

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP • 10 AM

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OCTOBER 27 • REFORMATION SUNDAY

**A TIME FOR COURAGE**

*1 SAMUEL 8: SELECTED VERSES*

SECOND  PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Christopher A. Henry  
*Senior Pastor*

Rev. Madison M. VanVeelen  
*Associate Pastor of Care*

Rev. Michael M. Samson  
*Associate Pastor for Engagement*

Cameron Ratliff  
*Liturgist*

Sanctuary Choir

Dr. Michelle Louer  
*Director of Music and Fine Arts*

Dr. John Allegar  
*Organist and Assistant Director  
of Music and Fine Arts*

**PROCESSION**

**Acolytes**  
Elsie Lewis  
Marco Elia

**Element Bearers**  
Ratliff Family

**Ewer Bearer**  
Lynn Yates

**FIRST GRADE BIBLE MILESTONE**

Adam Brady  
Barrett Browning  
Alli James Bryant  
Ella Golden  
Alice Hammond  
Henrik Hansen  
Westyn Messenger  
Fitzgerald Santer

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**WELCOME FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN**

Following today's *Word with Children*, children ages 4 through grade 8 may remain with their families or depart for Children's Choir. If departing, please assure your child is wearing a green nametag. Children's Choir pickup will be on the first floor in room 112 and the choir room. 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 27, 2024

## TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

### We Come Together as God's People

#### Prelude

*Allegro and Adagio (from Concerto in A minor, BWV 593)* Antonio Vivaldi (1678-1741)  
Dr. John Allegar, organ transcribed J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

#### Welcome

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

#### Choral Call to Worship

*In Thy Temple* Luigi Zaninelli  
Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Michelle Louer, conductor (b. 1932)

In Thy temple, Lord awaiting,  
Low our hearts and minds we bow.  
Creatures all of Thy creating,  
Worship we with holy vow.  
Come, O Lord, unto this place,  
Fill it with Thy light and grace.

#### \* Call to Worship

Rev. Madison M. VanVeelen

One: Gather us in, O God;

**All: Your people are here to worship!**

One: Hold us in faith, O God;

**All: We are here to serve.**

One: Send us in hope, O God;

**All: We are here to follow.**

One: Make us your people, O God, as we worship, serve, and follow.

#### \* Prayer of Adoration

#### \* Processional Hymn #430

*Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!*

DARWALL'S 148<sup>TH</sup>

## Invitation to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Gracious God,  
It is not only our sin which we need to confess,  
but also our fatigue.  
It is not only our self-interest that controls us,  
but also our fear.  
It is not only our skepticism that challenges us,  
but also our pain.  
Take the whole of us, O God,  
and from the varied pieces of our lives,  
remake us to be wholly devoted to you.  
We ask it in the name of Christ, who risked all for the sake of love. (Silent Prayer)

### Assurance of God's Grace

#### \* Response of Praise

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow. Praise God, all crea-tures here be - low.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host.

Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

#### \* Passing the Peace of Christ

#### \* Hymn #274

*O God of Earth and Space*

LEONI (HEBREW MELODY)

# We Experience God's Word

## The Word with Children

### First Grade Bible Milestone

### Prayer for Illumination

Cameron Ratliff

### First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 97:1-9

(p. 540)

### Anthem

*Seek the Lord*

Justine Koontz

Seek the Lord, and in his ways persevere:  
O faint not, but as eagles fly,  
For his steep hill is high,  
Then striving gain the top and triumph ever.

When with glory there thy brows are crowned,  
New joys so shall abound in thee,  
Such sights thy soul shall see,  
That worldly thoughts shall by their beams be drowned.

Text: Thomas Campion (1567-1620)

### Second Scripture Lesson

1 Samuel 8: Selected Verses

(p. 248)

### Sermon

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

## A Time for Courage

*"But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel;  
they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us...'"*  
(1 Samuel 8:19)

### Moment of Silent Meditation

## We Give Thanks to God

\* **Affirmation of Faith** (from the Iona Abbey Community)

Rev. Michael M. Samson

**With the whole church,  
we affirm that we are made in God's image,  
befriended by Christ,  
and empowered by the Spirit.**

**With people everywhere,  
we affirm God's goodness at the heart of humanity,  
planted more deeply than all that is wrong.**

**With all creation,  
we celebrate the miracle and wonder of life,  
the unfolding purposes of God,  
forever at work in ourselves and the world. 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

*Joshua Fit da Battle*  
Will Upham, tenor

Spiritual  
arr. Margaret Bonds (1913-1972)

Refrain: Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, Jericho, Jericho.  
Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, and the walls came tumbling down.

