

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP • 10 AM

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THE BOOK OF REVELATION

JANUARY 4

Holy Vision

Revelation 1:1-8



A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Christopher A. Henry
Senior Pastor

Zach Rivers
Lake Fellow in Parish Ministry

Rev. Karen L. Lang
Executive Pastor

Fran Kandrac
Liturgist

Caleb Crawford
Soloist

Dr. John Allegar
*Organist and Assistant Director
of Music and Fine Arts*

PROCESSION

Element Bearers
Stephanie and Jimmy Bewley

Ewer Bearer
Anne Fatout

Acolytes
Connor Falk
Gabe Sour

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WELCOME FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Our Sunday Children's programming is on pause for the holiday season. We will return to regular 9 and 10 AM programming on January 11. Following today's *Word with Children*, children will be asked to return to their parents or caregivers. Childcare is available on the second floor for infants through age 3.

VISUAL AND HEARING ASSISTANCE

Please speak to an usher if you need a large print bulletin, large print hymnal, or an assistive listening device.

January 4, 2026

SECOND SUNDAY OF CHRISTMAS

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude

Wie schön leuchtet der Morgenstern, BuxWV 223
"How Brightly Shines the Morning Star"
Dr. John Allegar, organ

Dieterich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Welcome

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

* Call to Worship

Zach Rivers

One: Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth.

All: **Worship the Lord with gladness.**

One: Come into God's presence with singing!

All: **For the Lord is a gracious God,
whose mercy is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

One: Come, let us worship God with thanksgiving and praise.

* Prayer of Adoration

* Processional Hymn #66

We Three Kings of Orient Are

THREE KINGS OF ORIENT

v. 1 ALL; v. 2 Low voices; v. 3 High Voices; v. 4 Soloist; v. 5 ALL
[All sing refrain after each verse.]

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God,
you are the Alpha and the Omega,
the beginning and the end,
yet we confess that we often live as if we are in control.**

**You have freed us from sin,
yet we return to old ways.**

**You call us to be a kingdom of priests,
yet we fail to reflect your love and truth.**

Forgive us, Lord.

**Renew us by your grace,
that we may live as faithful witnesses to your glory.**

In the name of Jesus Christ, who was, and is, and is to come. (Silent Prayer)

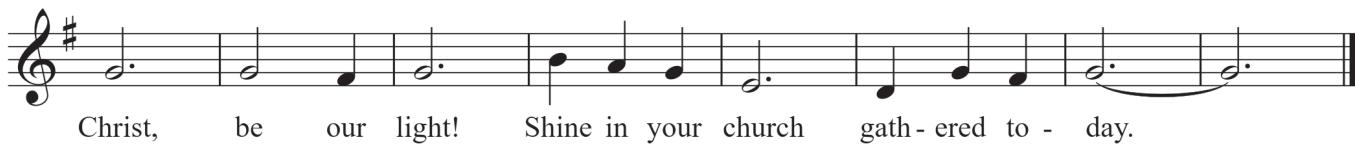
Assurance of God's Grace

*** Response of Praise***Christ, be our Light!*

Bernadette Farrell



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.



Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered to day.

*** Passing the Peace of Christ***** Hymn #68***What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright*

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We Experience God's Word**The Word with Children****Prayer for Illumination**

Fran Kandrac

First Scripture Lesson

2 Samuel 23:1-7

(p. 295)

Response to the Word*Where Once There Lay Dragons*
Caleb Crawford, countertenor

SLANE

arr. Carol McClure (b. 1955)

Where once there lay dragons, tall grasses shall grow;
Where once there lay wasteland, a pathway shall go.
Where once there lay desert, there shall flow a spring;
O ransomed of Zion, with joy shall you sing.

As once you were fearful, you now are made calm;
As once you were wounded, you now have a balm.
As once you were feeble, you now are made strong;
As once you were silent, you now have a song.

