# THE GIFT OF YOUTH THE GIFT OF AGE

**FEBRUARY 23** 

### THE GIFT OF YOUTH

1 TIMOTHY 4:11-16



#### **WORSHIP LEADERS**

Rev. Christopher A. Henry Senior Pastor

Rev. Hannah G. Ostlund Lake Fellow in Parish Ministry

Rev. Michael M. Samson Associate Pastor for Engagement

> Carter Klaus Liturgist

Sanctuary Choir

Dr. Michelle Louer

Director of Music and Fine Arts

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

Handbell Ensemble Rebecca Holt, *Director* 

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#### **PROCESSION**

#### **Acolytes**

Harper Sundheimer Quinn Sundheimer

> **Ewer Bearer** Pam Fischer

#### **TODAY'S BAPTISMS**

#### **Clark Green Hayes**

Parents: Keegan and Kelsey Hayes Birthdate: September 26, 2023

#### **Mason Stanley Scheil**

Parents: Andrew and Ashley Scheil Birthdate: April 3, 2024

#### Jane Philippa Smith

Parents: Katie and Mark Smith Birthdate: July 25, 2024

Elder: Susan Shambaugh Youth Deacon: Izzy Kornmeyer Bible Presenter: Margaret Lewis

#### WELCOME FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Following today's *Baptisms*, 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. 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.

## February 23, 2025 SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

#### We Come Together as God's People

Prelude Benedictus, Op. 59, No. 9 Max Reger

Dr. John Allegar, organ (1873-1916)

Welcome Rev. Christopher A. Henry

Choral Call to Worship Seek Ye First Karen Lafferty

Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Michelle Louer, conductor (b. 1948)

Seek ye first the kingdom of God And His righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Ask and it shall be given unto you, Seek and ye shall find, Knock and the door shall be opened unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

Text: Matthew 6:33; 7:7

#### \* Call to Worship Rev. Hannah G. Ostlund

One: We gather to worship God,

All: Who creates us and loves us:

One: Who gifts us with diversity and makes us for community;

All: Who gives Jesus Christ to show us how to live;

One: Who inspires children, youth, young adults, and people of all ages,

All: To seek justice, share power, and live together in love and equality;

One: Who invites us to join the struggle for wholeness and wellbeing for all,

All: and whose presence, grace, and love sustain us in our living.

One: We gather to worship God!

#### \* Prayer of Adoration

#### **Invitation to Confession**

#### **Prayer of Confession**

God of Grace,

Most days we do not know what we are doing or where we are going.

We have become proficient at pretending, but that is exhausting.

We keep secrets that burden us.

We tell lies that eat away at us.

We lose track of your vision.

We push others away.

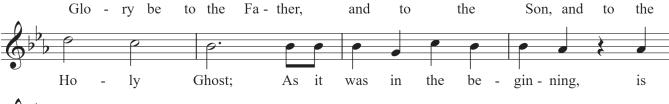
We need help, but it is so hard to ask.

So come to us, O God.

Meet us here, hold us close, and make us right. (Silent Prayer)

#### **Assurance of God's Grace**







#### \* Passing the Peace of Christ



#### We Experience God's Word

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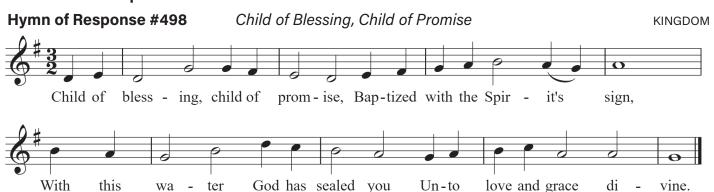
#### The Word with Children

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#### **Sacrament of Baptism**



Senior Spotlight Carter Klaus

**Anthem** The Glory of the Father (excerpt)

Egil Hovland (1924-2013)

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us. We beheld the glory of the Father, Full of grace and truth.

