



A Community of Grace
November 20, 2022
Twenty-Fourth Sunday of Trinitytide



MEDITATION

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*

Readings for the coming week

These readings are provided as a personal, family, or group worship resource. Use them along with your worship guide as resources for readings, prayers and hymns. Set in the Revised Common Lectionary (RCL), a schedule of daily Bible readings in accord with the Church year, these scripture readings are designed around a three-year cycle that will take you through the Old Testament once, the New Testament twice, and the Psalms frequently.

	Psalm	Old Testament	New Testament
Monday October 31st	Psalm 117	Jeremiah 30:1-7	Revelation 21:5-27
Tuesday November 1st	Psalm 117	Jeremiah 30:18-24	Revelation 22:8-21
Wednesday the 2nd	Psalm 117	Jeremiah 31:1-6	Luke 1:1-4
Thursday, the 3rd	Psalm 122	Daniel 9:15-19	James 4:1-10
Friday the 4th	Psalm 122	Genesis 6:1-10	Hebrews 11:1-7
Saturday the 5th	Psalm 122	Genesis 6:11-22	Matthew 24:1-22

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WELCOME

***Second City Church is a community that exists
to worship the Triune God
and to celebrate, in word and deed,
the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Harrisburg.***

Thank you for joining us in worship today. We hope this guide will help you participate in our service. If you have any questions about our worship, faith, or how you can be a part of our mission to serve God and neighbor in Harrisburg, be sure to talk to our pastor. If you would like to indicate your presence to us, please fill out the form on the back page of this bulletin and place it in the offering plate.

For Parents:

Children of all ages are welcome to remain with us as we worship. We like the noise; it helps us remember we are alive. The following services are available for you and your children to get the most out of your time of worship:

Infant & Toddler Care

Infant and toddler care is available on the first floor of the east wing of our building. Ask one of our greeters if you need help locating this room. Nursery staff are well-trained, have undergone required background checks, and will maintain a safe environment for your child(ren). Ask the nursery workers for a copy of our policies for more information.



LITURGY OF PREPARATION

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Worthy is the Lord our God,

To receive glory and honor and power.

- Revelation 4:11

Lift up your heads, O you gates;

**be lifted up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The Lord strong and mighty,
the Lord mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O you gates;

**lift them up, you ancient doors,
that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is he, this King of glory?

**The Lord Almighty—
he is the King of glory.**

- Psalm 24

Gathering Hymn - Come Ye Thankful People Come

Come, ye thankful people, come
Raise the song of harvest home
All is safely gathered in
Ere the winter storms begin
God our Maker doth provide
For our wants to be supplied
Come to God's own temple, come
Raise the song of harvest home

All the world is God's own field
Fruit in thankful praise to yield
Wheat and tares together sown
Unto joy or sorrow grown
First the blade and then the ear
Then the full corn shall appear
Lord of harvest, grant that we
Wholesome grain and pure may be

For the Lord our God shall come
And shall take the harvest home
From the field shall in that day
All offenses purge away
Give the angels charge at last
In the fire the tares to cast
But the fruitful ears to store
In God's temple evermore

Even so, Lord, quickly come
To thy final harvest home
Gather Thou Thy people in
Free from sorrow, free from sin
There, forever purified
In Thy presence to abide
Come, with all Thine angels, come
Raise the glorious harvest home

Confession Hymn - Kyrie

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God
Have mercy on me a sinner
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God
Have mercy on me a sinner

Kyrie Eleison
Lord Jesus Christ
Kyrie Eleison
Have mercy on me a sinner
Have mercy on me a sinner

Confession of Sin

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him and are slow to acknowledge his rule. We give allegiance to the powers of this world and fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us. Raise us to acclaim him as ruler of all, that we may be loyal ambassadors, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Words of Forgiveness & Peace

For by grace you have been saved through faith. And this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God, not a result of works, so that no one may boast. ¹⁰ For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them.

Ephesians 2:8-10

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

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

Hymns of Praise and Adoration

O God Beyond All Praising

O God beyond all praising
we worship you today
and sing the love amazing
that songs cannot repay
for we can only wonder
at every gift you send
at blessings without number
and mercies without end
we lift our hearts before you
and wait upon your word
we honor and adore you
our great and mighty Lord

Then hear, O gracious Savior
accept the love we bring
that we who know your favor
may serve you as our king
and whether our tomorrows
be filled with good or ill
we'll triumph through our sorrows
and rise to bless you still
to marvel at your beauty
and glory in your ways
and make a joyful duty
our sacrifice of praise

O Worship The King

O worship the King
all glorious above
And gratefully sing
His power and His love
Our Shield and Defender
The Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor
And girded with praise

