



**The glory of God is a
human being fully alive.**

Irenaeus

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 26, 2021

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

Prelude Contemplation Alfredo Catalani

Introit Psalm 150 John Harper
Alleluia, praise God in his holy place, praise him in his mighty heavens. Praise him for his powerful deeds, praise his surpassing greatness. O praise him with sound of trumpet, praise him with lute and harp. Praise him with timbrel and dance, praise him with strings and pipe. O praise him with resounding cymbals, praise him with clashing of cymbals. Let everything that lives and that breathes give praise to the Lord. Alleluia!

****Call to Worship** (responsively)

Leader: People of God, look around and see the faces of faith joined together to praise the wonder of God's love.

People: We are God's people--praising God with our hearts.

Leader: People of God, look around and know that we are called by God to live in relationship and community.

People: We are God's people--a community of kindred minds that care for one another and care for our world.

Leader: People of God, God is close, touching us all, giving us strength to live our faith.

People: We are God's people, gathered together. Let us worship God, united in the Spirit,

**proclaiming the power of God's amazing love
for all.**

****Hymn** Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty #35

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Merciful God, forgive us. We have forgotten that you are our God and that we are your people. Forgive us for indifference to those around us. We have not sought you in in those places you desire to be found. We have not used our gifts for your kingdom. We have been fickle about sharing our faith and opt out of the holy work you call us to do.

In your mercy, Lord, forgive us. Draw us closer to you, each moment, that we might minister to your people, and serve you with joy all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silent Confession

35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

✓ 1 Praise ye the Lord, the Al - might - y, the King of cre -
 2 Praise ye the Lord, who o'er all things so won-drous - ly
 ✓ 3 Praise ye the Lord! O let all that is in me a -

a - tion! O my soul, praise him, for he is thy
 reign - eth, shel - ters thee un - der his wings, yea, so
 dore him! All that hath life and breath, come now with

health and sal - va - tion! All ye who hear, now to his
 gen - tly sus - tain - eth! Hast thou not seen how thy de -
 prais - es be - fore him! Let the a - men sound from his

tem - ple draw near; join me in glad ad - o - ra - tion!
 sires e'er have been grant - ed in what he or - dain - eth?
 peo - ple a - gain; glad - ly for aye we a - dore him.

Declaration of Pardon (responsively) Psalm 103:1-4

Leader: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless God's holy name.

People: Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget none of God's benefits:

Leader: Who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases:

People: Who redeems your life from the pit, who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good as long as you live so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's.

Leader: Friends, believe the good news is still good:

People: In Jesus Christ, we have abundant life with God.

****Gloria Patri**

#581

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.

****Passing of the Peace** (responsively)

Leader: Since God loves us so much:

People: We too should love one another.

Leader: Jesus said: "Peace I leave with you:

People: My peace I give to you."

Leader: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Minute for Mission

Elder Karen Ashley-Bowman

Prayer of Illumination

¹ If it had not been the Lord who was on our side
—let Israel now say—

² if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,

³ then they would have swallowed us up alive,
when their anger was kindled against us;

⁴ then the flood would have swept us away,
the torrent would have gone over us;

⁵ then over us would have gone
the raging waters.

⁶ Blessed be the Lord,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth.

⁷ We have escaped like a bird
from the snare of the fowlers;
the snare is broken,
and we have escaped.

⁸ Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

¹³ Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. ¹⁴ Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. ¹⁵ The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up; and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven.

¹⁶ Therefore confess your sins to one another, and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective. ¹⁷ Elijah was a human being like us, and he prayed fervently that it might not rain, and for three years and six months it did not rain on the earth. ¹⁸ Then he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain and the earth yielded its harvest.

¹⁹ My brothers and sisters, if anyone among you wanders from the truth and is brought back by another, ²⁰ you should know that whoever brings back a sinner from wandering will save the sinner's soul from death and will cover a multitude of sins.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

Solo

Lord of the Small

Dan Forrest

John Concepcion, soloist

Praise to the Lord of the small, broken things, Who sees the poor sparrow that cannot take wing, Who loves the lame child, and the wretch in the street, Who comforts their sorrows and washes their feet. Praise to the Lord of the faint and afraid, Who girds them with courage and lends them His aid; He pours out His Spirit on vessels so weak, that the timid can serve and the silent can speak. Praise to the Lord of the frail and the ill, Who heals their afflictions, or carries them till they leave this tired frame and to paradise fly, to never be sick, and never to die. Praise Him, O praise Him, all ye who yet live, who've been given so much and can so little give, our frail, lisping praise God will never despise: He sees His dear children through mercy-filled eyes.

