



**SECOND  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**

A welcoming community  
of faith where Jesus Christ  
transforms lives

**LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES**

**9:30** Josiah Ferency  
Aidan Moran  
**11:00** Luke Miller  
Elijah Ferency

**PRESENTING THE ELEMENTS**

Bread & Wine  
**9:30** Sandra Lynch and Ty Moran  
**11:00** Eric, Lemita, Ben,  
and Barbie Steel  
Ewer Bearer  
Steve Lambert

We welcome today **Dr. Betsy Burleigh** as Guest Conductor of the Sanctuary Choir while Director of Music and Fine Arts, Dr. Michelle Louer, is serving as conductor of the Fort Wayne Bach Collegium. Dr. Burleigh is the Thomas R. Kasdorf Professor of Choral Conducting and Chair of the Choral Conducting Department of Jacobs School of Music, Indiana University.

**Next Sunday, March 1  
First Sunday in Lent**

8:15, 9:30, & 11 a.m.  
Rev. Christopher A. Henry  
“A Clearing Season:  
Entering the Wilderness”

10:35 a.m.  
Wholeness and Communion  
Rev. Gracie H. Payne  
5 p.m. - Together@5  
Rev. Jasiel Hernandez

# BELONGING IN THE WORLD

TODAY'S WORSHIP - 9:30 & 11 AM

Worship Leaders

Rev. Karen L. Lang, *Senior Associate Pastor for Congregational Life*  
Dr. John R. Koppitch, *Director of Stewardship and Endowment*  
Rev. Jasiel Hernandez, *Lake Fellow in Parish Ministry*  
Rev. Christopher A. Henry, *Senior Pastor*

## February 23, 2020 – Transfiguration of the Lord

WE COME TOGETHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

**Prelude** *Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness*, BWV 654 J.S. Bach  
Dr. John Allegar, organ (1685-1750)

+ **Welcome** Rev. Christopher A. Henry

**Call to Worship** *Herr, du bist würdig* Johannes Brahms  
(from *Ein deutsches Requiem*, Op. 45; VI) (1833-1897)  
Sanctuary Choir  
Dr. Betsy Burleigh, Guest Conductor

*Herr, du bist würdig  
zu nehmen Preis und Ehre  
und Kraft,* Lord, you are worthy  
to receive praise and honour  
and power,

One: If you are filled with conviction, welcome home:  
**All: here we proclaim that the world is beautiful  
and God is good.**

One: If you are filled with heartbreak, welcome home:  
**All: here we offer comfort to those who weep  
and rest to those who are weary.**

One: If you are filled with questions, welcome home:  
**All: here we nurture belief but make space for doubt.**

One: If you are filled with hope, welcome home:  
**All: here when we worship, God is among us,  
and everything is possible.**

**Prayer of Adoration**

Rev. Karen L. Lang

\*+ **Processional Hymn #473**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

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\* Those who are able may stand. + Latecomers may be seated.

**Call to Confession**

**Silent Confession**

**Prayer of Confession**

**Almighty God, we have worked without letting you work in us.  
We have not let you watch over us, and we boast about our busy days.  
By your ever-present Spirit, give us the freedom to let you work in us,  
to let you care for us, to let you fill our days, that we may live, not in  
the strength of our own hands, but in the strength that comes from  
life in you, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Assurance of Pardon**

\* **Response of Praise** *Gloria Patri* (Hymn #579)

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

\* **Passing of the Peace**

**Leader:** The peace of Christ be with you.

**People:** And also with you.

\* **Hymn #415** *Come, Labor On* ORALABORA

**+ Ritual of Friendship and the Concerns of the Church**

**WE EXPERIENCE GOD'S WORD**

**Time with Children (11:00)**

**Prayer for Illumination**

Elder Carol Paik (9:30)

Deacon Jennifer Bergman (11:00)

**First Lesson**

Deuteronomy 8:7-14

(p. 164)

**Anthem**

*Die Erlöseten des Herrn*

Johannes Brahms

(from *Ein deutsches Requiem*; II)

*Aber des Herrn Wort bleibt in Ewigkeit.  
Die Erlöseten des Herrn werden wieder kommen,  
und gen Zion kommen mit Jauchzen;  
ewige Freude wird über ihrem Haupte sein;  
Freude und Wonne werden sie ergreifen  
und Schmerz und Seufzen wird weg müssen.*

But the Word of the Lord endures forever.  
And the ransomed of the Lord shall return,  
and come to Zion with songs and  
everlasting joy upon their heads:  
they shall obtain joy and gladness,  
and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

(Isaiah 35:10)

**Second Lesson**

Matthew 25:14-30

(p. 904)

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**PARENTS:**

**TIME WITH CHILDREN (11:00)**

Children are always welcome in worship. After the Time with Children, children may return to worship with their families or may depart with ministry leaders to:

- Infants, Room 240
- Toddlers and Twos, Room 233
- Threes - Grade 2, Children's Chapel, Room 206

**Children's Choirs**

- 4s-Grade 1, Room 312
- Grades 2-5, Room 112

If this is your children's first time to attend Choir or Chapel, we ask that one adult also depart for a brief moment to confirm names and ages.

If you have not yet checked your child in at a kiosk, please fill out a name tag (found in the pew racks) and place it on your child's back. Bring the other half of the tag with you when you pick up your child.

