

Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

The Twenty-fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Eleven O'Clock

September 17, 2017

THE CHURCH GATHERS

PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

Teresa of Avila

Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which he looks compassion on this world. Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which he blesses all the world. Yours are the hands, yours are the feet, yours are the eyes, you are his body. Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

PRELUDE

Andante

Felix Mendelssohn

Fugue on BACH

Robert Schumann

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

From the rising of the sun until the going down of the same, the Lord's name be praised.

*CALL TO WORSHIP (*said responsively*)

from Psalm 98

O People of God, this is the day, this is the time:

Sing to the Lord a new song!

O People of God, this is the moment, this is the place:

God has done marvelous things!

O People of God, we gather together and share this good news to the ends of the earth.

Make a joyful noise and sing praises, all Creation.

Today we celebrate the living Lord!

*Hymn 15

All Creatures of Our God and King

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

THE CHURCH CELEBRATES AND DEDICATES

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

based on the Confession of Belbar, 1982

Across the barriers that divide race from race:

Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Across the barriers that divide rich from poor:

Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Across the barriers that divide people of different cultures:

Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Across the barriers that divide Christians:

Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Across the barriers that divide men and women, young and old:

Reconcile us, O Christ, by your cross.

Confront us, O Christ, with the hidden prejudices and fears that deny and betray our prayers.

Enable us to see the causes of strife. Remove from us all signs of supremacy.

Teach us to grow in unity with all God's children

A time of silent confession and personal prayer follows.

RESPONSE

Shepherd Me, O God

Hymnal 473

(The choir will sing the refrain first, and then the congregation is invited to join and sing the refrain again.)



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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

We can trust in the steadfast love of God, who knows us fully, remains with us always, joins us in Jesus Christ, and from whom nothing can separate us.

This is the good news of the gospel. Thanks be to God!

*GRATEFUL RESPONSE

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

May God forever be our peace; may hymns of glory never cease:

Alleluia, alleluia!

Let all the faithful people come; Sing praise to God,

the Three-in-One: Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

And also with you.

(We exchange signs of peace and affirm God's peace in our midst.)

THE CHURCH LISTENS FOR GOD'S WORD

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN

Children are invited to come forward at this time.

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

I Corinthians 1:18–21

Pew Bible, p. 926

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Lord, in Thy Mercy Grant Us Peace

Felix Mendelssohn

Lord, in thy mercy grant us peace throughout all generations; Thou art alone our sword and shield, Lord who dost guide the nations. Defend us, O God, we pray thee.

— Martin Luther; tr. John Rutter

SCRIPTURE READING

John 3:1–21

Pew Bible, p. 863

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

By Night, In Light

Kathryn Lester-Bacon

PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

THE CHURCH RESPONDS IN FAITH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *The Iona Worship Book*

We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire.

We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.

We affirm a faith that takes us beyond a safe place: into action, into vulnerability and onto the streets.

We commit ourselves to work for change and put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen.

*Hymn 373

O Day of Peace

Jerusalem

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Alex Evans

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Bless the Lord, O My Soul

Mikhail Ippolitoff-Ivanov

Bless the Lord, O my soul, blessed art Thou, O Lord; bless the Lord, O my soul, bless the Lord and forget not all His benefits. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. He is gracious and plenteous in mercy. He crowneth thee with loving kindness. He will not always chide, nor keep His wrath, His wrath forever, His wrath forever. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless His holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul.

— Psalm 103:1-4

*Doxology

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

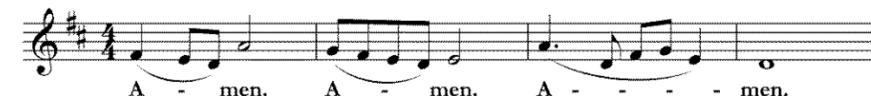
*Prayer of Dedication

*Hymn 821

My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep from Singing

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE



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

POSTLUDE

Allegro

J. S. Bach

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 James Shively*

In Our Prayers

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.

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.

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 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.

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 church is not a building* ... led by Michael Bacon; 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.

New Directories: The directories may be picked up at the Deacon's Desk. Please take only one per family initially to be sure there are enough for each family.

Worship Nite: This afternoon at 5 p.m. in the Chapel, a series of once-a-month Contemporary Worship and enrichment evenings begin. This is for all ages. Sam Adams will preach this month. The Youth Group will meet as well. Alex Evans will lead a discussion (5:45-6:15) on the topic "What About Predestination?" A casual dinner follows. Give it a try!

Seminary for a Day at Union Presbyterian Seminary: On Saturday, September 23, you will have the opportunity to listen to two keynote addresses, attend two workshops led by UPSem professors, and enjoy lunch on the campus. The cost is \$25, which includes lunch. It's a great way to meet up with old friends, make some new ones, and enrich your faith as you learn about some of the areas of interest of the faculty.

Chimborazo Tutors: A potluck dinner will be held on Saturday, September 23, at 6 p.m., at the home of Betty and Greg Dickie (9404 Michelle Place) for those interested in tutoring at Chimborazo Elementary School. The main dish will be provided; please bring a side dish or dessert to share. Spouses are welcome. Please contact Greg Dickie (441-2328 or gregorydickie@comcast.net) for details.

Older Adult Purpose Group Fall Retreat: "Reconciliation and Embracing Aging," September 28, 8:45 a.m. – 3 p.m., at Camp Hanover. You can register online or by mail. Brochures are on the credenza. Deadline is September 22.

Peace and Global Witness Offering will be received on October 1, World Communion Sunday.

Holy Discontent: Faith & Advocacy in Action: You are invited to a workshop sponsored by the Presbytery of the James, on Sunday, October 1, from 2–4 p.m., at Union Presbyterian Seminary. Explore faith-based advocacy with the Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, Director of the PC(USA) Office of Public Witness. Learn about local advocacy efforts with immigrant/refugee issues. We hope to have a good representation from Second Presbyterian. You may register at: <http://tinyurl.com/holy-disc17>.

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

This Morning's Assistants

Lay Reader: Ginger Hudson

Greeters: Julia Carr (*atrium door*); Tom Flynn (*parking deck*)

Sloan White (*visitor greeter*)

Deacons on Duty: Stacey Dendy, Kevin Divins

Coffee Hour: Carol Graham, Nancy Updegrave

Next Week's Assistants

Lay Reader: Don Falls

Greeters: Marjorie Clark (*atrium door*); Katherine Goodpasture (*parking deck*)

Heather Harvey (*visitor greeter*)

Deacons on Duty: Leigh Ann McKelway, Richard Reynolds

Coffee Hour: Sam Highfill, Mary Millet

CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

Today, September 17 9:30 am Church School for all ages 10:00 am Choir rehearsal 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Coffee Hour Deacons meeting Membership meeting 5:00 pm Worship Nite Youth Group	Wednesday, September 20 10:00 am Second Seniors 4:30 pm Property Council 6:00 pm Bell Choir rehearsal 7:30 pm Choir rehearsal Sunday, September 24 9:30 am Church School for all ages 10:00 am Choir rehearsal 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Coffee Hour
Monday, September 18 10:30 am Walk-In Ministry (3 rd Monday)	Ongoing Programs Weekdays Child Care Center Mondays AA and Walk-In Thursdays Yoga Saturdays Families of Inmates
Tuesday, September 19 10:00 am Day Book Group 5:30 pm Council Chairs meeting 6:00 pm Session	

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.



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.

17 September 2017