

# Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eleven o'clock

September 16, 2018

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

### PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

*God of power and might, be with us in this time of worship. As we seek your presence, meet us here. As we strive to bear your promises that strengthen our lives, help us bear. As we aspire to trust you and serve you with our loving, faithful actions, inspire us. May our lives be filled with your newfound love and purpose. Amen.*

### PRELUDE

### WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alex Evans

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*All are encouraged to sign the Friendship Pad found in the pews.*

*If you are a visitor, please give us your address so that we can contact you.*

### INTROIT

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

*Azmon*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP (said responsively)

We have come, yearning to sense God's Spirit in our lives.

**The Spirit of God is upon us.**

We have come, hungry for God's presence and promises.

**Our God dwells among us, full of grace and truth.**

We have come, striving to be God's people.

**We are God's beloved children, called to be disciples.**

**Let us worship God now and always. Alleluia!**

### \*Hymn 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

*Lasst uns Erfreuen*

### COMMISSIONING OF MINISTRY INTERNS

Alex Lester-Abdalla and Ben Brannan

## THE CHURCH CONFESSES AND SEEKS ASSURANCE

### CALL TO CONFESSION

Ben Brannan

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Merciful God, you know our thoughts before we speak them. You know our hearts' desires and all the issues of our lives. In these moments now, cleanse us with your Spirit; move in our thoughts and through our lives to wash away our deepest worries, our doubts, and our burdens. Whisper your message of grace, especially where we know we have failed you and others. Remind us that you are still working on us, working in us, to bring light and life to our lives. Help us to set aside the darkness, the dread, and, by your grace, move us into your light and life. We believe, O Lord; help our unbelief. Empower us to live as your faithful, loving disciples following Jesus Christ our Lord.**

*(A time of silent confession and personal prayer follows.)*

### RESPONSE (sung twice by all)

**Take, O take me as I am, summon out what I shall be.**

**Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.**

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

The promise of Christ's gospel is this: all who trust God's love, all who open to God's grace and Spirit, all who seek new life in Christ, are forgiven.

**All glory and honor, thanks and praise be to our God. Amen.**

### \*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

tune: *Lasst uns Erfreuen*

**All who for love of God forgive, all who in pain or sorrow grieve,**

**Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Christ bears your burdens and your fears; so even in the midst of tears,**

**Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD'S WORD

### SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Ginger Evans

*Children may depart the sanctuary or remain with parents in the pew.*

### PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Deuteronomy 6:4–9

Pew Bible, p. 143

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

The Heavens Are Telling (from *The Creation*) Joseph Haydn

The heavens are telling the glory of God, the wonder of his work displays the firmament; to day that is coming speaks it the day, the night that is gone to following night. In all the lands resounds the word, never unperceived, ever understood. (based on Psalm 19)

### SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 10:25–28

Pew Bible, p. 844

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### SERMON

*Soul*

Alex Evans

### PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

## THE CHURCH RESPONDS IN FAITH

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

**With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### \*Hymn 70

What Does the Lord Require of You

*Moon*

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Alex Lester-Abdalla

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

### THE LORD'S PRAYER (debits/debtors)

Hymnal, p. 35

### DEDICATION AND CELEBRATION OF THE KITCHEN

### OFFERING OF OUR LIVES

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Take My Life, That I May Be setting: Robert A. Hobby

Marcey Leonard, flute

Take my life, that I may be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my feet and let swift and beautiful for thee. Take my voice and let me sing always, only, for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with messages from thee. Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect, and use ev'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose. Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne. Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself, and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

— Frances Havergal, *alt.*

### \*Doxology

*Tallis' Canon*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all creatures here be-low.  
Praise Ho-ly Spi-rit ev-er-more: one Tri-une God, whom we a-dore.

### \*Prayer of Dedication

### \*Hymn 312

Take Us As We Are, O God

*Endless Feast*

### \*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

A - men. A - men. A - - - - men.

### POSTLUDE

The Heavens Declare God's Glory Benedetto Marcello

## COMMUNITY WORSHIP ENDS — DISCIPLESHIP AND SERVICE BEGIN AGAIN

\* Please stand if you are able.

The flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of  
Carole Moberg Gustafson

### In Our Prayers

*For intercession:* For all who are recovering, in treatment, or in transition; and for all who are facing challenging situations and in need of healing; for Kathryn Lester-Bacon and her family, while Kathryn is on maternity leave.

*Metropolitan Richmond at Prayer:* We pray for schools and educational institutions: For all universities, colleges, seminaries, trade, technical, graduate, and professional schools; for the students, faculty, and staff of these institutions.

## Announcements & Opportunities

Welcome and God's grace to all who gather for worship on this day. May God's grace and presence touch all of our lives as we greet each other, open our hearts in praise to God, sing, pray, listen, and commit our lives again to God's purposes.

If you are visiting, or seeking a church home, we invite you to explore all that happens in the life and ministry in this church. Speak to one of the pastors for more information and be sure to sign the Friendship Pad, which is found in the pew. We invite you to leave us your address, phone number, and/or email so that we might contact you. Also, please be sure to touch base with one of our greeters outside the main door on Fifth Street after worship.

Your children are always welcome at Second Presbyterian Church. We have a wonderful nursery for infants and toddlers available each Sunday.

**Commissioning:** We rejoice in our calling to be a teaching church. Today we commission our Ministry Interns, Alex Lester-Abdalla and Ben Brannan, and we pray God's blessings on us all as we grow in faith, love, and service. Both are final level students at UPSeM. They offer their gifts and energy in the full life of our ministry.

**Kitchen Dedication:** We rejoice in the official completion of the kitchen upgrade, a project of the *Shining the Light* Capital Campaign. We are especially grateful to Ele Bigger, Keith Powers, and Tom Flynn for their devoted oversight of that project.

