



ORDER FOR THE  
PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

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March 17, 2019  
*Season of Lent*



## PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

All the elements of worship services at Second are designed to strengthen faith in our promise-keeping God. This is particularly true of the sacraments. One way that we exercise faith in our Lord and His promises is by bringing our children for baptism.

Why do we baptize our children?

- **God’s covenant promise:** We baptize our children because God promises to be their God throughout the Scriptures. The Apostle Peter says at Pentecost that the forgiveness of sins and the gift of the Holy Spirit is for “you and your children” (Acts 2:39).
- **God’s prescribed pattern:** God established a prescribed pattern of giving the sign of entrance into the covenant to children of believers in the Old Testament and this pattern is not set aside in the New Testament (Genesis 17:7). Thus, the silence of the New Testament is more an argument for the practice than against it.
- **God’s new sign:** In the New Testament, baptism replaces circumcision as the sign of the covenant (Colossians 2:11). Both signs remind us that God’s promise continues to future generations and necessitates the shedding of blood for salvation.
- **A vivid picture:** Baptism points to what Christ’s shed blood accomplishes: The washing away of sin’s guilt and the Spirit being poured out upon us. We celebrate this reality when we baptize an adult who professes faith. We anticipate this reality when we baptize a child of believing parents.

## ENTER HIS PRESENCE WITH PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE:

“I. Allegro” and “II. Largo” from *Concerto in A Minor*. . . . Antonio Vivaldi; arr. Bach  
*Samuel Metzger, organ*

CALL TO WORSHIP . . . . . Tim Russell

✦HYMN OF PRAISE: No. 81 “O Love of God, How Strong and True” . . . . . JERUSALEM

✦INVOCATION (*Please lift hands*)

✦STATEMENT OF FAITH: Westminster Shorter Catechism Q. 4 . . . . . Amanda Coop (8:15)  
Elizabeth Wall (11:00)

What is God?

**God is a spirit  
whose being, wisdom, power,  
holiness, justice, goodness, and truth  
are infinite, eternal, and unchangeable.**

*This catechism will be the topic of the sermon this evening.*

✦DOXOLOGY. . . . . OLD HUNDRETH

**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.**

SACRAMENT OF CHRISTIAN BAPTISM

8:15

*Lucia Lawrence Bolding, born November 7, 2018, daughter of Wendy and Mark Bolding  
Louis William Mills, born July 5, 2018, son of Chelsea and Aubrey Mills*

11:00

*Daniel Howard Byrd II, born October 4, 2018, son of Gray and Brandon Byrd  
Gustave McKinnon Tashie, born July 26, 2018, son of Rebekah and Scott Tashie  
Henry David Tashie, born July 26, 2018, son of Rebekah and Scott Tashie  
Samantha Michelle Payne, born October 4, 2018, daughter of Mandy and Justin Payne  
Avett Lee Tollison, born February 27, 2014, son of Beth Ann and Taylor Tollison  
Hazel Ann Tollison, born October 26, 2018, daughter of Beth Ann and Taylor Tollison*

SONG OF ENCOURAGEMENT: "Jesus Loves You" . . . . .JESUS LOVES ME

**Jesus loves you, this we know, for the Bible tells us so;  
Little ones to Him belong, you are weak but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves you! Yes, Jesus loves you!  
Yes, Jesus loves you! The Bible tells us so.**

RECEIVE HIS GRACE WITH ASSURANCE

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Faithful Covenant God,  
we confess we have been a faithless people.  
We seek Your salvation, then act like we save ourselves.  
We beg Your forgiveness, then repeat our errors.  
We experience Your grace, then act defeated.  
We know the power of Jesus' resurrection,  
yet still desire the power of Pharaoh.  
We have become confused and misguided.  
Forgive our every defection.  
Bring us to an unbroken commitment and a steady trust,  
through Jesus Christ, who is the way of hope,  
the truth of God, and the life of love, now and always.  
We pray in His matchless name.**

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON. . . . . Romans 8:1

*There is therefore now no condemnation  
for those who are in Christ Jesus.*

WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE GIFTS OF GOD

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Speak, O Lord" . . . . .arr. John Ferguson

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You to receive the food of Your Holy Word.  
Take Your truth; plant it deep in us; shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today in our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us all your purposes for Your glory.

Teach us, Lord, full obedience, holy reverence, true humility;  
Test our thoughts and our attitudes in the radiance of Your purity.  
Cause our faith to rise; cause our eyes to see Your majestic love and authority.  
Words of pow'r that can never fail — let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds; help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us—  
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time that will echo down through eternity.  
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises, and by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.  
Speak, O Lord, 'til Your church is built and the earth is filled with Your glory.

*The Chancel Choir  
Calvin Ellis, director*

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING ..... Brett Wynne

✦ GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN (8:15)..... Brian Lewis

RESPOND TO HIS WORD WITH FAITHFULNESS

✦ 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: No. 111 “This Is My Father’s World” ..... TERRA BEATA

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ..... Exodus 1:1-22  
(page 45 in the pew Bible)

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

SERMON *Liberty to the Captives: Part 2* George Robertson

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

✦ HYMN OF COMMITMENT: No. 642 “Be Thou My Vision” ..... SLANE

✦ BENEDICTION (*please raise hands*)

✦ CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: “III. Allegro” from *Concerto in A Minor*. ..... Antonio Vivaldi

✦ *Indicates congregation standing* CCLI License #252778

**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](mailto:firstname.lastname@2pc.org).

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**I. Social**

**II. Spiritual**