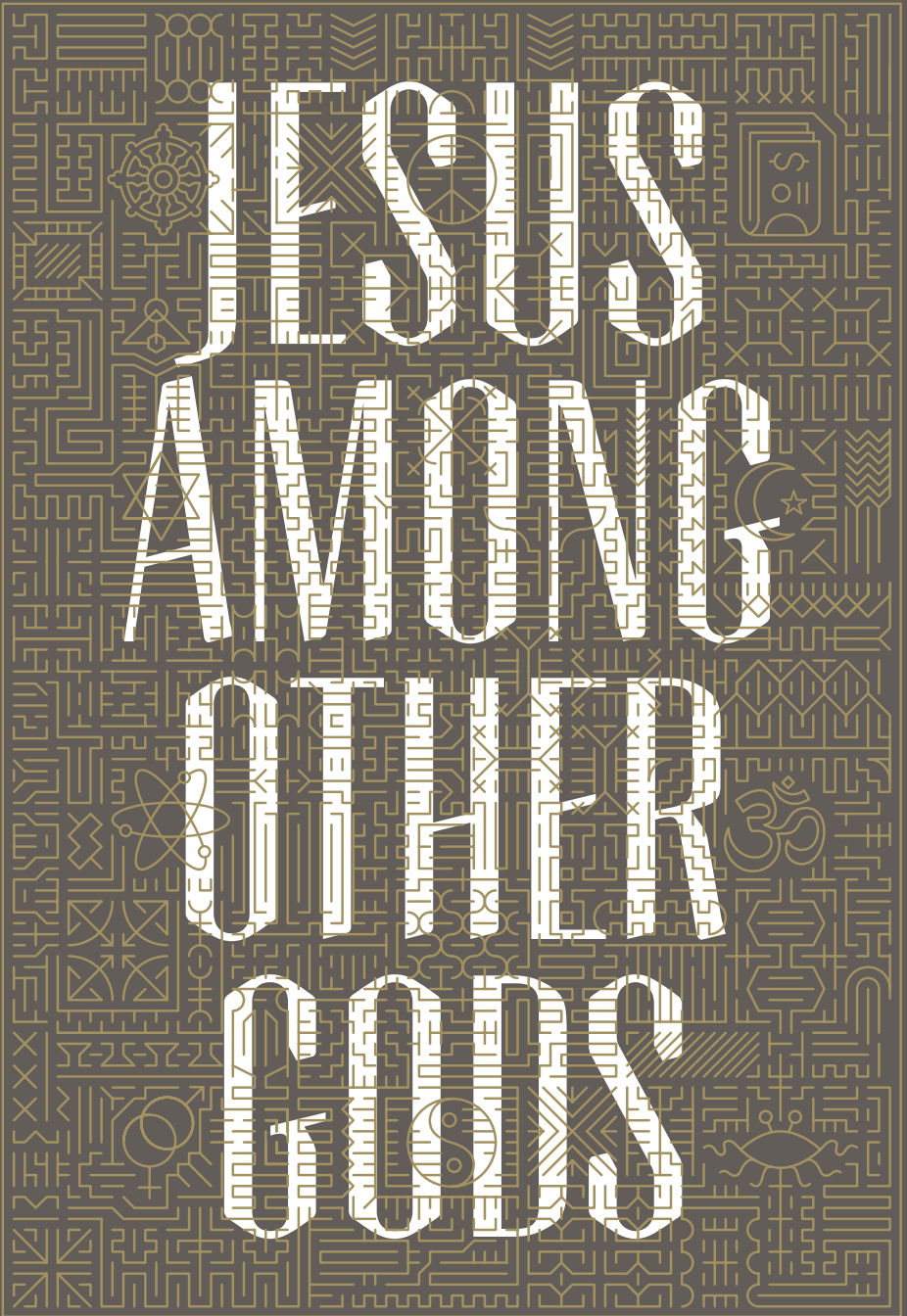


2016 CHRISTIAN LIFE CONFERENCE



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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

JANUARY 24, 2016



Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church.
May our worship open our hearts to God's love, our eyes to God's beauty,
our minds to God's truth, and our will to God's service.

