



# SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are a joyful community of faith called to proclaim the Christian gospel in worship and education, to love one another, and to witness to Jesus Christ through prayer, compassion, and justice in our broken and fearful world. As children of God, we live not on our own, but by God's saving grace.

September 25, 2016  
11:00 a.m.

Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost

## WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

### MEDITATION

"One can ignore an indifferent and distant God, but one cannot so easily resist a God who is so close and has even been wounded for love. Goodness, beauty, truth, and love: this is what we have to offer this beggar world, albeit in half-broken bowls."  
—Pope Francis

### OPENING PRAYER

John Bradford (8:15) Jeff Skillen (11:00)

### PRELUDE (8:15)

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

arr. John Carter

(11:00) Ornamented Chorale in the Baroque Style on Cym Rhondda

### ❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

The word has come for us from God:

**who promises to shelter us under  
the wings of hope and grace.**

The word has come to us from Jesus:

**who helps us look deeply into our own eyes, braced  
by the good news we have received.**

The word flows to us from the Spirit:

**who reminds us to place our hope and trust  
not in ourselves, but in God.**

### ❖ HYMN 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

### CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**We need to confess, O God, how often we are not content with the simple gifts and lives you offer. Tempted by everything, we can become insensitive to those who have nothing. Encouraged by the world to accumulate more, we may miss the chance to gather your goodness and godliness. Chasing after all which has no value, we may not have the energy to pursue the faith, the love, the gentleness you have for us. Forgive us, God of reversals. May we never tire of opening ourselves to your people everywhere, through Christ our Lord.**

(silence)  
Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

❖ PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.  
**And also with you.**

RECOGNITION OF BEN SAUNDERS

**WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD**

A TIME FOR CHILDREN (11:00)

Chandra Allen

*All sing:* **Little children, come unto me.  
Little children, come unto me.  
You are made in God's image, so perfectly.  
Little children, come unto me.**

*Children ages 3 - 2nd grade may depart after this time to attend Children's  
Worship. Visitors, please escort your child(ren) and fill out a guest form.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Minute for Mission

John Olert, All Church Retreat

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

GOSPEL READING

Luke 16:19-31

For the word of God in scripture,  
for the word of God among us,  
for the word of God within us,  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

"An Icon of Mercy"

Rev. Mary Louise McCullough

MOMENT FOR SILENT REFLECTION

**WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

❖ HYMN 708 (8:15)

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

SCHUMANN

❖ HYMN 345 (11:00)

"In an Age of Twisted Values"  
Verse 1: Choir

CHURCH UNITED

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

*Prayer continues to 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.**

DEDICATION OF LIFE

Call for the Offering

Offertory (8:15)      “Where is Your Treasure?”      Julia Simon  
Lea Maitlen, soloist

Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth  
where moth and rust destroy and thieves break in.  
Do not store up treasures on earth for yourselves.  
But store up treasures in heaven where moth and rust do not destroy  
nor thieves break in and steal.  
For where your treasure is, your heart will be also.  
Where is your treasure and where do you want it to be?  
So store up treasures in heaven.  
That’s where your heart should be.  
Do what’s good; be rich in good works;  
Be generous and ready to share.

(11:00)      “When the Poor Ones”      David M. Cherwien  
Adult Choir

When the poor ones who have nothing still are giving;  
when the thirsty pass the cup, water to share;  
when the wounded offer others strength and healing:  
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When compassion gives the suffering consolation;  
when expecting brings to birth hope that was lost;  
when we choose love, not the hatred all around us:  
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When our spirits, like a chalice, brim with gladness;  
when our voices, full and clear, sing out the truth;  
when our longings, free from envy, seek the humble:  
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

When the goodness poured from heaven fills our dwellings;  
when the nations work to change war into peace;  
when the stranger is accepted as our neighbor:  
we see God, here by our side, walking our way.

❖Doxology      OLD 100<sup>TH</sup>

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ, all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God whom we adore. Amen.

❖Affirmation of Faith      Except from “A Brief Statement of Faith,”  
*Book of Confessions*, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

**We trust in God...**  
**In sovereign love God created the world good**  
**and makes everyone equally in God’s image,**  
**to live as one community...**  
**God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation...**  
**We trust in Jesus,**  
**fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,  
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,  
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,  
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,  
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel...**

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
everywhere the giver and renewer of life.  
The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,  
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,  
and binds us together with all believers in the body of Christ,  
the Church...  
Amen.**

❖HYMN 711

“Lord of All Good”

TOULON

❖BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE (8:15)  
(11:00)

“Let All Things Now Living”  
Chorale Fantasie on Toulon

arr. Lloyd Larson

❖*Please rise in body or spirit.*

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*Please sign the friendship pad and pass it to those sitting next to you.*

*The nursery is located on the first floor of the Christian Education wing.*

*Prayer request cards, located in the pew rack, can be filled out and placed in  
the offering plate to share with the pastors and/or prayer group.*

**Welcome visitors!** Should you be looking for a church home and people with whom to join in commitment to Jesus Christ, we invite you into the life and ministry of this congregation. If you would like to join or have questions, please contact Rev. McCullough (marylouise@secondpresbyterian.org, 292-3343).

