

NOVEMBER 22, 2020
WORSHIP GUIDE

MEDITATIONS:

What comes to our minds when we think about God is the most important thing about us.

- A. W. Tozer, *The Knowledge of the Holy One*

The old and important gods our ancestors once believed in were, at their best, but imperfect pictures of you, whose strength and goodness and creative majesty and wonderful mystery and love exceed those old rumors as sunlight exceeds the tiny dimness of stars reflected in the dark and wavering pool.

The fairy tales crafted by our old cultures hinted at you, though they knew it not. Yet their perfect princes and blessed ends were yearning for all that has found fulfillment in you.

- Every Moment Holy

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,

and in his word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord

more than watchmen for the morning,

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O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

and with him is plentiful redemption.

And he will redeem Israel

from all his iniquities.

Psalm 130:5-8

Gathering Hymn - *In the Lord I'll be Ever Thankful*

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,

In the Lord I'll rejoice.

Look to God, do not be afraid,

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;

Lift up your voices the Lord is near.

Call to Confession

To the Lord our God belong mercy and forgiveness, for we have rebelled against him
and have not obeyed the voice of the Lord our God by walking in his laws, which he
set before us by his servants the prophets.

Daniel 9:9-10

Confession Hymn - Trisagion

*Holy God
Holy and Mighty
Holy Immortal One
Have mercy, have mercy on us.*

Confession of Sin

O my God, incline your ear and hear. Open your eyes and see our desolations, and the city that is called by your name. For we do not present our pleas before you because of our righteousness, but because of your great mercy. O Lord, hear; O Lord, forgive. O Lord, pay attention and act. Delay not, for your own sake, O my God, because your city and your people are called by your name.

Daniel 9:18-19

Words of Forgiveness & Peace

- ¹¹ For as high as the heavens are above the earth,
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;
¹² as far as the east is from the west,
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.
¹³ As a father shows compassion to his children,
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.

Psalms 103:11-13

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Baptism of Logan Adelaide Weeber

Creed

Let us affirm the faith of the Church:

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The Nicene Creed

Affirmations of the Congregation

**We will surround Logan with a community of love and forgiveness,
that she may grow in her trust of God,
and be found faithful in her service to others.
We will pray for her,
that she may be a true disciple
who walk in the way that leads to life.**

Barocha

*The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face shine upon you,
and give you peace, and give you peace,
and give you peace forever.*

Passing of the Peace

[Invitation for congregation to share a sign of peace with one another]

Hymns of Praise and Adoration -

Glory Be To God

*Glory be to God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Forevermore.*

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness O God my Father
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not,
Thy compassions, they fail not
As Thou hast been Thou forever will be

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest
Sun moon and stars in their courses above
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To Thy great faithfulness mercy and love

(Chorus)

Beginning to end - my life in Your hands
Great, great is Your Faithfulness
You never let go - This one thing I know
Great, great is Your Faithfulness

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine with ten thousand beside

(Chorus 2x)

Great is Thy Faithfulness
Great is Thy Faithfulness
Morning by Morning
New mercies I see
All I have needed
Thy hand has provided
Great is Thy faithfulness
Lord, unto me

Sing to the Lord of Harvest

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;
with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise! By him the rolling seasons
in fruitful order move; sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.

By him the clouds drop fatness, the deserts bloom and spring.
the hills leap up in gladness, the valleys laugh and sing.
He filleth with his fullness all things with large increase;
he crowns the year with goodness, with plenty, and with peace.

Heap on his sacred altar the gifts his goodness gave,
the golden sheaves of harvest, the souls he died to save.
Your hearts lay down before him when at his feet you fall,
and with your lives adore him who gave his life for all.

To God the gracious Father, who made us “very good,”
To Christ, who, when we wandered, restored us with his blood,
And to the Holy Spirit, who doth upon us pour
His blessed dew and sunshine, be praise forevermore.

Living Our Faith

Blessing of the Children

Psalm Reading

Psalm 101:1-4

- 1 I will sing of steadfast love and justice;
to you, O Lord, I will make music.
- 2 I will ponder the way that is blameless.
Oh when will you come to me?
I will walk with integrity of heart
within my house;
- 3 I will not set before my eyes
anything that is worthless.
I hate the work of those who fall away;
it shall not cling to me.
- 4 A perverse heart shall be far from me;
I will know nothing of evil.

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

Daniel 9:20-27

²⁰While I was speaking and praying, confessing my sin and the sin of my people Israel, and presenting my plea before the Lord my God for the holy hill of my God, ²¹while I was speaking in prayer, the man Gabriel, whom I had seen in the vision at the first, came to me in swift flight at the time of the evening sacrifice. ²²He made me understand, speaking with me and saying, "O Daniel, I have now come out to give you insight and understanding. ²³At the beginning of your pleas for mercy a word went out, and I have come to tell it to you, for you are greatly loved. Therefore consider the word and understand the vision.

²⁴"Seventy weeks are decreed about your people and your holy city, to finish the transgression, to put an end to sin, and to atone for iniquity, to bring in everlasting righteousness, to seal both vision and prophet, and to anoint a most holy place. ²⁵Know therefore and understand that from the going out of the word to restore and build Jerusalem to the coming of an anointed one, a prince, there shall be seven weeks. Then for sixty-two weeks it shall be built again with squares and moat, but in a troubled time. ²⁶And after the sixty-two weeks, an anointed one shall be cut off and shall have nothing. And the people of the prince who is to come shall destroy the city and the sanctuary. Its end shall come with a flood, and to the end there shall be war. Desolations are decreed. ²⁷And he shall make a strong covenant with many for one week, and for half of the week he shall put an end to sacrifice and offering. And on the wing of abominations shall come one who makes desolate, until the decreed end is poured out on the desolator."