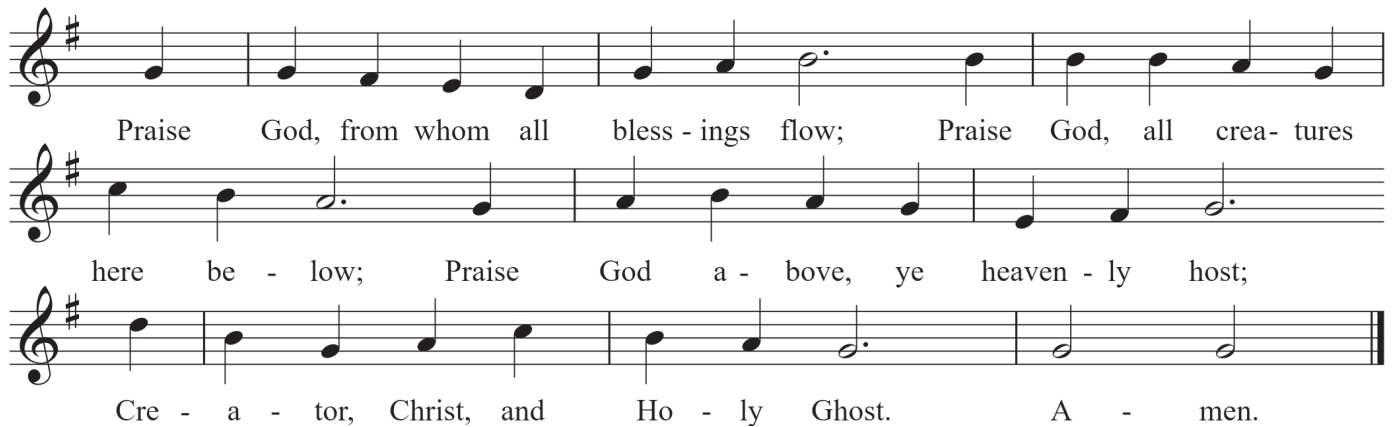
You may talk about the men of Gideon; you may talk about the men of Saul;  
there's none like good old Joshua, at the battle of Jericho. (Refrain)

Up to the walls of Jericho he marched with sword in hand.  
"Go blow those ram's horns," Joshua cried, "cause the battle is in my hand!"

Then the lam'-ram-sheep horns began to blow, trumpets began to sound,  
Joshua commanded the children to shout, and the walls come tumbling down. (Refrain)

**\* Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures  
here be - low; Praise God a - bove, ye heaven - ly host;  
Cre - a - tor, Christ, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

**\* Prayer of Dedication**

**We Go Forth to Serve**

**\* Closing Hymn #369**

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

Spiritual  
arr. Wendell Whalum (1932-1987)

**\* Charge and Benediction**

**\* Choral Benediction**

*May the Lord, Mighty God*

WEN-TI (CHINESE FOLK TUNE)

May the Lord, mighty God, bless and keep you forever;  
Grant you peace, perfect peace,  
Courage in every endeavor.

Text: Numbers 6:24-26 (adapted)

**Postlude**

*Autumn: Allegro (from "The Four Seasons")*

Antonio Vivaldi

## THE POWER OF PRAYER

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

Anita Gribben

How might we pray for you this week? Please visit [SecondChurch.org/Prayer](https://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*  
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## GIVING

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## SEPTEMBER FINANCIAL UPDATE

Budgeted Income	\$461,208
Actual Income	\$339,372
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$121,836)

## VISITING TODAY?

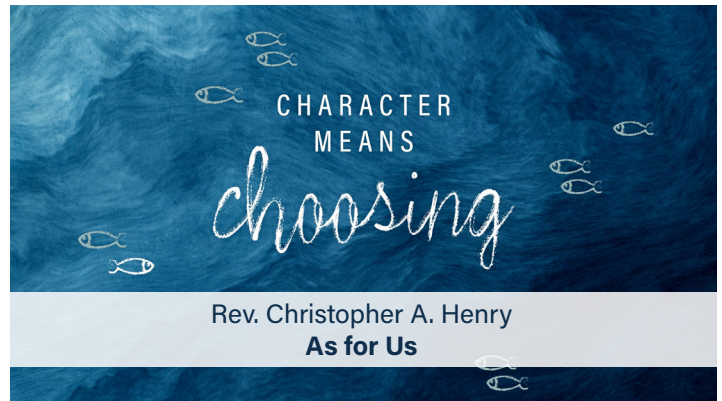
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## TODAY

**First Grade Bible Milestone**  
October 27 • 9 AM • McFarland Hall

## NEXT SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3



8:15 AM • Chapel Worship • **Milner Chapel**

9 AM • Sunday School for All Ages

10 AM • Sanctuary Worship

11:15 AM • Service of Wholeness and Communion • **Milner Chapel**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

[SecondChurch.org/Events](https://SecondChurch.org/Events)



**Volunteer for Winter Warmth Shopping Days**  
Oct. 30 & Nov. 2 • Multiple Shifts • Community Room

**Multifaith Habitat Build**  
November 1 • 8 AM - 2 PM • Far North Parking Lot

**Serving on the Second with CFM**  
November 2 • 9 AM - 2 PM  
Community Room & Community Garden

**Art Song Series: Songs of Gratitude**  
November 3 • 11:35 AM • Choir Room

**Blood Drive**  
November 3 • 8 AM - 12:30 PM • Multipurpose Room

**Youth Fall Retreat**  
November 9-10 • Pyoca Camp and Retreat Center

**Second Act: Tulip Tree Creamery Mozzarella Class**  
November 16 • 2-5 PM • Tulip Tree Creamery  
*Registration Deadline: November 8*