

THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP
4th Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 29, 2012

*PLEASE NOTE: Wheelchairs are welcome in any aisle of the church.
Large print bulletins and hymnals as well as wireless hearing devices
are available from the ushers as needed.*

+ GATHER IN GOD'S NAME +

The Prelude PRAISE YE THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY Johann G. Walther

*The prelude is a time **silently** to prepare yourself for worship with prayer and meditation. You are encouraged to read over the words of the Scripture passages, the words of the hymns and the prayers for the service in order that you can participate fully in worship.*

The Opening Sentences

As Jesus astonished the people of Galilee
with his teaching and the miracle of healing,
so he works among us:
amazing us with undeserved grace,
surprising us with unexpected joy,
and freeing us to live each day with purpose.

Let us respond with hymns of praise
and prayers of thanksgiving.

***The Hymn #482** PRAISE YE THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY Lobe Den Herren

The Welcome and News of Congregational Life

Visitors and members are asked to sign the Ministry of Friendship Book, including address and phone number, and pass it back to the center aisle. If you would like to receive the weekly E-pistle from the pastor, include your email address. If you are looking for a church home, you may talk with the pastor following the service.

*You may fill out a **yellow card** with your prayer requests and place it in the collection plate during the Offering. The prayer requests will be included in the Prayers of the People later in the service.*

The Call to Confession

The Prayer of Confession

**Loving God, Source of Life,
forgive our lack of faith in you
and our dependence on the things of this world.
Heal our diseases and wash away our sin.
Free us from every desire that binds us
and makes us less than you created us to be.
Help us seek your love—
a love that frees us and makes us whole.
In the name of Jesus. Amen.**

The Assurance of Pardon

As the assurance of pardon is proclaimed, water will be poured into the font as a reminder that it is through the waters of baptism that God's boundless grace is offered to us. The assurance will end with the words:

Hear and believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

***The Response**

Azmon

**Christ breaks the power of reigning sin,
And sets the prisoner free:
His love releases all that binds.
'Tis life, and health, and peace.**

A Minute for Mission

Jay Summerville

The Prayer for Illumination

Praise the Lord!

**I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
Great are the works of the Lord, studied by all who delight in them.
Full of honor and majesty is God's work,
and God's righteousness endures forever.**

God has gained renown by wonderful deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.
God provides food for those who fear God;
God is ever mindful of God's covenant.

**God has shown the people the power of God's works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
The works of God's hands are faithful and just;
all God's precepts are trustworthy.
They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.**

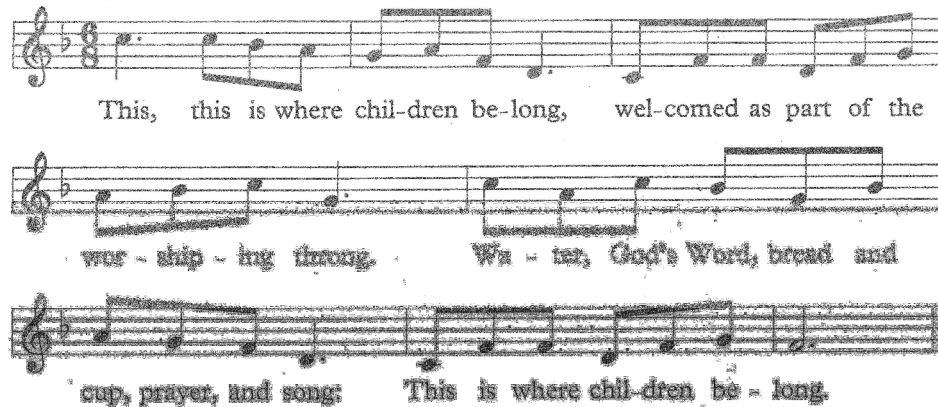
God sent redemption to God's people;
God has commanded God's covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is God's name.
The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
God's praise endures forever.

The Word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God!

+ PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD +

A Sacred Space for Children

As the music begins and the congregation sings, the children are invited to come forward for sacred space.



This, this is where chil-dren be-long, wel-comed as part of the
wor-ship-ing throng. We - ter, God's Word, bread and
cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be - long.