O tell of His might
O sing of His grace
Whose robe is the light
Whose canopy space
Whose chariots of wrath
The deep thunderclouds form
And dark is His path
On the wings of the storm

Thy bountiful care
What tongue can recite
It breathes in the air
It shines in the light
It streams from the hills
It descends to the plain
And sweetly distills
In the dew and the rain

Frail children of dust
And feeble as frail
In Thee do we trust
Nor find Thee to fail
Thy mercies how tender
How firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender
Redeemer, and Friend

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 Christ 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 dews and sunshine
Be praise forevermore



LITURGY OF THE WORD

Living Our Faith

Psalm Reading

Psalm 117

Praise the Lord, all nations!

Extol him, all peoples!

- ² For great is his steadfast love toward us,
and the faithfulness of the Lord endures forever.
Praise the Lord!

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

Nehemiah 13:1-31

On that day they read from the Book of Moses in the hearing of the people. And in it was found written that no Ammonite or Moabite should ever enter the assembly of God, ² for they did not meet the people of Israel with bread and water, but hired Balaam against them to curse them—yet our God turned the curse into a blessing. ³ As soon as the people heard the law, they separated from Israel all those of foreign descent.

⁴ Now before this, Eliashib the priest, who was appointed over the chambers of the house of our God, and who was related to Tobiah, ⁵ prepared for Tobiah a large chamber where they had previously put the grain offering, the frankincense, the vessels, and the tithes of grain, wine, and oil, which were given by commandment to the Levites, singers, and gatekeepers, and the contributions for the priests. ⁶ While this was taking place, I was not in Jerusalem, for in the thirty-second year of Artaxerxes king of Babylon I went to the king. And after some time I asked leave of the king ⁷ and came to Jerusalem, and I then discovered the evil that Eliashib had done for Tobiah, preparing for him a chamber in the courts of the house of God. ⁸ And I was very angry, and I threw all the household furniture of Tobiah out

of the chamber. ⁹ Then I gave orders, and they cleansed the chambers, and I brought back there the vessels of the house of God, with the grain offering and the frankincense.

¹⁰ I also found out that the portions of the Levites had not been given to them, so that the Levites and the singers, who did the work, had fled each to his field. ¹¹ So I confronted the officials and said, "Why is the house of God forsaken?" And I gathered them together and set them in their stations. ¹² Then all Judah brought the tithe of the grain, wine, and oil into the storehouses. ¹³ And I appointed as treasurers over the storehouses Shelemiah the priest, Zadok the scribe, and Pedaiah of the Levites, and as their assistant Hanan the son of Zaccur, son of Mattaniah, for they were considered reliable, and their duty was to distribute to their brothers. ¹⁴ Remember me, O my God, concerning this, and do not wipe out my good deeds that I have done for the house of my God and for his service.

¹⁵ In those days I saw in Judah people treading winepresses on the Sabbath, and bringing in heaps of grain and loading them on donkeys, and also wine, grapes, figs, and all kinds of loads, which they brought into Jerusalem on the Sabbath day. And I warned them on the day when they sold food. ¹⁶ Tyrians also, who lived in the city, brought in fish and all kinds of goods and sold them on the Sabbath to the people of Judah, in Jerusalem itself! ¹⁷ Then I confronted the nobles of Judah and said to them, "What is this evil thing that you are doing, profaning the Sabbath day? ¹⁸ Did not your fathers act in this way, and did not our God bring all this disaster on us and on this city? Now you are bringing more wrath on Israel by profaning the Sabbath."

¹⁹ As soon as it began to grow dark at the gates of Jerusalem before the Sabbath, I commanded that the doors should be shut and gave orders that they should not be opened until after the Sabbath. And I stationed some of my servants at the gates, that no load might be brought in on the Sabbath day. ²⁰ Then the merchants and sellers of all kinds of wares lodged outside Jerusalem once or twice. ²¹ But I warned them and said to them, "Why do you lodge outside the wall? If you do so again, I will lay hands on you." From that time on they did not come on the Sabbath. ²² Then I commanded the Levites that they should purify themselves and come and guard the gates, to keep the Sabbath day holy. Remember this also in my favor, O my God, and spare me according to the greatness of your steadfast love.

²³ In those days also I saw the Jews who had married women of Ashdod, Ammon, and Moab. ²⁴ And half of their children spoke the language of Ashdod, and they could not speak the language of Judah, but only the language of each people. ²⁵ And I confronted them and cursed them and beat some of them and pulled out their hair. And I made them take an oath in the name of God, saying, "You shall not give your daughters to their sons, or take their daughters for your sons or for yourselves. ²⁶ Did not Solomon king of Israel sin on account of such women? Among the many nations there was no king like him, and he was beloved by his God, and God made him king over all Israel. Nevertheless, foreign women made even him to sin. ²⁷ Shall we then listen to you and do all this great evil and act treacherously against our God by marrying foreign women?"

