

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP • 10 AM

Set Apart

GOD'S UNLIKELY CHOICES

OCTOBER 25

The Lord Looks on the Heart

1 Samuel 16:7-13



A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Christopher A. Henry
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PROCESSION

Element & Ewer Bearers
The Lewis Family

Acolytes
Ellie Stewart
Audrey Lindsay

FESTIVAL BRASS

Trumpet I
John Rommel

Trumpet II
Andrew Roembke

Horn
Rick Graef

Trombone I
Ryan Miller

Trombone II
Blake Schlabach

Tuba
Paul Mergen

Timpani
Craig Hetrick

Percussion
Murray Mast
Art Reiner

Bagpipe
Hope Oaks

WELCOME FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Following today's *Word with Children*, children ages 4 through grade 5 may remain with their families or depart for *Sunday Mornings for Children*. If departing, please ensure your child is wearing a nametag. Carol Choir pick up will be in Room 355 at 11:15 AM. Pick up for Cherub Choir and for other sections of *Sunday Mornings for Children* will be in the third-floor hallway at the same time. Childcare is available on the second floor for infants through age 3.

VISUAL AND HEARING ASSISTANCE

Please speak to an usher if you need a large print bulletin,
large print hymnal, or an assistive listening device.

October 25, 2026
TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude

Sanctus (from *Liturgical Suite*)

Anthony O'Toole
arr. Drew R. Fennell
(b. 1972)

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals (op. 101, no. 5)
Festival Brass and Percussion; Dr. Michelle Louer, conductor

Sigfrid Karg-Elert
(1877-1933)
arr. Warren Wernick

Welcome

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

*** Call to Worship**

Rev. Dr. Thomas P. Markey

One: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

**All: Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God's presence with singing.**

One: The Lord does not see as mortals see.

All: God looks past the surface and into the heart.

One: God lifts up the lowly and chooses the overlooked.

All: We come as we are, seen and known and loved.

One: Let us worship the God of surprising grace.

*** Prayer of Adoration**

*** Processional Hymn**

You Are Before Me, Lord

HIGHLAND CATHEDRAL

1. You are be - fore me, Lord, You are be - hind,
2. Then from Your Spir - it where, Lord, shall I go;
3. If I should take my flight in - to the dawn,
4. If I should say "Let dark - ness cov - er me,
And o - ver me You have spread out Your hand;
And from Your pres - ence where, Lord, shall I fly?
If I should dwell on o - cean's far - thest shore,
And I shall hide with - in the veil of night,"
Such knowl - edge is too won - der - ful for me,
If I as - cend to heav - en You are there,
Your might - y hand will rest up - on me still,
Sure - ly the dark - ness is not dark to You:
Too high to grasp, too great to un - der - stand.
And still are with me if in hell I lie.
And Your right hand will guard me ev - er - more.
The night is as the day, the dark - ness light.

Invitation to Confession

Choral Call to Confession

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Come everyone of tender heart,
Forgiving others, take your part.
O sing ye! Alleluia!
Ye who long pain and sorrow bear,
Praise God and cast on God your care!
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Confession

**God of surprising choices, you look upon the heart,
and we confess that we are captive to appearances.
We judge by the surface, prize the impressive,
and overlook the very people you would lift up.
We have measured worth by the world's standards instead of yours.
Forgive us.
Give us eyes to see as you see, hearts that honor the overlooked,
and the humility to be chosen not for our strength but for your purpose.
In Jesus' name we pray. (Silent Prayer)**

Assurance of God's Grace

* Hymn of Praise #455	All Creatures of Our God and King (Verses 1-3, 6)	LASST UNS ERFREUEN Setting: Spike Maiden Müller
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* **Passing the Peace of Christ**

* Hymn	<i>A Mighty Fortress Is Our God</i> Sanctuary Choir; William Dopp, solo	EIN' FESTE BURG arr. Dan Forrest
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*Solo/Choir 1. A mighty Fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper He, amid the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe Now seeks to work us woe;
His wrath and power are great And armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.*

**ALL 2. Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing.
Were not the right Man on our side—the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He:
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.**

Choir 3. *And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim—We tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo, his doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.*

ALL:

That Word a - bove all earth - ly pow'rs, no thanks to them, a - bid - eth;
The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through Him who with us
sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this
mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er!

We Experience God's Word

The Word with Children

Prayer for Illumination

Maggy Lewis

First Scripture Lesson

1 Samuel 16:1-6

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Second Scripture Lesson

1 Samuel 16:7-13

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Choral Response

The Last Words of David

Randall Thompson
(1899-1984)

He that ruleth over men must be just, ruling in the fear of God.
And he shall be as the light of the morning, when the sun riseth, even a morning without clouds;
As the tender grass springing out of the earth by clear shining after rain. Alleluia. Amen.

Text: 2 Samuel 23:3-4

Sermon

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

The Lord Looks on the Heart

*"But the Lord said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature,
because I have rejected him; for the Lord does not see as mortals see;
they look on the outward appearance, but the Lord looks on the heart.'"*

(1 Samuel 16:7)

Moment of Silent Meditation

We Give Thanks to God

*** Affirmation of Belonging**

Rev. Audrey F. Thorne

**In the beginning, God created all that is, seen and unseen;
every leaf and grain of sand, every living thing, large and small;
every human being, unique among the rest of creation,
reflecting the glory and the image of our Creator.**

And God looked upon the diversity of creation and called it good.

