

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

The Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eleven O'clock

November 19, 2017

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

Holy God, you keep showing us your faithfulness and compassion. Help us discover in your example the strength and grace we need to live with faithfulness and compassion, in public and in secret, in all the moments of life. Move us closer to that coming reign of peace and hope through Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRELUDE

Allegro Maestoso

Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Alex Evans

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

INTROIT

From the Rising of the Sun

Eric Thiman

*CALL TO WORSHIP *(said responsively)*

Come God. Come walk with your people for you alone are our strength and hope.

And we put our trust in you.

Come God. Come walk behind us, beside us, before us for you alone are our shelter and direction.

And we put our trust in you.

Come God. Come seek and find and put us right for you alone are the light of our darkness.

And we put our trust in you. Come God. We know you are near. We praise and worship you. Alleluia.

*Hymn 643

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun Danket Alle Gott

THE CHURCH CONFESSES AND SEEKS ASSURANCE

CALL TO CONFESSION

Molly Spangler

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

You have told us, O God, what is good: live humbly, give generously, and be rich in compassion. Even still, O God, we fall back into our selfish ways. We have claimed the waters of baptism, but we do not live as redeemed people. We have been covered with grace and sustained all our days, but we have not trusted the depths of your love. Forgive us, loving God. Heal us, guide us, and call us again to love and faithfulness.

A time of silent confession and personal prayer follows.

RESPONSE

Shepherd Me, O God

Hymnal 473

(sing twice)



Shep-herd me, O God, be - yond my wants, be - yond my fears, from death in-to life.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God comes, not to judge us, but to save us.

In humility and honesty, we open our hearts to God.

Friends, believe the good news. In Christ, we have forgiveness and life.

By grace, we are set free – free to love and serve the Lord!

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Nun Danket Alle Gott

I will give thanks to God, Who wondrous gifts has given;

My heart delights to praise The Lord of earth and heaven.

God's justice never fails To rule with equity;

And measures of God's grace Are mine to set me free.

(Words from Michael Morgan, Psalter for Christian Worship, Psalm 9)

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD'S WORD

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Ginger Evans

Children: The Lord be with you here.

People: **The Lord be with you there.**

Children may depart the sanctuary for Godly Play or return to sit with their parents.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 24

Pew Bible, p. 567

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Lord, We Trust in Your Goodness

Felix Mendelssohn

Laura Carr, *mezzo soprano (sung in German)*

*Herr, wir trauen auf deine Güte
Die uns rettet wunderbar,
Singen dir mit frommen Liede,
Dancken freudig immerdar.*

Lord, we trust in your goodness,
That wondrously saves us,
Singing pious songs to you,
Forever thanking joyfully.

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 12:3–12

Pew Bible, p. 922

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Together

Alex Evans

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE CHURCH RESPONDS IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn 378

We Wait the Peaceful Kingdom

Merle's Tune

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Kathryn Lester-Bacon

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor

Welsh Melody

(Text found at Hymn 342)

*Doxology

Glory to God

Hymnal 583



*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 757

Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples

Kingsfold

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE



POSTLUDE

Now Thank We All Our God

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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

The Reverend and Mrs. Russell Cecil
Elizabeth Cecil Scott

In Our Prayers: For all who are recovering, in treatment, or in transition; and for all who are facing challenging situations and in need of healing.

Metropolitan Richmond Cycle of Prayer: We pray for persons in financial need; for healthy marriages; for constructive, safe, and caring households for the bringing up and nurturing of children and caring for the elderly.

Announcements & Opportunities

Welcome and God's grace to all who gather for worship today. Regardless of who you are, or from where you have come, we welcome you and greet one another as we seek to devote our lives as disciples of Christ. We are especially delighted to have visitors with us.

If you are visiting, or seeking a church home, we invite you to explore all that happens in life and ministry in this church. Speak to one of the pastors for more information and be sure to sign the Friendship Register, which is found in the pew. We also invite you to leave us your address, phone number, and/or email that we might contact you.

Your children are always welcome at Second Presbyterian Church. We have a wonderful nursery for infants and toddlers available each Sunday. **The worship service is live-streamed to the Dining Room** which is set up for a place where children of any age can be freer to move about.