**Response**

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

**“Gospel Investment Advice”**

*“The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents.”*

(MATTHEW 25:16)

**WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD**

\* **Affirmation of Faith**

Dr. John R. Koppitch (9:30)  
Rev. Jasiel Hernandez (11:00)

**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.

**Offertory**

*Laudate Dominum* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
(from *Solemn Vespers*) (1756-1791)

Elizabeth Ewigleben, soprano

*Laudate Dominum omnes gentes  
Laudate eum, omnes populi  
Quoniam confirmata est  
Super nos misericordia eius,  
Et veritas Domini  
manet in aeternum.  
Gloria Patri et Filio  
et Spiritui Sancto.  
Sicut erat in principio, et nunc,  
et semper.  
Et in saecula saeculorum.  
Amen.*

Praise the Lord, all nations;  
Praise Him, all people.  
For He has bestowed  
His mercy upon us,  
And the truth of the Lord  
endures forever.  
Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit,  
as it was in the beginning, is now,  
and forever,  
and for generations of generations.  
Amen.

Psalm 117

\* **Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* (Hymn #592)

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

\* **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

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**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

*A Song of Faith, United Church of Canada*

**We sing of God the Spirit, who from the beginning has swept over the face of creation, animating all energy and matter and moving in the human heart.**

**We sing of God the Spirit, faithful and untameable, who is creatively and redemptively active in the world.**

**The Spirit challenges us to celebrate the holy not only in what is familiar, but also in that which seems foreign.**

**We sing of the Spirit, who speaks our prayers of deepest longing and enfolds our concerns and confessions, transforming us and the world.**

**We offer worship as an outpouring of gratitude and awe and a practice of opening ourselves to God’s still, small voice of comfort, to God’s rushing whirlwind of challenge.**

**Through word, music, and sacrament, in community and in solitude, God changes our lives, our relationships, and our world.**

## WEBSITE HELP DESK

Today, in McFarland Hall and the first floor atrium at 10:30 a.m. and 12 p.m.

### WE CAN HELP YOU:

- Access the website
- Find your way around
- Access the Member Directory
- Confirm or change your member profile
- Access the events calendar
- Sign up for events and volunteer opportunities
- ...and more!

Please bring your User ID and Password if you know them. If not, we can help you recover or acquire a User ID and Password.

Want to revisit or share the sermon or worship service from last Sunday (or before)? Visit [SecondChurch.org/Media](http://SecondChurch.org/Media). Weekly sermons are available midweek.

## WE GO FORTH TO SERVE

- \* **Closing Hymn #414** *As Those of Old Their Firstfruits Brought* FOREST GREEN
- \* **Charge and Benediction**
- \* **Benediction Response** *Ich hoffe auch dich* Johannes Brahms  
(from *Ein deutsches Requiem*; III)  
*Ich hoffe auf dich.* I hope in thee [the Lord].
- \* **Postlude** *Allegro Maestoso e vivace* Felix Mendelssohn  
(from *Sonata No. 2*) (1809-1847)

## Today@Second

8 a.m.

Child Care, 240

Theology, Thoughts and Coffee, 231

9 a.m.

Coffee Hour, McFarland Hall

9:30 a.m.

Preschool & Kindergarten  
Sunday School, Second Floor

Elementary Sunday School, Third Floor

High School Sunday School,  
Youth Suite

Middle School Sunday School,  
Youth Suite

Blessed Messiness, 312

Koinonia, 403

Living Faith, 356

Upper Room, 230

Sonrise on Sunday, 112

10:35 a.m.

Service of Wholeness & Communion, Chapel

11 a.m.

Footsteps of Faith, Youth Suite

11:15 a.m.

Children's Choir, 112 & 312

Children's Chapel, 206

12 p.m.

Second Steps Gathering, Common Room

5 p.m.

Together@5, McFarland Hall

## This Week@Second

Monday, February 24

- Yoga, 8:30 a.m., 356
- Bazaar Sorters, 8:30 a.m., Mission Suite
- Monday AM Prayer Group, 9 a.m., 154
- Centering Prayer, 10 a.m., 154
- PW Wisdom Seekers, 10 a.m., 231
- Ladies Sewing Group, 10 a.m., 230
- Mindfulness Meditation, 12:15 p.m., 312

Tuesday, February 25

- Men's Fellowship Breakfast & Bible Study, 7 a.m., Common Room
- Congregational Life Team, 10 a.m., 366
- Northside Pantry Shift, 12:30 p.m., Mission Suite
- New Day, 6 p.m., Third Floor
- Theology on Tap, 7 p.m., Sahn's on 86th

Wednesday, February 26

- Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction (MBSR), 8:30 a.m., 312
- Prayer, 9:15 a.m., Chapel
- PW Wednesday AM Bible Study, 9:30 a.m., 356
- Northside Pantry Shift, 4 p.m., Mission Suite
- Youth Ministries: Middle School, Niners, High School, 6:30 p.m., Youth Suite
- Ash Wednesday service, 7 p.m., Sanctuary
- Second Winds, 8 p.m., Choir Room

Thursday, February 27

- Yoga, 8:30 a.m., 356
- PW Thursday AM Bible Study, 9:15 a.m., 407
- Northside Pantry Shift, 10 a.m., Mission Suite
- Mindfulness Meditation, 12:15 p.m., 312

Friday, February 28

- Second Act Book Club, 10:30 a.m., 113
- Mindfulness Meditation, 12:15 p.m., 312

Saturday, February 29

- New Day Volunteer Training, 8 a.m., Youth Suite
- Handbell Ensemble, 9 a.m., Common Room
- Northside Pantry Shift, 10 a.m., Mission Suite



Check the monthly newsletter for many more opportunities