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*Children, **kindergarten and younger**, are invited to go to the Activity Room after Sacred Space. Older children are encouraged to remain with the community at worship.*

The Children's Recessional

Tallis' Canon

**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way
Through this and every coming day,
That in Your Spirit strong and true
Our lives may be our gift to you.**

The Anthem I WANT TO WALK AS A CHILD OF THE LIGHT Kathleen Thomerson

I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to follow Jesus.
God set the stars to give light to the world. The star of my life is Jesus.
In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I want to see the brightness of God. I want to look at Jesus.
Clear sun of righteousness, shine on my path, and show me the way to the
Father.
In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

I'm looking for the coming of Christ. I want to be with Jesus.
When we have run with patience the race, we shall know the joy of Jesus.
In Him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

-Kathleen Thomerson

The Gospel Reading

Mark 1:21-28

They went to Capernaum; and when the sabbath came, he entered the synagogue and taught. They were astounded at his teaching, for he taught them as one having authority, and not as the scribes. Just then there was in their synagogue a man with an unclean spirit, and he cried out, "What have you to do with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Have you come to destroy us? I know who you are, the Holy One of God." But Jesus rebuked him, saying, "Be silent, and come out of him!" And the unclean spirit, convulsing him and crying with a loud voice, came out of him. They were all amazed, and they kept on asking one another, "What is this? A new teaching—with authority! He commands even the unclean spirits, and they obey him." At once his fame began to spread throughout the surrounding region of Galilee.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

The Sermon

THE EXORCIST

Mary Gene Boteler

+ RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD +

***The Hymn #380**

O CHRIST, THE HEALER

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***The Affirmation of Faith**

A Declaration of Faith, Chp. 4(3)

**Jesus Christ overthrew evil powers that enslaved and degraded people,
yet he made no use of power to protect himself.
He healed those who were sick in body and mind,
yet he did not avoid pain and suffering for himself.
He commanded his followers to place loyalty to him
above loyalty to family and country,
yet he lived among them as a servant.**

**Jesus taught with authority,
challenging many time-honored customs and ideas,
yet he submitted to humiliation and death,
without a word on his behalf.**

**We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority.
He did what only God can do.
We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness.
When he lived as a servant and went humbly to his death
the greatness that belongs only to God was manifest.**

**In both his majesty and lowliness
Jesus is God-with-us.**

The Call to Commitment and Offering

*As many of us contribute electronically or by a check in the mail, your holding
and passing the offering plate is an act of blessing and dedication to our life
together in Jesus Christ.*

With gratitude and gladness, we give out of the gifts we have been given.



The Offertory**HOW FIRM A FOUNDATION**

arr. Richard Walters

How firm a foundation, ye saints of the Lord,
Is laid for your faith in his excellent word!
What more can he say than to you he hath said,
To you who for refuge to Jesus have fled?

Fear not I am with thee, oh be not dismayed,
For I am thy God and will still give thee aid.
I'll strengthen thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
Upheld by my righteous omnipotent hand.

When through the deep waters I call thee to go,
The rivers of woe shall not thee overflow;
For I will be near thee, thy troubles to bless,
And sanctify to thee thy deepest distress.

The soul that on Jesus hath leaned for repose
I will not, I will not desert to his foes,
That soul, though all hell should endeavor to shake,
I'll never, no never,
No never forsake.

-A Selection of Hymns, 1787

***The Response**

Toulon

**Lord, of all good, our gifts we bring to You:
Use them Your holy purpose to fulfill;
Tokens of love and pledges brought anew,
That our whole life is offered to Your will.**

The Prayers of the People**The Lord's Prayer**

**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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen**

+GO IN GOD'S NAME+

***The Hymn #336**

AS A CHALICE CAST OF GOLD

Inward Light

stanza 1: choir

stanzas 2-4: all

The text for this hymn was written by Thomas H. Troeger in 1984. Troeger has 8 hymns in our hymnal and will be the 2015 Pfautch lecturer.

***The Charge and Benediction**

***The Sharing of the Peace of Christ**

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***The Postlude**

THOU ART THE ROCK

Henri Mulet

You are invited to join with those who remain in the Sanctuary to hear the Postlude. You are also invited to Niccolls Hall for coffee and an opportunity to visit. Recycling boxes are placed in the Session Room and Narthex for your used Bulletin.

Liturgist

Josh Brettman

Soloist

Paul Robinson

Ushers

Chuck Miller, Nancy Quigley, Deb Maltby, David Maltby

Childcare

Andrea Cochran

**Congregational Meeting and Potluck Luncheon
TODAY**

Following worship the congregation will gather in the Dining Room to review the work of the church in 2011 and to elect officers.