Be strong and fear not, for your God will come!
For sweet songs of gladness shall sound on each tongue;
When sorrow and sadness shall all flee away,
Prepare now, O Zion, to greet this new day!
Amen.

Text: Isaiah 35 (KJV, paraphrased)

Second Scripture Lesson

Revelation 1:1-8

(p. 1117)

Sermon

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

Holy Vision

*"I am the Alpha and the Omega,' says the Lord God,
who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."
(Revelation 1:8)*

Moment of Silent Meditation

We Give Thanks to God

* Affirmation of Faith

Based on the Barmen Declaration

Rev. Karen L. Lang

We confess that Jesus Christ,
as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture,
is the one Word of God whom we must trust and obey in life and in death.
We reject all other powers and authorities that seek to take his place.
Our hope is in Christ alone, our Lord and Savior,
who calls us to follow in faith, love, and obedience.
To God be all honor and glory forever. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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 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.

Invitation to Discipleship and Generosity

Offertory

In the Bleak Midwinter (from *A Christmas Triptych*)

Mary Caldwell

(1909-2003)

In the bleak midwinter, frosty wind made moan,
Earth stood hard as iron, water like a stone.
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
In the bleak midwinter, long ago.

Our God, Heav'n could not hold Him, nor earth sustain;
Heav'n and earth shall flee away when He comes to reign:
In the bleak midwinter a stable place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty, Jesus Christ.

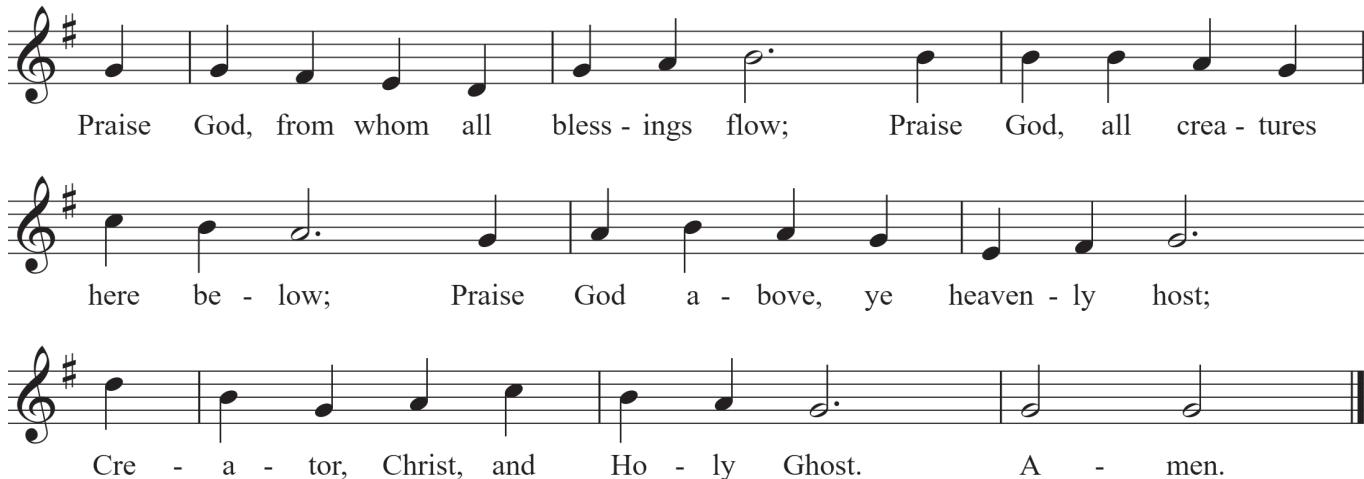
Angels and archangels may have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim thronged the air;
But only His mother in her maiden bliss
Worshipped the Beloved with a kiss.

What can I give Him, poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd, I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him, give my heart.