**This morning,** following worship, the Stewardship Council is sponsoring an Engagement Fair in the Chapel. This is an occasion to learn about the myriad ways that members can be engaged in the life and the ministry of the church: fellowship groups, faith formation opportunities, work groups, classes, mission efforts, and more.

**Sunday Nite Worship Tonight:** This additional service is an alternative worship time and style: informal, with guitar music and lively singing, participatory worship, and communion. Worship will be led by Alex Evans and Ben Brannan; music led by David Wilson, and following worship, conversation about *Labels and Love*. We will watch a video, reflect on scripture, and seek to commit our lives to the ways of discipleship. Come and join us!

**20/30s:** Join the young adults of Second Pres at 12:45 p.m. today for casual lunch at Urban Farmhouse in Scott's Addition. Look for Ben Brannan, one of our pastoral interns. Let's connect with each other and share some ideas for this fall.

**Church School:** Each Sunday at 9:30 a.m.: *Children* meet in the Music Room on the second floor for choir and then Bible-based classes. *Youth* meet in the Youth Suite on the third floor for waffles and a chance to REFRESH! *Adults* can select from four classes: Dining Room Class studying the Book of Job; Bible Study Class exploring the Gospel of John; Faith and Literature Class; and Parents of Young Children, gathering in the Nursery once a month. We hope you will find your place among these options.

**Important Parking Deck Information:** This MAY NOT be the final weekend the deck will be unavailable on Sunday. Repairs are dependent on the weather.

### Upcoming Events

#### September 25 – 27 ~ Amazing Praise 2018

RVA On-line Fundraising Celebration ([www.TheAmazingPraise.org](http://www.TheAmazingPraise.org))  
(AFOI and Boaz & Ruth, 2 of 17 non-profit participants)

#### September 27 ~ 8:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m., at Camp Hanover

Older Adult Ministry Retreat: *Living Life Abundantly with a Gracious God*  
Sally & Keith Johnson, presenters  
Registration deadline: September 20  
[www.presbyteryofthejames.com/older-adult-ministry](http://www.presbyteryofthejames.com/older-adult-ministry)

#### September 30 ~ Second Seniors Potluck Lunch

All seniors invited. Sign Up at the Deacon's Desk.

### This Morning's Worship Assistants

*Lay Reader:* Richard Reynolds  
*Greeters:* David Glover (*atrium*); Mary Sue Donahue (*parking deck*)  
*Visitor Greeters:* Jeff Wells, Sloan White  
*Deacon on Duty:* Rebecca White  
*Fellowship Hour:* Ginger Hudson, Debbie Powers

### Next Week's Assistants

*Lay Reader:* Henry Tenser  
*Greeters:* Don Falls (*atrium*); Phil Hart (*parking deck*)  
*Visitor Greeters:* Patrick McDonnell, Bryan Tims  
*Deacon on Duty:* Mary Millet  
*Fellowship Hour:* Kathy Morgan, Richard Reynolds

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

<b>Today, September 16</b>		<b>Wednesday, September 19</b>	
	<b>Coffee Sales today!</b>	6:30 pm	Bell Choir rehearsal
9:30 am	Church School for all ages	7:00 pm	Choir rehearsal
10:00 am	Choir rehearsal	<b>Sunday, September 23</b>	
11:00 am	Worship	9:30 am	Church School for all ages
12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour & Engagement Fair	10:00 am	Choir rehearsal
12:45 pm	20/30s Lunch	11:00 am	Worship
5:00 pm	Worship Nite	12:15 pm	Fellowship Hour
<b>Monday, September 17</b>		<b>Ongoing Programs</b>	
10:30 am	Walk In Ministry (3 <sup>rd</sup> Monday)	Weekdays	Child Care Center
<b>Tuesday, September 18</b>		Mondays	AA
9:00 am	Parking Deck	Thursdays	Yoga
5:30 pm	Council Chairs	Saturdays	Assisting Families of Inmates
6:00 pm	Session		

### CHURCH STAFF

*Ministers:* All members of the congregation  
*Pastor:* Alex Evans  
*Associate Pastor:* Kathryn Lester-Bacon  
*Director of Christian Education:* Ginger Evans  
*Director of Music:* Jeffrey Riehl  
*Organist:* Michael Simpson  
*Building Administrator:* Rob Fergusson  
*Office Manager:* Dorothy DeJong  
*Administrative Assistant:* Willa Jacob  
*Financial Manager:* Terry Sherman  
*Production Director:* Bo Jacob  
*Parish Associate:* Sam Adams  
*Parish Visitor:* Mary Jane Winter

*Pastor Emeritus:* Ben Sparks  
*UKirk Campus Minister:* Alex Fischer  
*Pastoral Interns:*  
Alex Lester-Abdalla, Ben Brannan  
*Youth Minister:* Mary Grace Reynolds  
*Walk-In Coordinator:* Elva Mapp  
*Child Care Center Director:* Ginger Hudson  
*Sextons:* Kerry Randolph, Chris Adams  
*Security:* Cliff Anderson  
*Mission Co-Workers:*  
Karla Koll, San Jose, Costa Rica  
Cindy Corell, Haiti  
Leslie Vogel, CEDEPCA, Guatemala

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*We welcome all whom God calls into the life, worship, work, and leadership of this church without regard to gender, cultural heritage, skin color, socio-economic status, circumstances, or sexual orientation.*

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WE ARE CALLED  
to be a witness to and for the  
world of the new reality  
that God has made available to  
all people in Jesus Christ.  
We seek to know Christ and to  
make Christ known in  
downtown Richmond and  
throughout the world.

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