The Word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

Romans 8:12-15

¹²So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. ¹³For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!"

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Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel according to Acts: **Glory to you, O Lord!**

Acts 2:1-6

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ²And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language.

The Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

Sermon

Pastor Peter Rowan - *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*

Offering of Prayers of the People

*From the love of my own comfort
From the fear of having nothing
From a life of worldly passions
Deliver me O God*

*From the need to be understood
And from a need to be accepted
From the fear of being lonely
**Deliver me O God
Deliver me O God***

*And I shall not want, no, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want*

*From the fear of serving others
Oh, and from the fear of death or trial
And from the fear of humility
**Deliver me O God
Yes, deliver me O God***

**And I shall not want, no, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness I shall not want
No, I shall not want, no, I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness I shall not want
When I taste Your goodness I shall not want
I shall not want
I shall not want**

Offering of gifts and prayer

Doxology

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly hosts,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

Friends and members of Second City Church support the extension of God's Kingdom with gifts of bread, wine, talents and resources. Guests are not expected to contribute. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering boxes on the wall as you leave, or can be made electronically. Instructions for setting up online giving are available at the donation boxes.

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation

The Lord be with you.**And also with you.**Lift up your hearts.**We lift them up to the Lord.**Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.**It is right for us to give thanks and praise.**

Praise God for His Mighty Acts

It is our privilege and our joy to give you thanks and praise, Lord God, because you created all things in order to dwell in covenant love with your people. When that covenant was broken, you promised to make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah, in which you would put your law within them and write in on their hearts; you would be their God, and they would be your people. They would all know you, from the least of them to the greatest; for you would forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more. In the body and blood of Jesus you made that new covenant, and in his death and resurrection we are bound to you and you to us for evermore. And so we join with the company of heaven in the song of your everlasting glory:

Sanctus - Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

*Holy, holy, Holy Lord God of power and might
Heaven and earth, heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he, blessed is he, who comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.*

Praise for Christ's Sacrifice

Let us proclaim the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Calling on the Holy Spirit and Lord's Prayer

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us:

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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Invitation to the Table

These are the gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him by faith with thanksgiving.

Second City Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ in a Christian church to join us in this sacrament. Non-communicants can come forward and ask for a blessing. If you need to receive communion in your seat, ask a fellow worshiper to let the communion servers know. If you are unable to receive wine, you will find a chalice containing non-alcoholic grape juice at the station the pastor is serving. The communion bread is gluten-free.

Closing Prayer

Benediction

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

- 2 Corinthians 13:14

Closing Hymn - We Are Not Overcome

*Flesh will fail and bones will break
thieves will steal, the earth will shake
Night will fall, the light will fade
The Lord will give and take away*

*Because of His great Love
We are not overcome
Because of His great Love
We are not overcome*

*Put no trust in the earth
in the sod you stand upon
Flowers fade into dust
The Lord will make a place for us*

*Because of His great Love
We are not overcome
Because of His great Love
We are not overcome*

*Have no fear for your life
Turn your cheek, turn your cheek
Bear the yoke of love and death
The Lord will give all life and breath*

*Because of His great Love
We are not overcome
Because of His great Love
We are not overcome*

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord!

Amen

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Decorating the Church

Next Sunday, November 29th, please plan to stay after the service and help us to decorate the church for the Christmas season. Please wear your masks. We will provide pizza. If we have to cancel this event for any reason, we will let everyone know in advance.

Monday Morning Breakfasts

There will not be anymore breakfasts for the remainder of this year.

Ladies Bible Study

The last Bible study for this year will be held via ZOOM on Wednesday, December 2nd from 7-9 PM.

Revelation Bible Study

Not meeting this Thursday evening, November 26th (Thanksgiving Holiday)

The final meeting for this year will be held on Thursday, December 3rd via Zoom.

Paxton Ministries Christmas Gifts

Please consider providing a gift for the residents of Paxton Ministries. A list of gift ideas is posted on the bulletin board outside the sanctuary and on the first floor bulletin board as well. All gifts must be brought to the church no later than Sunday, December 13th. Please direct all questions to Cindy Russo in the church office at office@secondcitychurch.org or (717)232-0604.

Birthdays this week:

Wednesday, November 25th

Dawn Pope

PRAYER REQUESTS:

Please pray for Mary Watt's and her family. Mary's daughter and her family live in Elizabethtown and many of them are sick due to the Coronavirus. Mary is understandably very concerned about them and hasn't seen them for several months. Please pray that they would all make a complete recovery. Please pray for Mary as she is separated from those she loves and holds so dear.

Please continue to pray for Elaine and Gordon Zubrod and Bill Orner.

Please pray for the staff and residents of Paxton Ministries who are once again on lock down because of the rise in the Corona virus cases. This means they will not be able to go with their families for Thanksgiving or Christmas. Some of the residents are very depressed. Please keep them in your prayers.

Please pray for those in our church family who are elderly and/or immunocompromised that they would not contract the coronavirus.

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Pray for the residents and staff at Messiah Lifeways. They recently experienced an increase in Corona virus cases in their skilled care unit. Our own Dotti Roden resides at Messiah Lifeways but not in the skilled care unit. Please keep Dotti and our other older members close in your prayers that they would not contract the virus.

Please pray for Andy Phillips and all the staff and children at Logos Harrisburg. The school was forced to shut down this past week. They are hoping to bring the children back to school after Thanksgiving but will need to reevaluate at that time. Pray for Andy as he makes difficult decisions concerning the students and the staff.