A WORD ON WORSHIP

*As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship
and silence your mobile devices.*

At Second, we are gospel people. We believe that God demonstrates His grace to us in the radical love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. This gospel alone has the power to transform our lives, our city, and our world. Therefore, the essential work of our church is to remain loyally devoted to this gospel and faithful proclaim it.

Our worship services are designed so that you might cherish a more firm, soul-absorbing confidence in this gospel. This happens for us as we are made increasingly aware of God's exceeding beauty and worth, of the depth of our own sinfulness and need, and of the astonishing grace of our Lord revealed in the cross.

J.C. Ryle summarizes the beauty of this gospel: "There is nothing that sin-laden hearts can wish, or weary consciences require, which is not spread before men in rich abundance in Jesus Christ. In one word, Christ is the sum and substance of the 'great banquet.'"

May your worship of our Lord today strengthen you spiritually and inspire you to commend our Lord to others!

WORSHIP GLADLY IN THE FATHER'S HOUSE

ORGAN PRELUDE: "Now Thank We All" Sigfrid Karg-Elert/Bock
Samuel Metzger, organ

BRASS PRELUDE: "Festival Intrada" Richard Strauss

CHORAL INTROIT: "I Was Glad" C. Hubert Parry

I was glad, glad when they said unto me,
We will go, we will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem!

*The Westminster Singers (8:15), The Chancel Choir (11:00)
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music*

CALL TO WORSHIP. T. Barton Kimbro

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 53 "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" LOBE DEN HERREN

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

REPENT HUMBLY IN THE FATHER'S HOUSE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, our heavenly Father,
You bid us to come into Your house to worship You,
yet we confess that our hearts are too full of this world.
The cares of the world, the deceitfulness of riches,
and the pleasures of this life seduce us
and lead us astray from an undistracted devotion to You.
Forgive us for treasuring the material over the spiritual,
our bodies over our souls,
things of time over those of eternity.
Give us grace to heed Your invitation
to repent and run again to Jesus,
who is our most gracious Lord and only Savior. Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

✦HYMN OF ASSURANCE: No. 498 "Jesus! What a Friend for Sinners!" HYFRYDOL
stanzas 1 & 5

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS. Sanders L. Willson

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Trinity Te Deum" Ēriks Ešenvalds

We praise Thee, O God: we acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship Thee, the Father everlasting.
To Thee all angels cry aloud: the heavens and all the powers therein.
To Thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry,
Holy, holy, holy: Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Thy glory.
The glorious company of the apostles praise Thee.
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise Thee.
The noble army of martyrs praise Thee.
The holy church throughout all the world doth acknowledge Thee;
The Father of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true, and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

Thou art the King of Glory, O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father.
When Thou tookest upon Thee to deliver man,
Thou didst not abhor the virgin's womb.
When Thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death,
Thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father.
We believe that Thou'lt come to be our Judge.
We therefore pray Thee, help Thy servants,
Whom Thou'st redeemed with Thy precious blood.
Make them to be numbered with Thy saints in glory everlasting.

Holy, holy, holy.

✦DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

✦PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

FEAST GRATEFULLY IN THE FATHER'S HOUSE

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)..... Margaret S. Stephens

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION 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.**

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 14:14-24..... Ethan Knight (8:15)
(page 874 in pew Bible) Blanche Tosh (11:00)

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON

I Believe in Evangelism

Michael Ramsden

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦HYMN OF MISSION: No. 296 "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!" . . . CORONATION

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "The People Respond – Amen!" from *Rubrics* . . . Daniel Locklair

✦Indicates congregation standing

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Christian Life Conference

Our speaker this morning, Michael Ramsden, is the International Director of Ravi Zacharias International Ministries (RZIM), an evangelistic organization with a foundation in apologetics, and has been part of the organization since its foundation in 1977. He is also joint Director of the Oxford Centre for Christian Apologetics, and is involved in a number of initiatives to equip and train emerging leaders and evangelists around the world.



During our Sunday School hour today (9:45-10:45 a.m.), all CCs will meet in the Sanctuary to hear from RZIM Fellow Nathan Rittenhouse.

Tonight at the closing session of CLC, we will hear from Ravi Zacharias, Founder and President of RZIM, world-renowned speaker, author of numerous books, and host of weekly radio programs that air worldwide. We invite you to worship with us at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.