Sunday, January 29

- 9:30am Christian Forum – Portrait Lounge -1st Floor
Dr. Frank C. Flinn, Rtd Adj. Prof. of Religious Studies at Washington Univ., continues the discussion on "Looking at Genesis Today."
- 9:30am Adult Bible Study – Niccolls Hall – 1st Floor
Matthew 27: 45-66
- 9:30am Children’s Sunday School – Activity Room – 1st Floor
- 10:10am Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary – 1st Floor
- 11:00am Worship – Sanctuary - 1st Floor
- 12:15pm Annual Congregational Meeting and Potluck Luncheon – Dining Room
– Lower Level

Monday, January 30

- 9:00am Staff and Volunteer Morning Prayer – Office – 2nd Floor

Tuesday, January 31

- 9:00am Staff and Volunteer Morning Prayer – Office – 2nd Floor
- 2:00pm Capital Campaign Management Team Meeting
- 5:30pm Capital Campaign Team Leader Training – Dining Room – Lower
Level
- 7:00pm Capital Campaign Volunteer Organizational Meeting – Dining
Room – Lower Level**

Wednesday, February 1

- 9:00am Staff and Volunteer Morning Prayer – Office – 2nd Floor
- 11:30am Staff Meeting – Conference Room – 2nd Floor
- 6:15pm Handbells Rehearsal – Handbells Room – 2nd Floor
- 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal – Niccolls Hall – 1st Floor

Thursday, February 2

- 9:00am Staff and Volunteer Morning Prayer – Office – 2nd Floor

Friday, February 3

- 9:00am Staff and Volunteer Morning Prayer – Office – 2nd Floor

Saturday, February 4

- 10:00am Good Ground Pantry

Sunday, February 5 – Souper Bowl of Sharing

- 9:30am Christian Forum – Portrait Lounge -1st Floor
Saints in the Wilderness: Spirituality & Backpacking
- 9:30am Adult Bible Study – Niccolls Hall – 1st Floor
Matthew 28
- 9:30am Children’s Sunday School – Activity Room – 1st Floor
- 9:45am Come & Consider Class – Skinner Suite – 2nd Floor
- 10:10am Choir Rehearsal – Sanctuary – 1st Floor
- 11:00am Worship – Sanctuary - 1st Floor
- 12:15pm Fellowship – Niccolls Hall – 1st Floor
- 12:15pm 2nd Generation/s/ Lunch – Upper Room – 2nd Floor
- 12:15pm Valentine Making – Activity Room – 1st Floor
- 2:00pm Bach Society Young Artists Concert – Sanctuary – 1st Floor

2012 CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
VOLUNTEER ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31, 7:00 PM
CHURCH DINING ROOM

You are invited to be an important part of the future of Second Presbyterian Church by providing leadership for the 2012 Capital Campaign.

Please volunteer to join one of the planning teams and commit to 3-4 meetings between now and the end of May. EVERYONE has a role to play in a successful campaign!

If you cannot attend the January 31st meeting and still want to be involved, let the church office know by calling 314-367-0366.



Project COPE

Project COPE is in the running for a Monsanto grant, but our success depends on voting by the public. Anybody in the community can vote once per day for the duration of the contest -- and it's free and easy to do. (The last day to vote is Sunday, January 29.) Just go to stlgrown.com and hit the "vote" icon. You'll be directed to a page with a number of non-profits. Search for "Project COPE" and click on it. You're done! We would deeply appreciate it.

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***Considering membership?
Want to know more about Second Church?***

COME AND CONSIDER....

**February 5, 12, 19 and 26
9:45 am in the Skinner Suite**

The winter Come and Consider Class, being formed for those who are considering membership at Second Presbyterian, will be held at 9:45am in the Skinner Suite on Sunday mornings in February.

These classes will give those considering membership the opportunity to meet and share with our church leaders, learn about our ministries and mission programs, and ask questions concerning what it means to become a member of Second Presbyterian. It also affords those attending the opportunity to become acquainted with others who are considering membership.

Those who wish to become members will be received by our Session on Sunday, February 26.

New members will be presented to the congregation on Sunday, March 4 when their new membership will be celebrated by the congregation during worship and at a reception following worship.

For more information, call Rev. Don Cochran (314.795.7104).

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Souper Bowl of Caring

Join the fun on **Sunday, February 5th**, Super Bowl Sunday, to support Good Ground Pantry. Bring cans of soup to worship that day and place them in the box of the team you think will win the Super Bowl that evening. Boxes labeled for the New England Patriots and the New York Giants will be located in the Narthex and Memorial Hall.



A Super Bowl Sunday prayer inspired a group of young people (at a Presbyterian Church in South Carolina) to do something more than celebrate a football game. They created the *Souper Bowl of Caring* in 1990. For more info, visit www.souperbowl.org

Christian Forum

Sundays in February - 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. in the Portrait Lounge

Saints in the Wilderness: Spirituality & Backpacking

Belden Lane, Professor of Theological Studies at Saint Louis University and an avid backpacker and storyteller, will lead the Christian Forum discussions during the month of February at 9:30 a.m. each Sunday in the Portrait Lounge.

