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July 8, 2018
Trinity Season
At Second, we place significant emphasis on the preaching of God’s Word (II Timothy 4:2). How can we ensure that we profit spiritually from hearing the preached Word?

Before worship, we can prepare by praying for a receptive heart and teachable spirit. During worship, we can examine what we hear from the Scriptures and receive its truth with faith, love, meekness, and readiness of mind. After worship, we can meditate upon the Word in our hearts and bring forth the fruit of it in our lives.

All of the above is impossible apart from the illumination of God’s Holy Spirit.

No preacher is dynamic, eloquent, and gifted enough to bring about life transformation in his audience. For this reason, we humbly pray for God’s Spirit to illumine the reading and preaching of His Word so that lives are transformed.

Lift Up Your Voice

ORGAN PRELUDE: Variations on “All Creatures of Our God and King” . . . Denis Bédard

Samuel Metzger, organ

WORD ON WORSHIP .................................................. George Robertson

CHORAL INTROIT: “Sing to the Lord a Song of Praise” ..................... Allen Pote

Sing to the Lord a song of praise, a wonderful, marvelous song.
Sing to the Lord with joy in your heart, a wonderful, marvelous song.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, amen.
Sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord, a marvelous song.
The Summer Choir
Calvin Ellis, director

CALL TO WORSHIP: Based on I Peter 2 ............................... Brett Wynne

Come to him, the living Stone—rejected by humans but chosen by God and precious to him.

As his holy priesthood,
we gather to offer spiritual sacrifices
acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.

Come to him as his chosen people,
a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s special possession.

Let us declare the praises of him
who called us out of darkness into his marvelous light.

HYMN OF PRAISE: “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” .......................... ST. ANNE
O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:

before the hills no longer stood, or earth received her frame,

under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;

our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

from everlasting you are God, to endless years the same.

Psalm 90:1

How can we ensure that we profit spiritually from hearing worship, we can meditate upon the Word in our hearts and bring forth the fruit of it in our lives.

Sing to the Lord with joy in your heart, a wonderful, marvelous song.

Sing to the Lord a song of praise, a wonderful, marvelous song.

Sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord, sing to the Lord, a marvelous song.

Come to him as his chosen people,

As his holy priesthood,

It is Your revealed will that all Your children should be one in Christ.

Deliver us from our narrow-mindedness,

Forgive us for dismissing Your love,

Save us from considering as normal neglecting Your will, and seeking our own well-being.

Purify Your Heart

O God, in Your amazing love,

You have broken down every dividing wall between us and You and between us and each other.

It is Your revealed will that all Your children should be one in Christ.

Forgive us for dismissing Your love, neglecting Your will, and seeking our own well-being at the expense of our church family.

Pardon our pride, our lack of faith, and our lack of understanding and charity, which are the causes of our divisions.

Deliver us from our narrow-mindedness, from our bitterness, and from our prejudices.

Save us from considering as normal that which is an offense to Your love.

Change us by the power of the Holy Spirit, that we may desire what is good, love what You love, and do what You command through Jesus Christ our Lord.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON.

God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: “Now Let Us All Praise God and Sing”  Gordon Young

Now let us all praise God and sing our great Redeemer’s praise;
That we may all with one accord our joyful voices raise.
Sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia, sing alleluia!

All ye servants of the Lord, praise Him forever,
Sing Jehovah’s mighty pow’r, praise Him forever.
Sing of His righteousness, praise Him forever.

†PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING.  Tim Russell

†GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)

Consecrate Your Life

†PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER (please stand)

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.

†HYMN OF PREPARATION: “O Church Arise” Keith Getty, Stuart Townend

1. O Church, a-rise and put your armor on; hear the call of Christ our captain; for now the weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has given. With shield faced with trials on every side, we know the outcome as the stone is rolled away, and Christ emerges

2. Our call to war, to love the captive soul, but to rage against the captain; and with the sword that makes the wound-ed whole we will fight with faith and valor. When neath His feet, for the Conquerer has risen! And win the prize of a servant good and faith-ful. As

3. Come, see the cross where love and mercy meet, as the Son of God is stricken; then see His foes lie crushed before every hurdle, that we may run with faith to

4. So Spirit, come, put strength in every stride, give
NEW TESTAMENT LESSON .................................. Acts 15:36-16:5

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. (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

SERMON Pressing Through Conflict for the Kingdom George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 353 “I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord” ........... ST. THOMAS stanzas 1-4

BENEDICTION (please raise hands)

CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: Toccata on “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” .............. Albert Travis

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Getting Connected at Second

A pastor will be available after the service to pray for you in the Gathering Room, located on the left as you exit the southwest door of the Sanctuary. To find out more about who we are and how you can become part of our church community, or for help with specific concerns, you may contact a member of our pastoral team listed below by calling (901) 454-0034 or emailing firstname.lastname@2pc.org.

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I. Speaking (Acts 15:36)

II. Visiting (Acts 15:39-41; 16:4, 5)

III. Accommodating (Acts 16:1-3)

IV. Reconciling