**Hearing-assisted devices and large-print bulletins** are available in the narthex. If you wish to use a hearing-assisted device, please check one out with one of the ushers and return it after the service.

**To join our email list**, put your email address in the attendance pad with “join email list.” Find us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, and Instagram at username 2PCNashville.

**Second Presbyterian welcomes you** to join us in our journey of faith, regardless of age, race, gender, sexual orientation, economic or family status, ethnic background, mental or physical abilities.

**Our thanks to:**

**John Bradford** (8:15) **Jeff Skillen** (11:00) for serving as liturgists; **David Seachrist** and **Terri Totty** (8:15) **Linda** and **Ron Hostettler**, **Cindy** and **Baird Dixon** and **Eileen High** (11:00) for serving as ushers; **Sally Goodrich** and **Fred Kirchner** for serving coffee; **Trice Gibbons** for serving as elder of the day.

**Celebrate Ben’s Ordination!** Come and have a cool drink and refreshments as we celebrate our Ben Saunders, Director of Youth Ministry!

### **This Week at Second**

Today	8:15 a.m.	Worship
Today	9:30 a.m.	Adult Education Hour/Children's Sunday School
Today	11:00 a.m.	Worship
Today	11:00 a.m.	MOSAIC Youth Worship
Today	1:00 p.m.	Caravan Tour of Places to Worship (Islamic Center)
Today	4:00 p.m.	Festival Singers
Today	5:00 p.m.	Young Singers
Today	5:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship
Monday	9:00 a.m.	Strength Training
Wednesday	9:00 a.m.	Strength Training
Wednesday	6:45 p.m.	Adult Choir Practice
Thursday	7:00 a.m.	Women's Weekly Hike at Radnor Lake/West Parking
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Strength Training
Saturday	5:00 p.m.	Prayer Vigil
Next Sunday	9:30 a.m.	Adult Education Hour/Children's Sunday School
Next Sunday	11:00 a.m.	One Worship
Next Sunday	4:00 p.m.	Festival Singers
Next Sunday	5:00 p.m.	Young Singers
Next Sunday	5:00 p.m.	Youth Fellowship

**Prayer Vigil, October 1.** In preparation for our celebratory day on Sunday, October 2 when many members of Trinity Presbyterian Church will join Second at our 11 a.m. worship service, we invite you to be in prayer for them as they say goodbye to the church they have loved and start a new time with us. You are invited to come to the Prayer Room at Second to pray together at 5 p.m. on October 1, as the Trinity folks gather in our sanctuary for an evening service of healing. If you come, you are invited to join them halfway through their service as they turn their hearts to the future with us. It will be a heartfelt, sacred journey together and we can all join in prayer by setting aside time between 5 and 6 p.m. on Saturday, October 1, wherever you are, to thank God for these new friends, seek peace for them in this transition, and ask for guidance for all of us as we go forward. We will welcome them with joy the next morning at 11!

### **Information Session and Brief Training for Godly Play**

On Sunday, October 16 right after 11:00am worship, there will be an information session and brief training for Godly Play - the curriculum we use for Children's worship during the 11am service. Godly Play is a method of spiritual practice based on Montessori principles of development and learning. The Godly Play approach encourages children to explore and enhance their faith through story, wonder, and play. Each week we need a storyteller and doorman in both the 3-4-year-old worship room and the 5-8-year-old worship room. The doorman helps the children get ready for worship and helps as needed during the worship hour. The storyteller is responsible for sharing the story for the worship hour. The doorman and storyteller work together to create a calm, reflective environment for the children each week. It is a beautiful time with the children in worship. Please plan to join us if you would like to volunteer and/or know more about Godly play and how we engage children in the mystery and wonder of God's presence in our lives. A light lunch will be served and childcare will be available. For questions and to RSVP, contact Chandra.

**Weekly Food Drive:** Thanks to your generous response to our weekly food drive, the Outreach Committee was able to deliver 88 food items to the Martha O'Bryan food pantry last week. People in need in that neighborhood need to eat every week, and we will be looking for donations every week. The food cart will be located outside the sanctuary every Sunday, ready to receive non-perishables. We ask that you add a number of the following items to your grocery list at the beginning of each month and bring them on any Sunday: baby food, canned proteins, baking mixes, canned fruits, canned vegetables, can openers, canola oil, instant potatoes, condiments, and 100% fruit juice.

## **Adult Education: Today through October 16 in the Activity Center**

Choon-Leong Seow will be the sole presenter of adult education for this month. There will be no separate Bible Study Groups. His topic is the story of Job. The book of Job, widely hailed as a classic in world literature, tells the story of a serious man who dares to call into question divine justice in the face of innocent suffering. It has been called “the most profound monument in literature” and “the most theologically honest book in the Bible.” It is also a book that has stimulated the imagination of writers and artists. This series will explore several topics pertaining to the book: The Artistry of the Book of Job, Theological Conversations, Through the Eyes of Visual Artists, Literary Re-imaginings of Job. Dr. Choon-Leong Seow holds the Vanderbilt, Buffington, Cupples Chair Divinity at Vanderbilt University and is Distinguished Professor of Hebrew Bible. He has authored several books and articles, including *Job 1-21: Interpretation and Commentary* (Eerdmans, 2013), the first of a two-volume work that studies the biblical book and its effects in Judaism, Christianity, and Islam, in commentaries and theological works, as well as in literature, the visual and performing arts. Dr. Choon-Leong Seow attends Second regularly, so we are happy to have his expertise for our adult ed classes.