Reading spiritual classics in an Ozark wilderness offers a different take on the truths they convey. Drawing on years of solo backpacking trips along Missouri trails, Belden Lane reflects on the dimensions of a “wilderness spirituality” that may be relevant to all of us. Topics will include the reading of Columba of Iona on “venturing out: in the Irish Wilderness,” Dag Hammarskjöld on “traveling light” in Gunstock Hollow, and Thich Nhat Hanh on “mindfulness” in Moonshine Hollow.

Bach Society Young Artists Concert

The Young Artists from the Bach Society of St. Louis will present a recital of Arias and Artsongs at Second Presbyterian Church on Sunday, February 5 at 2:00 pm. Stephanie Ann Ball, Erin Haupt, Joshua Stanton, and Tom W. Sitzler along with accompanist Sandra Geary will perform works from Bach's *St. Matthew Passion*, *Christmas Oratorio*, *Mass in B minor* and Rossini's *Stabat Mater* as well as arias by Mozart, Verdi and Tchaikovsky. The program also includes pieces by Mahler and Tosti as well as spirituals. The recital is free and open to the public.

♥ Valentines!! What fun?! ♥

Roses are Red,
Violets are Blue
We are planning a fun time
for all of you.

Doilies, ribbons, hearts, markers, stickers, poems, and riddles. . .

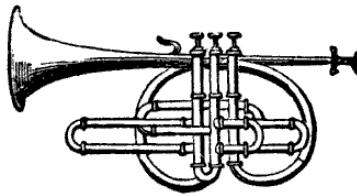
What a great opportunity to get to know and spend some time with some 2PCers you may not know yet. We are inviting all of you to join in making valentines to be delivered to house bound members, residents at Mary Ryder, and other special friends.

There will be yummy sandwiches and fresh fruit for lunch and all the fancies you might desire to make your own amazing valentine creations.

All of you are welcome and encouraged to join in . . .

Sunday February 5

directly after church in the activity room and adjoining workroom.



Sunday Afternoon
February 12, 4:00 pm

Cornet Chop Suey Jazz Band

The seven-member band plays jazz, swing, blues and more.

Check out their website and get a preview of their music.
www.cornetchopsuey.com

Get a preview of their performance at
www.youtube.com/watch?v=QX5m0nZAz1M
(Sheldon Concert Hall)

Second Presbyterian Church
4501 Westminster Place

Free and open to the public
Childcare provided with reservation by February 8
314.367.0367

Payday Loan Petitions

Nancy Quigley will be collecting signatures again after church today and on February 5. Supported by MCU, these petitions request that a cap of 36% on payday loans be brought to a vote in November, in an effort to reform predatory lending. Registered voters from the city and county may sign. If you didn't sign last week, please take the opportunity to sign today or next week. Your enthusiastic response was appreciated.

If anyone in the congregation is interested in circulating his/her own petitions, please let Nancy know or contact Stacey Sickler at MCU: 367-3484 or stacey@mcustl.com.

Renovation Journey

Second Church is called to be a steward of great beauty and a steward of great pain. In the midst of our calling to renew human life and dignity, we also have the challenge of maintaining and renovating this historic building. A task force is hard at work, and the Session has plans to refurbish the sanctuary during the summer of 2012.

Women's Spiritual Retreat

Please join the women of Second Church at the Women's Spiritual Retreat at Toddhall Retreat Center. The retreat is titled Our Spiritual Journey and is open to women of every age at Second Presbyterian Church. Through conversation and meditation we will focus on our own religious journey and how our relationship with God has grown and changed throughout our lives. The retreat will be facilitated by Rev. Julie March, parish associate. Enjoy fellowship, relaxation, exercise, discussion and meditation for two days in a beautiful bucolic retreat center in Colombia, IL. The cost of the retreat is \$100 per person and includes four meals, one night's lodging, supplies, retreat leader, conference room and use of the beautiful grounds. A reservation form is inside the back cover of the bulletin. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Julie March at juliammc@sbcglobal.net or Jane Smith at jane.m.smith@sbcglobal.net.

REGISTRATION FORM

WOMEN'S SPIRITUAL RETREAT

SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

MARCH 17 – 18, 2012

TODDHALL RETREAT CENTER

COLUMBIA, ILLINOIS

NAME _____

HOME ADDRESS _____

E- MAIL ADDRESS _____

PHONE NUMBER _____

Fee for the retreat is **\$100** per person and includes 4 meals, lodging, meeting rooms, retreat materials, and facilitator.

Make check payable to **SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**. Write "**Women's Spiritual Retreat**" in the memo section of the check. Send check to Second Presbyterian Church, 4501 Westminster Place, St. Louis, MO 63108, Attn: Church Accountant.

REGISTRATION DEADLINE – FEBRUARY 15, 2012