Sermon

“Call the Midwife!”

Pastor David Neff, preaching

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

****Hymn**

Take Time To Be Holy

****Affirmation of Faith (unison) The Apostles’ Creed**
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of
heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ, his only Son,
our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born
of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into
hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he
ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of
God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come
to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy
Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of
saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the
body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer (“debts”)
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 and the power and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Take Time to Be Holy

1. Take time to be ho - ly, speak oft with thy Lord;
2. Take time to be ho - ly, the world rush - es on;
3. Take time to be ho - ly, let him be thy guide,
4. Take time to be ho - ly, be calm in thy soul,

a - bide in him al - ways, and feed on his word.
spend much time in se - cret with Je - sus a - lone.
and run not be - fore him, what - e - ver be - tide.
each thought and each mo - tive be - neath his con - trol.

Make friends of God's chil - dren, help those who are weak,
By look - ing to Je - sus, like him thou shalt be;
In joy or in sor - row, still fol - low the Lord,
Thus led by his spi - rit to foun - tains of love,

for - get - ting in noth - ing his bles - sing to seek.
thy friends in thy con - duct his like - ness shall see.
and, look - ing to Je - sus, still trust in his word.
thou soon shalt be fit - ted for ser - vice a - bove.

Prayer Response Give Thanks Henry Smith
Give thanks with a grateful heart; give thanks to the Holy One; give thanks because we're given Jesus Christ, the Son. And now let the weak say, "We are strong"; let the poor say, "We are rich because of what the Lord has done for us!" Give thanks.

We Worship God with Our Gifts and Offerings

Anthem Cantique de Jean Racine Gabriel Fauré
O divine Word above, our hope and consolation, Eternal light of the heavens and the earth: the peaceful night is past; our voices greet the morning. Look down, O Lord, and hear thy people's prayer! Inspire us, Lord, we pray, with the power of thy Spirit, that hell may flee before thy mighty word. From slumber waken us, our weary souls reviving, that we may never forget all thy laws! Lord Jesus Christ, have mercy on thy congregation now gathered here in the sight of thy throne: receive the hymns they offer to thy endless glory; renewed by thy gifts may they go forth in peace.

****Doxology** #606
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.

****Prayer of Dedication**

BEARING THE WORD OUT INTO THE WORLD

****Hymn** When Morning Glids the Skies #667

667 When Morning Gilds the Skies

1 When morn - ing gilds the skies, my heart a - wak - ing
 2 Does sad - ness fill my mind? A so - lace here I
 3 Let earth's wide cir - cle round in joy - ful notes re -
 4 Be this, while life is mine, my can - ti - cle di -

cries: may Je - sus Christ be praised! A -
 find: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Or
 sound: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Let
 vine: may Je - sus Christ be praised! Be

like at work and prayer to Je - sus I re -
 fades my earth - ly bliss? My com - fort still is
 air and sea and sky from depth to height re -
 this the e - ter - nal song through all the a - ges

pair: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 this: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 ply: may Je - sus Christ be praised!
 long: may Je - sus Christ be praised!

****The Charge and the Benediction**

****Benediction** Parting Prayer Louis Harris

O God, take us from this place into your care. Give us the faith to take us through the night. Give us the strength to face each passing day. Give us the courage to stand for what is right. Give us a love for all along the way. Give us the light to show us paths to take. These things we ask for Thy name's sake. Amen.

Postlude Chaconne Louis Couperin

Thanks to Those Assisting in Our Service

Liturgists: Lisa Armstrong and Brian Louis

Livestream Operator: Erik Flom

OUR MISSION AND VISION

Mission Statement

We are a diverse and inclusive community bringing people to Christ through the power of service, education, hospitality and compassion.