Text: Christina Rossetti (1830-1894)

* **Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* **Prayer of Dedication**

We Go Forth to Serve

* **Closing Hymn #63**

As with Gladness Men of Old

DIX

* **Charge and Benediction**

Postlude

How Brightly Shines the Morning Star

Mark Sedio
(b. 1954)

At the conclusion of worship, we invite you to join us in McFarland Hall for coffee, donuts, & community.

Notes

THE POWER OF PRAYER

We remember in prayer these members who have died, and their loved ones. The white rose in front of the lectern is in memory of:

Nancy Kriplen

Would you like one of our pastors to pray with you today? We invite you to come to Milner Chapel immediately following the 10 AM worship service for a short time of communion and prayer. You may also visit SecondChurch.org/Prayer to fill out a Prayer Request Form.

If you or a loved one is hospitalized, please contact:

Ashley McNamara, Coordinator of Pastoral Care

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GIVING Secondchurch.org/Commitment



We are blessed by your light!

We've made wonderful progress toward our 2026 Commitment Campaign goal, thanks to the faithful generosity of the congregation. Thank you!

Everyone's help is appreciated and needed to make it to 100% so that we can serve, learn, grow, and dream boldly in the new year.

To make your 2026 commitment visit Secondchurch.org/Commitment or contact Nancy Frick at 317-253-6461, ext. 359 or nfrick@SecondChurch.org



VISITING TODAY?

Thank you for worshiping with Second! Our Hospitality Team would love to connect and welcome you more fully into the life of Second. Scan this QR code and let us know you were here!



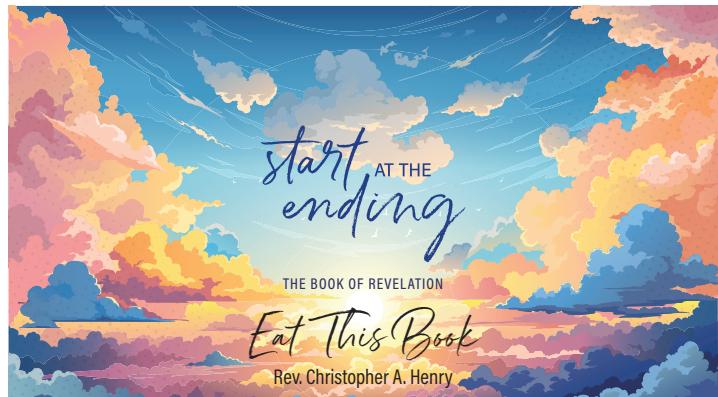
MEN AT SECOND Faithful Leadership Retreat

JANUARY 23 • 5:30 – 9 PM

JANUARY 24 • 7:30 AM – 12 PM



NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 11



8:15 AM • Chapel Worship

9 AM • Sunday School for All Ages

10 AM • Sanctuary Worship

11:15 AM • Service of Wholeness and Communion • Milner Chapel

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UPCOMING EVENTS

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Middlers Gathering

January 6 • 7 – 8:30 PM • Big Woods at the Fashion Mall

Young Adult Brunch

January 11 • 11:30 AM

Another Broken Egg Cafe on North Meridian

Second Act January Gathering

January 12 • 3 – 4:30 PM • McFarland Hall

Second Treasures Stock the Racks

January 13 • 10 AM – 12 PM • Library

Wednesday Night Youth Group Resumes

January 14 • 6:30 PM • Youth Suite

LGBTQ+ Christian Fellowship Potluck

January 17 • 6 PM • Home of Andy Hisey & Chandy John

Deacon-Sponsored Blood Drive

January 18 • 8 AM – 12:30 PM • Multipurpose Room

Parenting Through Adolescence

January 18 • 9 – 9:45 AM • Youth Suite West

Women at Second Open House

January 18 • 11:15 AM – 1 PM • Room 356

Bread for the World: Ending Hunger 101 Workshop

January 18 • 1 – 3 PM • Room 112

January 19 • MLK Day • Building Closed