Worship Nite Today: This afternoon at 5 p.m. in the Chapel, worship continues in the once-a-month series of worship and enrichment evenings. This is for all ages. Molly Spangler will preach; the Youth Group will meet. Kathryn Lester-Bacon will lead a discussion (5:45-6:15) on the topic "Some Theological Insights from Reading Poetry." A casual dinner follows. All are welcome!

Children's Thanksgiving Offering: This offering will be received during worship. Please make your check payable to **Second Presbyterian Church** and indicate on the check or the envelope provided how you would like your gift applied.

The Nominating Committee appreciates your prayers and suggestions as that group works prayerfully and carefully to put together a slate of names for church officer: deacon, elder, trustee. Forms are available on the Credenza.

Thank you! More than 100 families turned in pledge cards for our 2018 ministry and mission on Dedication Sunday last week. Thanks, too, for those who need a nudge to return your response as we strive to make faithful plans for the new year.

Church School Classes for All Ages: Consider growing in faith and fellowship by attending one of these offerings: Children's Program (1st through 5th grades); Bible Study led by Franklin Reding; *The Pulpit Leads the World: Four Centuries of Preaching in America* led by Beverly Zink-Sawyer; Faith & Literature facilitated by Marjorie Clark; and Christian Parenting (1st Sunday each month) led by Kathryn Lester-Bacon. For more details, please go to the newsletter found on the church's website.

Faith-based Advocacy requires both **action** and **education**. Advocacy priorities at 2nd Presbyterian for 2017-2018 are focusing on refugee, immigrant and health care issues. If you would like to keep abreast of these issues please join our "Advocacy@2ndPres" email list. Send your name and email address to Lucretia McCulley at: lucretia.mcculley@gmail.com.

Second has an active 20/30s group, which gathers for regular potluck suppers, happy hours, book groups, and service projects. If you would like to know more, please contact Kathryn (klester-bacon@2presrichmond.org).

Special Offering ~ Gifts for Cliff: As many of you have heard, Cliff Anderson, sexton, retires on November 30 after 16 years of faithful service to this congregation. We will be accepting financial contributions until November 30. Please put "retirement" on memo line.

Men of the Church: Next meeting is Monday, December 4, at 7 p.m. Watch for more details.

Know a LGBTQ+ young person who might appreciate spiritual fellowship? Molly Spangler and Kathryn Lester-Bacon are coordinating a December gathering for any younger LGBTQ+ folk longing for connection with other religious people. Contact Kathryn or Molly for more information.

Keep current by regularly checking www.2presrichmond.org.

This Morning's Assistants

Lay Reader: Kate Nash

Greeters: Lucretia McCulley (*atrium door*); Sloan White (*parking deck*)

Visitor Greeters: Heather Harvey, Jeff Wells

Deacons on Duty: Peter Fisher, Margaret Wade

Fellowship Hour: Richard Reynolds, Minor Weisiger

Floral Designer: Laura Ann Brooks

Next Week's Assistants

Lay Reader: Lucretia McCulley

Greeters: Henry Tenser (*atrium door*); Steve Allred (*parking deck*)

Visitor Greeter: Carol Graham

Deacons on Duty: Sam Highfill, Emilie Webb

Fellowship Hour: Ginger Hudson, Frank Wagner

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today, November 19 9:30 am Church School for all ages 10:00 am Choir rehearsal 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Fellowship Hour 5:00 pm Worship Nite	Thursday, November 24 ~ Thanksgiving Church office closed
Monday, November 20 10:30 am Walk-In Ministry (3 rd Monday)	Friday, November 25 Church office closed
Tuesday, November 21 8:30 am Trustees' meeting 10:00 am Day Book Group	Sunday, November 26 9:30 am Church School for all ages 10:00 am Choir rehearsal 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Fellowship Hour
	Ongoing Programs Weekdays Child Care Center Mondays AA and Walk-In Thursdays Yoga Saturdays Families of Inmates

CHURCH STAFF

Ministers: All members of the congregation

Pastor: Alex Evans

Associate Pastor: Kathryn Lester-Bacon

Parish Associate: Sam Adams

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

UKirk Campus Minister: Molly Spangler

Youth Ministers: Elizabeth Baril, Alex Lester-Abdalla, Ben Brannan

Walk-In Coordinator: Elva Mapp

Child Care Center Director: Ginger Hudson

Sextons: Kerry Randolph, Cliff Anderson

Production Director: Bo Jacob

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.