Vision Statement

Second Presbyterian Church seeks to be a diverse, vibrant and passionate Christ-centered community of hospitality and outreach actively serving the South Loop, the city of Chicago, and the world. We accomplish this through inspirational worship in our historic sanctuary, educational ministry to all ages, and the power of compassionate service to our neighbors.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Worship

Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church. All are welcome regardless of ethnicity, economic group or sexual orientation to share together in the joy and power of God's love in Jesus Christ.

In-Person: We are open for in-person worship. Join us at 11:00 am for the worship. The sanctuary doors will open at 10:30 am.

Online: Worship is live-streamed on our website 2ndPresbyterian.org each Sunday morning at 11:00. Please join us live or watch the recorded services at your convenience.

Visiting Guests: If you are new to Second Presbyterian Church, please sign a blue visitor's card and leave your email address as you exit the sanctuary.

Prayers: Second Church is a praying congregation! Please sign a yellow prayer card found in the pews and note any prayer requests so that we may pray with you and for you.

Bulletin cover is *Praying Hands* by John Morse.

Please [Click Here](#) to submit your prayer requests online. All prayer requests will go to Pastor Neff and our Office Administrator Ashley McLean. There is an option to mark whether or not your prayer is private.

Bible Studies

We welcome you to join our Sunday morning and Tuesday afternoon Bible Study Classes. If you would like the curriculum, please email the church office at **SecondChurch1936@comcast.net**. The conference call number: **(312) 248-0036**.

- **Sunday morning Bible Study 9:30 am**
- **Tuesday afternoon Titus and Philemon 1:30 pm**

Alpha to Omega Bible Discussion Group: We are discussing the New Testament. Meetings are on the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month at 5 pm Please use this phone number: **(312) 248-0036**. For more information contact Flea Parker at **Flea@Golden2.net** or (210) 861-6988.

RIM (Recreation and Interest Ministries) Committee Book Group: Our next book of discussion is American Nations: A History of the Eleven Regional Rival Cultures of North America by Colin Woodward. Please email Ann Belletire if you would like to join this very lively discussion group at **AnnaBelle620e@aol.com**.
Time: October 17th 2021 at 9:30 am central time
Join Zoom Meeting: Click Here
Or Call: (312) 626-6799
Meeting ID: 868 6496 0108
Passcode: 726317

Stretch Class: Deacon Sharon Singer will conclude her Stretch Class this Monday September 27th; 9:30 to 10:15 am. The class meets in Fellowship Hall. Come and

improve your range of motion and flexibility. Wear comfortable clothes and bring a water bottle.

Community

Crop Walk: The Chicago CROP Walk is Sunday, October 17th. Walkers may choose a 5K or a 1 mile route through the UIC/Taylor Street/Medical district area. Social distanced family fun activities and check-in begin at 1:00 pm. To join our church team, please follow this link and the instructions: [Join Our Team](#). For complete details, please click on this link: [CROP Walk Details](#). If that date is not convenient for you, pick a time and place to walk on your own before October 17th. Contributions supporting the CROP Walk may be made by writing checks payable to Second Presbyterian Church; please include "CROP Hunger Walk" in the memo line. If you need more information, please contact Vicki Reynolds at VickiReynolds24@gmail.com

The Great Chicago Fire in Music and Story: will take place on Saturday, October 9th from 2:00 - 4:00 pm in the sanctuary of the church. This very special performance commemorating the 150th anniversary of the Great Chicago Fire will feature musical selections related to the Fire, performed by music director Michael Shawgo. Commentary during the performance by William Tyre will provide a rich variety of stories about the Fire. Doors open at 2:00 pm for tours of the sanctuary and a reception in Fellowship Hall. The performance will begin at 3:00 pm. Masks are required. You may purchase tickets at www.historicsecondchurch.org or www.glessnerhouse.org/programs or at the front door. \$25 per person.

Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Market will be hosted by Second Presbyterian Church on Saturday and Sunday, October 16-17th. Ten Thousand Villages is one of the world's oldest and largest fair trade organizations that markets handcrafted products made by disadvantaged artisans from more than 130 artisan groups in more than 38 countries. Unique handcrafted items from around the world will be available. Items include baskets, jewelry, scarves, lamps, picture frames, wall hangings, textiles, ornaments, stationary, coffee and the Bean Project. This is a great opportunity to shop for home décor as well as unique gifts for Christmas and other special occasions.

