Johnson, born October 6, 2007, son of Gina and Tim Johnson Luke Daniel Johnson, born July 11, 2011, son of Gina and Tim Johnson Lillie Grace Linae Johnson, born January 22, 2016, daughter of Gina and Tim Johnson

11:00

James Wilson Harris, born August 1, 2017, son of Libby and Owen Harris May Catherine Lequerica, born April 21, 2017, daughter of Emily and Frank Lequerica

PARENTAL VOWS

Do you acknowledge your child's need of the cleansing blood of the Lord Jesus Christ and the renewing grace of the Holy Spirit?

Do you claim God's covenant promises on his behalf, and do you look to the Lord Jesus Christ for his salvation, as you do for your own?

Do you unreservedly dedicate your child to God, and promise, in humble reliance upon divine grace, that you will endeavor to set before him a godly example, that you will pray with and for him, that you will teach him the sacred Scriptures, and that you will strive, by all the means that God provides you, to bring him up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord?

CONGREGATIONAL VOW

Do you undertake the responsibility to assist these parents in the Christian nurture of their child?

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: "Jesus Loves You"JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so; Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong. Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.

Confessing Before the Lord's Throne

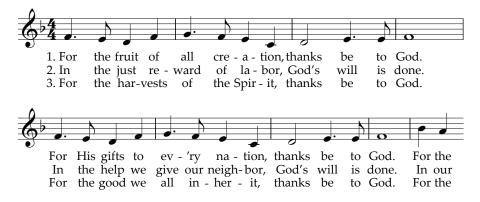
CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

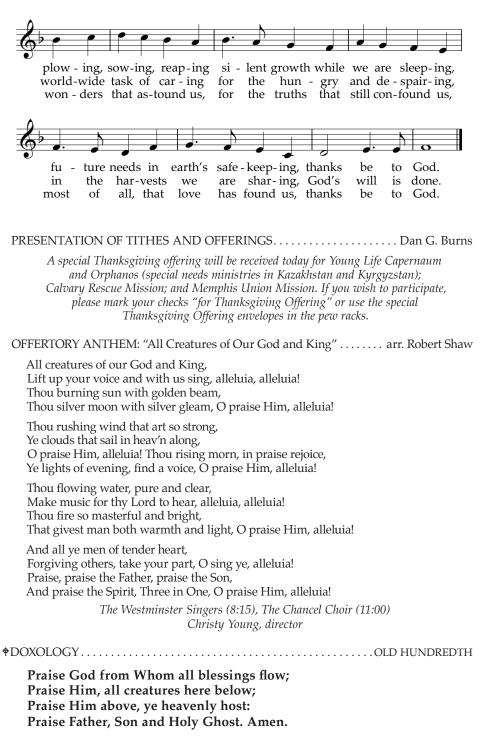
Holy Father, You are the One who created us, redeemed us and sustains us every second of our lives. You supply us with all things richly to enjoy. Yet, we have failed in giving You thanks. We confess that we have received your blessings with a thankless hearts. We have murmured and complained against You. We have failed to give thanks to You in all circumstances. Empower us to cast off the spiritually unhealthy weight of thanklessness that is slowing us down in our race of faith. May Your Holy Spirit so rule us that You give us victory over this and all the other sinful tendencies of our hearts. For we pray in the strong name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

+HYMN OF ASSURANCE: "For the Fruit of All Creation"..... AR HYD Y NOS





PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Flourishing in the Lord's Church

♦ GREETINGS		
A WORD TO THE CH	IILDREN (8:15)	Peggy Stephens
PRAYERS OF INTERC	CESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYI	ER
Thy Kingdom co Give us this day And forgive us o And lead us not	o art in heaven, hallowed be Th ome. Thy will be done on earth our daily bread. our debts, as we forgive our deb into temptation, but deliver us Kingdom, and the power, and	as it is in heaven. otors. from evil:
NEW TESTAMENT L	ESSON	Acts 2:42-47 (page 911 in pew Bible)
All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;		
The grass withers, the flower fades, but the Word of our God will stand forever. (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)		
SERMON	A Blood-bought Church	George W. Robertson
PRAYER OF COMMI	IMENT	
+ HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 457 "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" NETTLETON		
† BENEDICTION (please	e raise hands)	
♦CONGREGATIONAL	THREE-FOLD AMEN	
ORGAN POSTLUDE:	"Now Thank We All Our God" Samuel Metzger, organ	J.S. Bach, arr. Virgil Fox

+*Indicates congregation standing*

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Please join us this evening for our annual Thanksgiving worship service at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

I. Worship (Acts 2:42, 43)

- A. Word
- B. Sacrament
- **II. Work** (Acts 2:44-46)
 - A. Fellowship
 - B. Mercy/Hospitality

III. Witness (Acts 2:47)

- A. Doxological
 - 1. Informal Missionaries
 - a. Testimony
 - b. Homes
 - c. Word of Mouth
 - 2. Consistent
 - a. Morally
 - b. Joyfully
 - c. Sacrificially
- B. Numerical