

THE ORDER FOR WORSHIP
5th Sunday in Ordinary Time
February 5, 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

MINUET

Wolfgang A. Mozart

*The prelude is a time to prepare yourself **silently** 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

Those who wait for the Lord
shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

Come, let us worship and wait for the Lord.

***The Hymn #272**

GOD OF THE SPARROW

Roeder

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

**God of life,
there are days when the burdens we carry
chafe our shoulders and wear us down;
there are times when the road seems dreary and endless,
the skies gray and threatening;
there are moments when our lives have no music in them,
and our hearts are lonely,
and our souls have lost their courage.
We confess, in those moments, we often forget your promises
and turn to our own meager resources.
In those moments, flood the path with light, we beseech you;
turn our eyes to skies filled with promise and hope. Amen.**

from Augustine of Hippo (354-430)

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**

Lauda Anima

**Bless my soul, the God of heaven,
Glad of heart our praises raise;
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Who, like us, should sing God's praise?
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise the Maker all our days.**

The Prayer for Illumination

The Hebrew Scripture

Isaiah 40:21-31

Have you not known? Have you not heard? Has it not been told you from the beginning? Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth? It is he who sits above the circle of the earth, and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers; who stretches out the heavens like a curtain, and spreads them like a tent to live in; who brings princes to naught, and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing. Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown, scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth, when he blows upon them, and they wither, and the tempest carries them off like stubble. To whom then will you compare me, or who is my equal? says the Holy One. Lift up your eyes on high and see: Who created these? He who brings out their host and numbers them, calling them all by name; because he is great in strength, mighty in power, not one is missing.

Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel, “My way is hidden from the Lord, and my right is disregarded by my God”? Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth. He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted; but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

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. Wa - ter, God's Word, bread and
cup, prayer, and song: This is where chil-dren be - long.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in 6/8 time, with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The lyrics are written below the notes.

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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

PRAISE YE THE LORD

John Rutter

Praise ye the Lord.
Praise God in His holiness:
Praise Him in the firmament of His power.
Praise Him in His noble acts:
Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Praise Him in the sounding of the trumpet:
Praise Him upon the lute and harp.
Praise Him in the cymbals and dances:
Praise Him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals:
Praise Him upon the loud cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.
Praise ye the Lord.

-Psalm 150

The Gospel Reading

Mark 1:29-39

As soon as they left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

That evening, at sundown, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. And the whole city was gathered around the door. And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him. In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. And Simon and his companions hunted for him. When they found him, they said to him, "Everyone is searching for you." He answered, "Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do." And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

The Sermon

GROANING AND WAITING

Rick Nutt

+ RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD +

***The Hymn #286**

GIVE TO THE WINDS THY FEARS

St. Bride

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

PRAISE GOD IN HIS HOLINESS

Geoffrey Shaw

Praise God in His holiness:
Praise Him in the firmament of His power.
Praise Him in His noble acts:
Praise Him according to His excellent greatness.
Praise Him in the sound of the trumpet:
Praise Him upon the lute and harp.
Praise Him in the cymbals and dances.
Praise Him upon the strings and pipe.
Praise God in His holiness:
Praise Him in the firmament of His power.
Praise Him upon the well-tuned cymbals.
Praise Him upon the loud cymbals.
Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.

-Psalm 150

*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 #276**

GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS

Faithfulness

***The Charge and Benediction**

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

The Peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

***The Postlude**

FANTASIE

Emma Lou Diemer

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.

Liturgists

Judy Leo and Mary Gene Boteler

Violinist

Anna Lackschewitz

Ushers

Rev. Julie March, Carolyn Beimdiek, Jay Summerville, Don Beimdiek

Childcare

Ruby Lockett and Doug Dowd

Fellowship

Barbara Bowyer

Guest Violinist

Today we welcome guest violinist, Anna Lackschewitz , to our service. Ms. Lackschewitz's appearance today is made possible by an anonymous donation to the *Music Fund*.

Bach Society Young Artists Concert Today

The Young Artists from the Bach Society of St. Louis will present a recital of Arias and Artsongs at Second Presbyterian Church today 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.

Sunday, February 5 – Souper Bowl of Caring

- 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

Monday, February 6

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

Tuesday, February 7 – Election Day

- 9:00am Staff and Volunteer Morning Prayer – Office – 2nd Floor
- 3:00pm Pfautch Lectures Meeting – Conference Room – 2nd Floor

Wednesday, February 8

- 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
- 6:30pm Table Talk – Nancy Quigley’s home
- 7:15pm Choir Rehearsal – Niccolls Hall – 1st Floor

Thursday, February 9

- 9:00am Staff and Volunteer Morning Prayer – Office – 2nd Floor
- 7:30pm GAMMA – Compton Lounge – Lower Level

Friday, February 10

- 9:00am Staff and Volunteer Morning Prayer – Office – 2nd Floor
- 10:30am Knitting Ourselves to God – Portrait Lounge – 1st Floor

Saturday, February 11

9:30am Capital Campaign Management Team
10:00am Good Ground Pantry
10am-1pm Montessori School Children – Kitchen & Dining Room – Lower Level
11:00am Capital Campaign Steering Committee #1
1:30pm Mary Ryder Birthday Party

Sunday, February 12

9:30am Christian Forum – Portrait Lounge -1st Floor
Saints in the Wilderness: Spirituality & Backpacking
9:30am Adult Bible Study – Niccolls Hall – 1st Floor
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 Deaconesses Meeting – Compton Lounge – Lower Level
4:00pm Cornet Chop Suey Jazz Band Concert – Sanctuary – 1st Floor

♥ 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. . .

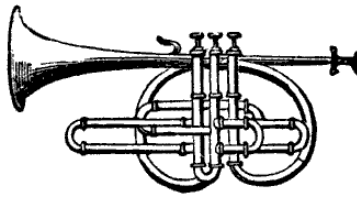
What a great opportunity to get to know and spend some time with some 2PCers you may not know yet. We are inviting all of you to join in making valentines to be delivered to house bound members, residents at Mary Ryder, and other special friends.

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 . . .

TODAY

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 reservations by February 8
314.367.0367

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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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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 Hammarskjold on “traveling light” in Gunstock Hollow, and Thich Nhat Hanh on “mindfulness” in Moonshine Hollow.

Payday Loan Petitions

Nancy Quigley will be collecting signatures again after church today. 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.

Ash Wednesday Service

with the Burning of Palms, the Imposition of Ashes, and the Sounding of the Shofar

February 22 – 7:00 pm in the Sanctuary



-An important beginning to the Lenten Season-

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