Free Tours: Please enjoy a free tour of the art and architecture of Second Presbyterian Church immediately following the Sunday service. A docent will meet you at the back of the church. Other public tour times include Saturdays from 11 am - 1 pm or Thursdays from 5 – 7 pm. Tours are given by trained docents from Friends of Historic Second Church.

Upcoming Docent Classes: Would you like to learn more about the art, architecture and history of Second Presbyterian Church? Join the Docent Training classes on the following dates: Wednesday Sept 29 from 6:30 - 8:30 pm and Saturday October 2nd from 9 am – 12 pm. Training takes place at the church. You do not need to commit to certifying as a docent to take the classes. Sign up at www.HistoricSecondChurch.org/docents or email info@HistoricSecondChurch.org. The class fee is \$10.

October – December “These Days” devotional guides are available in the narthex. One per family please.

Soldier Field Fall 2021 Event Schedule:

Restrictions are enforced two hours before and one hour after the event.

Saturday, Sept 25th – 11 am	Sunday, Nov 21st – 12 pm
Sunday, Sept 26th – 12 pm	Sunday, Dec 5th – 12 pm
Wednesday, Sept 29th – 7 pm	Monday, Dec 20th – 7:15 pm
Sunday, Oct 3rd – 12 pm	Sunday Jan 2nd, 2022 – 12 pm
Sunday, Oct 17th – 12 pm	
Sunday, Oct 23rd – 7 pm	
Sunday, October 31st – 12pm	

Volunteers

Ten Thousand Villages Fair Trade Market will be on Saturday and Sunday, October 16-17th. Volunteers are needed to unload the truck and set-up in Fellowship Hall on Friday afternoon, October 15th from 3 – 6 pm and to help repack unsold items again on Sunday afternoon, October 17th from 3 – 5 pm. Volunteers are also needed to work the Market on Saturday and Sunday. If you are available, please contact Vicki Reynolds at (312) 203-4933 or VickiReynolds24@gmail.com.

The Lunch Bag Program is in need of a volunteer each Friday from 10:15 am – 1:15 pm. If you are available and

interested, please contact Vicki Reynolds at 312-203-4933 or VickiReynolds24@gmail.com.

Your Support of Our Mission and Ministry

Our work at Second Presbyterian Church is critical year-round and especially crucial in this time of crisis.

Our ministry continues to grow in creative and innovative ways. Please **Click Here** to give your offering online or visit the Second Presbyterian Church website at **2ndPresbyterian.org**. Look for the “**Give Online**” button, scroll down and follow the prompts. Thank you for your faithful giving!

Connect with Us

Dr. Neff’s sermons, poetry and reflections on ministry can be found in his blog: **DavidNeff.me**.

To obtain copies of sermons, please contact the church office via email at **SecondChurch1936@comcast.net**.

Prayer Requests - Please pray for the following:

Darlene Pollard – John Ealey

Lee Jenkins – Mae Murphy; H. Saffold; peace in the nation

Terronda Harris – myself; family; strength and safety; seeking God

Ann and Mike Belletire – the Jason Brainard family

Ramon Leah Smith – George McKnight; Laura Salado; world peace; our church; family

Ozzie Kinnard – Kinnard-Steele, Brinson families; Wilton Moore; John Ealey; John Ford

Tracy Cargo – my family, stepmom; world peace

M. Thompson – Smith, Thompson, Eiland, Miller families

Denise Conway – Pat Foley; Pastor Neff

Linda Johnson – Johnson family, my family; sister,
Karen; Hubbard passing away

Josephine Maofogue – Noubissi family; brothers and
sisters

Dawn Chubb – sister Amy Gooden



SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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The Session

Reverend Dr. David M. Neff, Pastor

Darlene Pollard, Clerk

2021

Dr. Cliff Crawford

Anthony Ochiabutor

Vicki Reynolds

2022

Darlene Pollard

Howard Tiffen

Amy Haack

2023

Lisa Armstrong

Karen Ashley-Bowman

Ozzie Kinnard

The Board of Deacons

Jane Tiffen, President

Jeremy Nichols, Secretary

2021

Denise Conway

Catherine

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Tracy Cargo

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Jeremy Nichols

Francis Osazuwa

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Reverend Dr. David M. Neff, Pastor