Text: John 1:14-18

The Word Was God

Rosephanye Powell (b. 1962)

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The same was in the beginning with God.

All things were made by him; And without him was not anything made that was made.

Text: John 1:1-3

**Scripture Lesson** 

1 Timothy 4:11-16

(p. 1082)

Sermon

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

#### The Gift of Youth

"Let no one despise your youth, but set the believers an example in speech and conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." (1 Timothy 4:12)

#### **Moment of Silent Meditation**

#### We Give Thanks to God

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

Rev. Michael M. Samson

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.

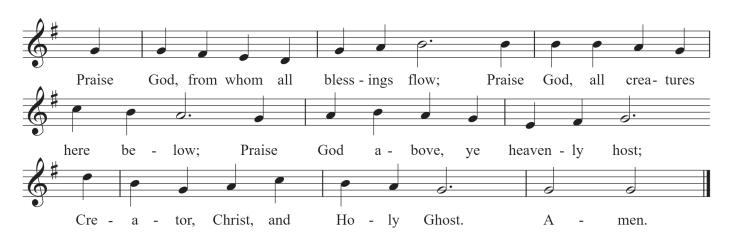
#### **Invitation to Discipleship and Generosity**

#### Offertory

Come, Thou Fount of Ev'ry Blessing

American folk tune
Handbell Ensemble; Rebecca Holt, conductor arr. Cathy Moklebust (b. 1958)

\* **Doxology** OLD HUNDREDTH



#### \* Prayer of Dedication

#### We Go Forth to Serve

\* Closing Hymn #555

Now Thank We All Our God

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Choral Benediction

Ye Shall Go Out With Joy!

John Ness Beck (1930-1987)

**Postlude** 

Praeludium in G Major, BWV 568

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

#### **WELCOME NEW BABY**

The red roses in front of the pulpit are in honor of:



#### **Henry Walsh Sutphin**

Birthdate: February 11, 2025
Parents: Andrew and Maddie Sutphin



#### **Philip Riley Sears**

Birthdate: January 24, 2025 Parents: Sara and Phil Sears



#### 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:

> Brenda Culpepper Jenny Gaha

Would you like one of our pastors to pray with you today? We invite you to come to Milner Chapel immediately following the 10 AM worship service for a short time of communion and prayer. You may also visit **SecondChurch.org/Prayer** to fill out a Prayer Request Form.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please contact:

**Rev. Madison VanVeelen,** Associate Pastor of Care MVanVeelen@SecondChurch.org

#### **GIVING**

Please join the Hunger Campaign which feeds our neighbors in need who are hungry for food, and for the support, prayers and encouragement we provide.

Proceeds from the Hunger Campaign support the food pantry, school initiatives, community meals and so many more activities and programs throughout the year.

To make a gift to the Hunger Campaign, visit **SecondChurch.org/Give** or scan this QR code.

Thank you for your love and care of those in need.



#### **VISITING TODAY?**

Thank you for worshiping 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!



#### **TODAY**

Welcome Table 11:15 AM • Parlor

Art Song Series Concert: Black Composers
11:35 AM • Choir Room

**NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 2** 

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REV. CHRISTOPHER A. HENRY The GIFT OF AGE

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

#### SecondChurch.org/Worship

Watch Sunday worship all week long at **SecondChurch.org/Live** 





Men's Monthly Fellowship February 25 • 6 - 8 PM • Room 356

> **South Africa Book Club** February 25 • 7 PM • Zoom

Youth Late Night @ Second February 28 • 6 - 11 PM • Youth Suite

Middlers Gathering
March 4 • 7 - 8:30 PM • Blind Owl Brewery

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party & Lenten Workshop
March 4 • 6 - 7:30 PM • Community Room

Young Adults Ash Wednesday Dinner
March 5 • 6 PM • Room 112



MARCH 5 • 7 PM SANCTUARY

SERVICE OF WORSHIP, HOLY COMMUNION, AND IMPOSITION OF ASHES