

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP • 10 AM

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JULY 20

**LOVE ACTUALLY**

*1 JOHN 4:7-12*



A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Sara B. Dorrien-Christians  
*Associate Pastor for Children and Family Ministries*

Rev. Audrey F. Thorne  
*Lake Fellow in Parish Ministry*

Rev. Gracie H. Payne  
*Associate Pastor for Engagement*

Kathy Lee  
*Liturgist*

Shannon Beckemeyer  
*Soloist*

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

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## TODAY'S BAPTISM

**Mason Joseph Mendenhall**  
Parents: Corey and Jeff Mendenhall  
Birthdate: October 9, 2024

**Bradley Gray Saitta**  
Parents: Heather and Brad Saitta  
Birthdate: February 22, 2025

Elder: Kathy Lee  
Youth Deacon: Izzy Kornmeyer  
Bible Presenter: Barrett Browning

## WELCOME FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Following today's *Word with the Children*, children age 4 through fifth grade are welcome to return to their pews or to exit the sanctuary for children's chapel in room 305, where they can be picked up following worship. 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.

# July 20, 2025

## SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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### We Come Together as God's People

#### Prelude

*Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott*, BWV 651  
Dr. John Allegar, organ

J.S. Bach  
(1685-1750)

#### Welcome

Rev. Sara B. Dorrien-Christians

#### \* Call to Worship

Rev. Audrey F. Thorne

One: Beloved of God, gather and breathe.

**All: We drink up God's grace with gratitude.**

One: Beloved of God, ready yourselves.

**All: We are ready to listen, to receive, and respond.**

One: Beloved of God, Beloved is your name.

**All: And Beloved is yours.**

One: Let us worship God.

#### \* Prayer of Adoration

#### \* Opening Hymn #376

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

#### Invitation to Confession

#### Prayer of Confession

O God, your grace is ever before us, but we cheapen it.  
For freedom Christ has set us free,  
but we remain shackled by fear and greed.  
We confess that we relish in the safety of Christ  
while forgoing his courageous compassion.  
We hoard his peace for ourselves.  
Forgive us, O God, of the crosses we have not taken up.  
By the power of grace may we grow into Christ's full stature.  
It is all for the sake of your love and this world that you love deeply. (Silent Prayer)

#### Assurance of God's Grace

**\* Response of Praise**

*Hallelujah, We Sing Your Praises*

South African  
arr. Utryck

*Refrain (sing twice)*

Hal - le - lu-jah! We sing your prais-es; all our hearts are filled with glad - ness.

**\* Passing the Peace of Christ**

**\* Hymn #335**

*Though I May Speak*

O WALY WALY  
(English folk song)

**We Experience God's Word**

**The Word with Children**

**Sacrament of Baptism**

**Hymn of Response #498**

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise*

KINGDOM

Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, Bap-tized with the Spir - it's sign,

With this wa - ter God has sealed you Un-to love and grace di - vine.

**Prayer for Illumination**

Kathy Lee

**First Scripture Lesson**

Psalm 139:1-18

(p. 566)

Of all the gifts in God's domain,  
I think the most sublime is rain.  
The rain that keeps the earth renewed  
With infinite solicitude,  
That cools the mountain's burning crest,  
And bathes the robin in its nest,  
To whom the trees and flowers yield  
Their dropping blossoms to be healed.

The rain that like a mother's tears  
Dissolves the dust of human fears:  
That falls on all impartially,  
And teaches us humility:  
That leaves behind, when it departs  
A rainbow just for weary hearts.  
When God first saw the world in pain,  
I think he wept and called it rain.

Text: Robert Lewis Shayon (1912-2008)

## Second Scripture Lesson

1 John 4:7-12

(p. 1112)

## Sermon

Rev. Sara B. Dorrien-Christians

## Love Actually

*"No one has ever seen God; if we love one another, God lives in us, and his love is perfected in us."*

(1 John 4:12)

## Moment of Silent Meditation

## We Give Thanks to God

### \* Affirmation of Faith

from Confession of 1967

Rev. Gracie H. Payne

**God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind.  
Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness.  
But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing  
    power in the form of a servant,  
    wisdom in the folly of the cross,  
    and goodness in receiving sinful men and women.  
The power of God's love in Christ  
    to transform the world  
    discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator  
    who made all things to serve the purpose of God's love. 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

*O Perfect Love*

Healy Willan  
(1880-1968)

O perfect Love, all human thought transcending,  
Lowly we kneel in prayer before Thy throne,  
That ours may be the love which knows no ending,  
Whom Thou forevermore dost join in one.

O perfect Life, be Thou our full assurance,  
Of tender charity and steadfast faith,  
Of patient hope and quiet, brave endurance,  
With childlike trust that fears not pain nor death.

Grant us the joy which brightens earthly sorrow;  
Grant us the peace which calms all earthly strife;  
And to life's day the glorious unknown morrow  
That dawns upon eternal love and life.

Text: Dorothy F. Gurney (1858-1932)

### \* Doxology

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All crea- tures, your Cre - a - tor bless, And wor- ship God in hum- ble - ness.

O sing ye! Al - le - lu - ia! Praise, praise the Fa- ther, praise the Son,

And praise the Spir - it, Three in One! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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

### \* Prayer of Dedication

## We Go Forth to Serve

**\* Closing Hymn #263**

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

ST. DENIO  
(Welsh folk melody)

## \* Charge and Benediction

## Postlude

*Chant de joie*

Jean Langlais  
(1907-1991)

## Congregational Meeting

*Please remain in the sanctuary after the postlude for a brief Congregational Meeting.*

## CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

Today following 10 AM worship

The Session has called today's congregational meeting for the purpose of acting on Rev. Sara Dorrien-Christians' request to dissolve her pastoral relationship with Second Presbyterian Church in order to accept a new call.



## 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:

Margaret Herder

*The Chancel flowers this morning are given  
to the glory of God in loving memory of  
our parents Bill & Charlene Eckhart  
from Brent & Elaine Eckhart & Marianne Eckhart.*

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](https://SecondChurch.org/Prayer) to  
fill out a Prayer Request Form.

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

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## VISITING TODAY?

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### Reception Celebrating Rev. Sara Dorrien-Christians

Following Congregational Meeting • McFarland Hall

### Men at Second Sunday Cycling

4 PM • Offsite

## NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 27



8:15 AM • Chapel Worship • Milner Chapel

9 AM • Adult Class

Summer Sunday School for Adults • Common Room

Men at Second Pregame • Room 402

10 AM • Sanctuary Worship

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

For more details visit

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

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



### Washington Township Schools Back-to-School Bash

July 26 • 9 – 11:30 AM • Jordan YMCA

### Second Treasures Stock the Racks

August 5 • 10 AM – 12 PM • Room 112

### Middlers Gathering

August 5 • 7 – 8:30 PM • Luciana's on North Meridian

### Young Adult Brunch

August 10 • 11:30 AM

Another Broken Egg Cafe on North Meridian

### Beckenhorst Singers Live in Concert

August 10 • 3 PM • Sanctuary

For tickets, visit [BeckenhorstPress.com/Tickets](https://BeckenhorstPress.com/Tickets)