### **JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**Phyllis Jones**, who had knee replacement surgery this past Monday; **Randy Moore**, whose sisters' homes were destroyed by the flooding in Baton Rouge – **Colleen Templet** and **Reba Carr** expect to be struggling for at least 6 months; **Jim Hardaway**, whose mother is recovering from a recent heart procedure; **St. Clair Blue**, whose mom, **Anne Brooks Dasher**, died recently; **Mark Myers**, whose mother, **Willie Mae**, died recently; **Stacy Rector**, whose cousin **Riley** died recently; prayers of gratitude for the life of **Susan Richardson**, **Anne Richardson's aunt**; **Doris Farley**, who is at Somerfield; **Doug Murray** and **David Lyle** as they grieve the loss of David's mother, **Mary Frances Lyle**; **Kat Howell's father**, **Anne Henderson** and **Jim Womack** in the death of Anne's mother, **Betty Henderson**; **Pearle Buchanan**; **Linda Hostettler's niece Devan**, joy for healing and reunification with family; **Phyllis Jones' cousins Spencer, Amanda and Sam Hodnett**, as they seek continued treatment for Sam's brain cancer (4 years old); **Ron Hostettler's mother**; **Margaret Blair**, who lost her sister **Mary Ellen Ceely**; **Phil Phy**, whose mother is in hospice; **Megan Godbey's father**; **Melissa Du Puy's niece**; **Lynda Miller's aunt Eunice**, who continues to deal with heart issues; **Roger Conner's niece**; **Brenda Weeks' brother Ron**; **Jerry Weeks' aunt Willa Mae**; **Henry Bedford**.

*To add or remove a name on the prayer list,  
please call or email a staff member.*

**Rev. Dr. Mary Louise McCullough** Pastor  
**Rev. C. Nolan Huizenga** Associate Pastor  
**Jeanette MacCallum** Director of Music Ministry  
**Douglas Murray** Organist and Accompanist  
**Rev. Ben Saunders** Director of Youth Ministry  
**Chandra Allen** Director of Children's Ministry  
**Nicole Gagliano** Administrator  
**Kathy Culp** Administrative Assistant  
**Jessica Brown** Property Assistant  
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# Fun, Food, Fellowship, Friends – the perfect recipe!

We're busy putting together the @Table Groups for fall startup on October 1st!!

This year we are doing something new! We're putting together an 'Alternate Group' for those who cannot commit to a regular group.

If you wish to be an alternate, please fill out the form or send an email to [atable@secondpresbyterian.org](mailto:atable@secondpresbyterian.org).

If you want to be included in a regular group, but missed the sign-up, please contact us by email.

Carole and Linda are available on Sundays to answer your questions.

Please tear off the @Table sign-up form and place in the offering plate or give to Carole or Linda.



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I/we \_\_\_\_\_ are interested in belonging to an @Table 'Alternate Group'.  
*(Alternates can sign up any time throughout the year)*

*(Established groups are encouraged to invite alternates when other members are unable to attend the event.)*

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Mobile #: \_\_\_\_\_

Carole Kenner / Linda Hostettler

The Dharma Center, Second Presbyterian Church,  
Interfaith Council of Vanderbilt, Islamic Center of Nashville,  
Metro Human Relations Commission, Sherith Israel &  
Sri Ganesha Hindu Temple

**Invite You to Enjoy Our**

# A Caravan Tour of Places of Worship

*An Intimate View of Nashville's Diverse Community of Religions*  
Sunday, September 25, 1:00 p.m. – 6 p.m.



**Experience the Hospitality of Different Faith Traditions  
Listen to Clergy and Members from the Muslim, Jewish,  
Christian, Buddhist & Hindu Faiths Share Their Stories  
Learn about the Basic Tenets of Each Faith Tradition as well as  
Teachings on Love & Compassion!**

## **Schedule:**

- 1:00 - 1:30 Reception & Appetizers at the Islamic Center of Nashville  
(2515 12<sup>th</sup> Ave. S.)
- 1:30 - 2:15 Islamic Center of Nashville  
(**Islam: Rashed Fakhruddin**)
- 2:30 - 3:30 Second Presbyterian Church  
(**Christianity: A panel of Christian denominations**)
- 3:45 - 4:30 Sherith Israel  
(**Judaism: Rabbi Saul Strosberg**)
- 4:45 - 5:45 Sri Ganesha Temple  
(**Hinduism: Radha Babu-Reddy & Buddhism by Nat Brown**)

For more information or to register, please contact  
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