Michael Shawgo, Music Director

Brian Louis, Seminarian

Ashley McLean, Office Administrator

Marco Alberto, Sexton

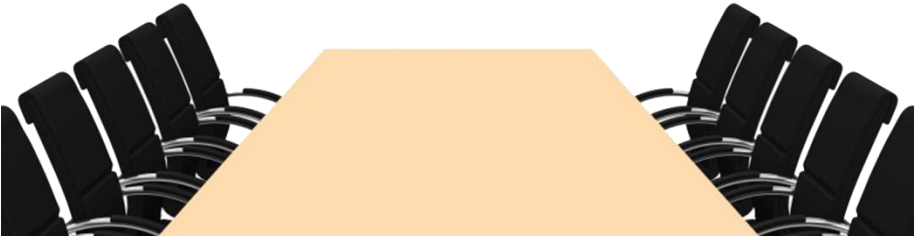
Second Presbyterian Quartet

Sherry Watkins, Soprano

Corinne Wallace-Crane, Alto

John Concepcion, Tenor

Marc Summers (Interim Bass) for Vince Wallace, Bass



Second Presbyterian Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is accepting names of candidates for consideration as nominees for the following church officers and would like your input: **Elders, Deacons and 2022 Nominating Committee Members.**

PLEASE DO NOT NOMINATE A PERSON
UNLESS YOU HAVE THEIR CONSENT.

All nominees must be active members of Second Church.

Please write the name of the person below and place the form in the offering plate, or in the Nominating Committee mailbox or e-mail it to chairman Karen Ashley-Bowman by **October 10th.** Karen’s e-mail address is kabwords@gmail.com.

Yours in Christ,

Karen Ashley-Bowman and Ozzie Kinnard, co-chairs

Members of the 2021 Nominating Committee

Karen Ashley-Bowman (elder)

Ozzie Kinnard (elder)

Jane Tiffen (deacon)

Michael Brown

Barbara Crawford

Dawn Chubb

Lee Jenkins

Chioma Ochiabutor

I WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE:

Elder: _____

Deacon: _____

Nominating Com: _____

ELDERS

- ✓ Serve as Chair or Co-chair of a Session Committee
- ✓ Serve as a Trustee of the church
- ✓ Attend regular and monthly called Session meetings
- ✓ Attend worship regularly and participate in church activities and programs
- ✓ Give financially to the church
- ✓ Maintain strict confidentiality on sensitive matters and issues acted upon at a Session meeting. While the actions approved at a Session meeting are public, there are some matters and issues that require strict confidentiality.

DEACONS

- ✓ Greet and connect with newcomers
- ✓ Visit the sick
- ✓ Care for the elderly
- ✓ Offer phone calls to those who need care
- ✓ Distribute flowers to the sick and shut in
- ✓ Attend Board of Deacons' meetings
- ✓ Attend worship regularly
- ✓ Give financially to the church
- ✓ Serve on a church committee
- ✓ Assist with Repasts when requested

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

- ✓ Attend committee meetings as needed
- ✓ Review nominees for elder, deacon and nominating committee
- ✓ Develop a slate of officers to be voted on by the congregation





praymaker

Praymaker was started by Paige & Peter Braxton of Second Presbyterian as a way to share the healing power of hope and prayer with others.

Praymaker is a website where people can request a prayer from a spiritual leader of their choice and have it sent to someone in their lives. Our lives are filled with celebration, sorrow, and hope, and in these moments, the right words are sometimes hard to find. *Praymaker* is personalized prayer delivered.



How it works?

- 1) Request a prayer on www.praymaker.com
- 2) Spiritual leader creates a personalized prayer.
- 3) The audio is texted to your loved one.



How to participate?

Praymaker is looking for community members interested in joining Paige & Peter in this ministry. There are many ways to help and support.

To learn more e-mail us at:

info@praymaker.com

Visit: **www.praymaker.com**