²⁸ And one of the sons of Jehoiada, the son of Eliashib the high priest, was the son-in-law of Sanballat the Horonite. Therefore I chased him from me. ²⁹ Remember them, O my God, because they have desecrated the priesthood and the covenant of the priesthood and the Levites.

³⁰ Thus I cleansed them from everything foreign, and I established the duties of the priests and Levites, each in his work; ³¹ and I provided for the wood offering at appointed times, and for the firstfruits.

Remember me, O my God, for good.

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

Ephesians 4:1-6

I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ² with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³ eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴ There is one body and one Spirit—just as you were called to the one hope that belongs to your call— ⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark:

Glory to you, O Lord!

Mark 2:27-28

²⁷ And he said to them, “The Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. ²⁸ So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Peter Rowan - *A Community of Grace*

Creed

Let us affirm the faith of the Church:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

I believe in Jesus Christ,

his only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried;

he descended into hell;

on the third day he rose again from the dead;

he ascended to heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;

from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

- *The Apostles' Creed*

Offering of Prayers of the People

Remember, O Lord,
this city where we dwell
and every other city and country,
and all the faithful who dwell in them.
Remember, O Lord,
all who travel by land or water,
all who labor under sickness or slavery.
Remember them, and give them health and safety.
Remember, O Lord, all in your Holy Church
who bring forth good fruit,
are rich in good works and remember the poor.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others. . . .

Grant your mercy and loving-kindness to us all,
and grant that we may praise and glorify your great and glorious name
with one mouth and one heart;
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

Offering of Gifts

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 plates, boxes on the wall as you leave, or can be made electronically. Instructions for setting up online giving are available at the donation boxes.

Doxology

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



LITURGY OF THE TABLE

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

Glory and dominion be to you, Lord God, for your Word was alive at creation, is present in the power of your Spirit, and will come in glory on the last day. You made with the house of David an everlasting covenant, and your goodness is like the sun on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on a grassy land. You sent Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and ruler of the kings of the earth. He freed us from our sins by his blood and made us to be a kingdom of priests serving you forever. And so with all the company of heaven, we rejoice to sing your praise.

Sanctus

Holy, holy holy Lord
God of power and might
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He who Comes in the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the highest!

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament.

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

Christ, our Passover Lamb, has been sacrificed for us once for all upon the cross!

Therefore, let us keep the feast!

Sharing Holy Communion

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

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time, with one accord to make our common supplications to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will grant their requests: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. Amen.

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 - Joy of Jesus

May the grace of my God be with you
May the grace of my God be with you
May you know the grace of my God
And may the grace of my God be with you

May the love of my Lord be with you
May the love of my Lord be with you
And may you know the love of my Lord
And may the love of my Lord be with you

And may you dance and laugh and sing
May you know the warmth of His embrace
May you feel the brush of angel wings
Like the wind upon your face

May the joy of Jesus be with you
May the joy of Jesus be with you
May you know the joy of Jesus
And may the joy of Jesus be with you

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Amen.



ALTAR FLOWERS, ANNOUNCEMENTS & PRAYER REQUESTS

The Altar Flowers today are given as a reminder to pray for our brother's and sister's at Paxton Ministries. We're so thankful for that community!

Harrisburg Community Group continues to meet Monday evenings from 8-9:30. If you are interested in joining or learning more, please reach out to Jed Stalker (jedidiah.ps@gmail.com) or David Kemper (kempernicus@gmail.com).

Thanksgiving Gathering is TODAY, November 20th at 5pm. Please bring a side dish or salad to share along with your favorite Thanksgiving dessert!

Moving back to Sanctuary for Worship - Starting November 27, the first Sunday in Advent, we will be worshipping in our sanctuary. Please plan to stick around Nov 20th to help us move many of the tech and worship objects that we use in worship.

Mark Your Calendar

-Moving back to the Sanctuary, **November 27**.

Prayer Requests

Bill Orner

Please continue to hold Bill Orner in prayer. His is rapidly declining. Please pray for wisdom for those caring for him and for peace for his family in this time.

Chuck Bagley

Please continue to pray for Chuck as he awaits a kidney transplant. Please pray that a healthy match is found soon and pray that Chuck does not become discouraged as he waits. Please also pray for Michelle, Chuck's wife as they navigate all of this together.



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