**In all things, we seek to follow our Creator, and his Son Jesus Christ,
who loved all people, and affirmed God's image in them.**

**As we follow in Jesus' footsteps,
we affirm that all people are made in the image of God,
and welcome every kind of person into the life of faith we share.**

**We affirm that we belong to God,
each one of us, bestowed with gifts and insight,
each one, an irreplaceable image of the Divine.**

**As we belong to God,
we also belong to each other;
for we are one body, filled with one Spirit,
claimed by one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
belonging to one God and Father of all, who is above all,
and through all, and in all. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Invitation to Discipleship and Generosity

Offertory

How Firm a Foundation

American folk hymn
arr. Dan Forrest (b. 1978)

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in His excellent word!
What more can He say than to you He hath said
To you, who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

"Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dismayed,
For I am thy God, I will still give thee aid;
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by My righteous, omnipotent hand."

"When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not overflow;
For I will be with thee, thy trials to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress."

"When through fiery trials thy pathway shall lie,
My grace, all-sufficient, shall be thy supply;
The flame shall not hurt thee; I only design
Thy dross to consume and thy gold to refine."

"The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose,
I will not, I will not desert to his foes;
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no, never, no, never forsake!"

* **Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

* **Prayer of Dedication**

We Go Forth to Serve

* **Closing Hymn #442**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA

arr. Dan Forrest

* **Charge and Benediction**

* **Congregational Benediction Hymn**

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

American Folk

setting: Mack Wilberg (adapted)



1. A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, That saved a wretch like me!
2. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, And grace my fears re- lieved;
3. When we've been there ten thou - sand years, Bright shin - ing as the sun,



I once was lost, but now am found, Was blind, but now I see.
How pre - cious did that grace ap - pear The hour I first be- lieved.
We've no less days to sing God's praise Than when we'd first be - gun.

Postlude

Festive Postlude on "Old 100th"

arr. Bruce A. Stevenson

At the conclusion of worship, we invite you to join us in McFarland Hall for coffee, donuts, art, and community.
The *Eighth Day of Creation* all-church art exhibit is on display in McFarland Hall through November 13.
Come and see the creativity and artistry of our own Second Church community.

REDISCOVERING BELONGING

Join us in reflecting on these membership promises as we explore what it means to belong to Christ and each other.

- Trusting in God's saving grace through Jesus Christ, I accept the joys and responsibilities of church membership and commit myself to the journey of faith.
- I will strive to live as Christ's faithful disciple, following his teaching and showing his love and justice.
I will do my best to be faithful in worship attendance, to nurture my faith,
and to find some definite place of usefulness in the life and ministry of this community.
- Acknowledging that all I have is a gift from my Creator, and responding to God's grace and love, I will be a faithful steward and contribute, as I am able, my gifts and resources to Second and to the Holy Spirit that sustains me.

THE POWER OF PRAYER

We remember in prayer these members who have died, and their loved ones. The white rose in front of the lectern is in memory of:

Sue Miller

Member service details, if available, can be accessed by visiting SecondChurch.org/Funerals or calling the Front Desk at 317-253-6461.

How might we pray for you this week? Please visit SecondChurch.org/Prayer to fill out a Prayer Request Form. Together, we lift up our joys with thanksgiving and invite Christ's tender care, guidance, and healing in our lives and in God's world.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please contact: **Ashley McNamara**, Coordinator of Pastoral Care
AMcNamara@SecondChurch.org

GIVING

Thanks to your faithful generosity, Second continues to reach thousands each year with the love of Christ. From worship and music, to our community involvement and groups for all ages—we are moving, reaching, inspiring, and loving our Church family and our community. To give today, you may do so through the envelopes in the pews or by texting "Give" to (833) 818-3036. You may also give through the QR code below or through the **Tithe.ly** App on the App Store. Thank you!



VISITING?

Thank you for worshipping with Second! Our Hospitality Team would love to connect and welcome you more fully into the life of Second. Scan this QR code and let us know you were here!



OCTOBER FINANCIAL UPDATE

Budgeted Income	\$4,068,504
Actual Income	\$4,059,362
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$9,142)



Starts with you!



Visit the Connected Help Desk in McFarland Hall after the service for assistance.

TODAY

Generosity as a Spiritual Practice

11:30 AM – 12:30 PM • Room 356

Sacred Arts Series: Virtuoso Violins:

3 Concertos of J.S. Bach

4 – 5:30 PM • Sanctuary

NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

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Thus Far

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

8:15 AM • Chapel Worship

9 AM • Sunday School for All Ages

10 AM • Sanctuary Worship

11:15 AM • Service of Wholeness & Communion • Milner Chapel

For more details visit

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Eighth Day of Creation Art Exhibit

Now – November 13 • McFarland Hall Gallery

Men's Monthly Fellowship

October 27 • 6 - 8 PM • Youth Suite

Second Act Speaker Series Luncheon:

Richard Propes

October 28 • 11:30 AM – 1 PM • McFarland Hall

Volunteer for Winter Warmth Shopping Days

October 28 • 2:30 – 8 PM • Community Room

October 31 • 9 – 11 AM • Community Room

All Saints Trick-or-Treat Party

October 30 • 5:30 – 7:30 PM • South Parking Lot

New Member Class

November 1 • 11:15 AM – 1 PM • Common Room

Sweet Sounds & S'mores

November 1 • 11:30 AM • Picnic Shelter