

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP • 10 AM

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*ending* AT THE

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

FEBRUARY 8

*The End of It All*

*Revelation 21:1-5, 22:8-13*



A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Christopher A. Henry  
*Senior Pastor*

Rev. Madison M. VanVeelen  
*Associate Pastor of Care*

Rev. Karen L. Lang  
*Executive Pastor*

Tracy Vatnsdal  
*Liturgist*

Dr. Michelle Louer  
*Director of Music and Fine Arts*

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

Second Chamber Players

Patrick Pauloski  
*Director of Children's  
and Youth Music  
and Second Chamber Players*

Carol Choir  
Danny Fisher, *Accompanist*

Cherub Choir  
Carol Baker, *Director*  
Tom Ristine, *Accompanist*

## SECOND CHAMBER PLAYERS

Carol Helmling, flute  
Mark Blessing, oboe  
Sara Hook, clarinet  
Jim Young, bass clarinet  
Cindy Colter, alto saxophone  
Jenny Dayton, alto saxophone  
Lindy Carlstrom, horn  
Sophia McCormick, horn  
Marc Keehmer, trumpet  
Marvin VanVoorhis, trumpet  
Dennis Wagner, trumpet  
Norman Stump, trombone  
Doug Mairet, tuba  
Matthew Samson, tuba  
Kevin Ratliff, percussion  
Cameron Ratliff, percussion  
Dick Simon, keyboard  
Kari Reid, violin  
Will Colter, viola  
Pete Ritz, bass

## PROCESSION

**Element Bearers**  
Ruth Twenty  
Meg Shanley

**Ewer Bearer**  
Suzanne Baach

**Acolytes**  
Tyler Gardener  
Connor Falk

## TODAY'S BAPTISM

**Carson Spencer Kelley**  
Parents: Quinn and Lauren Kelley  
Birthdate: May 6, 2025

Elder: Tracy Vatnsdal  
Deacon: Allison Drook  
Bible Presenter: Alice Hammond

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## WELCOME FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Following today's *baptism*, children ages 4 through grade 5 may remain with their families or depart for *Sunday Mornings for Children*. If departing, please assure your child is wearing a nametag. Today, all children ages 4 through grade 5 will return to their parents in the Sanctuary during the postlude. 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.

# February 8, 2026

## FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

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### We Come Together as God's People

#### Prelude

*Force et agilité des corps glorieux*

The body is sown in weakness; it is raised in power.  
1 Corinthians 15:43

Olivier Messiaen  
(1908-1992)

*Joie et clarté des corps glorieux*

Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father.  
Matthew 13:43  
Dr. John Allegar, organ

#### Welcome

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

#### Choral Call to Worship

*The Waters of Life*

Sanctuary Choir; Dr. Michelle Louer, conductor

James Biery  
(b. 1956)

The voice of God calls us above the waters,  
The glory of the Son shines on us,  
The love of the Spirit fills us with life.

Text: from *The Rite of Baptism for Children* (1969, International Committee on English in the Liturgy)

#### \* Call to Worship

Rev. Madison M. VanVeelen

One: Morning has broken, like the first morning.

All: **That first morning when everything was still possible,**

One: when there was no burden to carry from days gone by,

All: **just a word from the creator made abundant life a reality.**

One: Morning has broken—thanks be to God.

#### \* Prayer of Adoration

#### \* Processional Hymn #482

*Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty*

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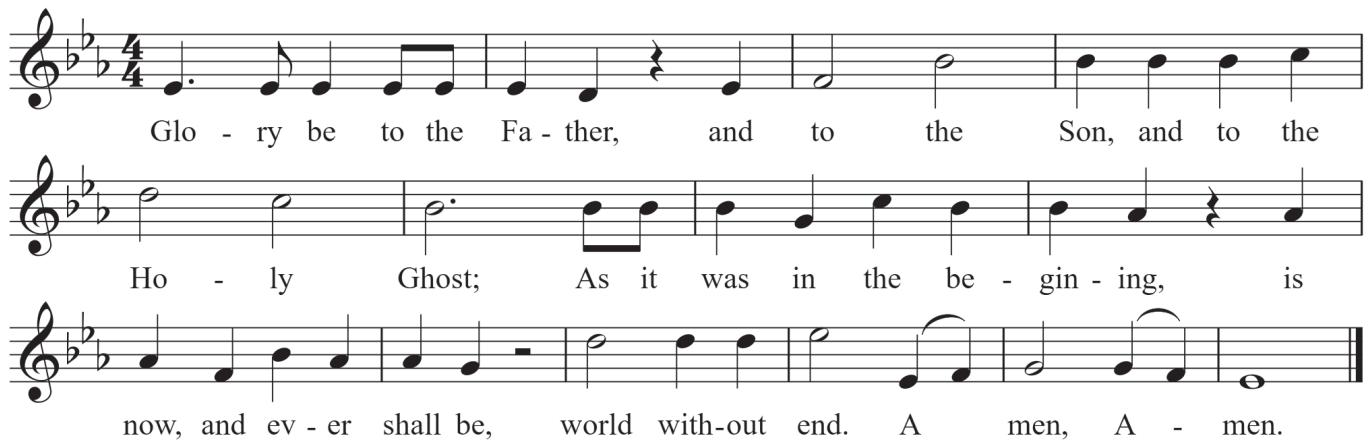
## Invitation to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

God of glory,  
you have shown us the vision of your holy city,  
where you dwell with your people and all is made new.  
Yet we confess that we cling to what is passing away.  
You are our light,  
yet we walk in shadows.  
You call us to live as your redeemed people,  
yet we resist your transforming grace.  
Forgive us, Lord.  
Shine your light upon us,  
that we may walk in your ways  
and bear witness to your coming kingdom. (Silent Prayer)

### Assurance of God's Grace

\* Response of Praise *Gloria Patri* Greatorex



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the  
Ho - ly Ghost; As it was in the be - gin - ing, is  
now, and ev - er shall be, world with-out end. A men, A - men.

### \* Passing the Peace of Christ

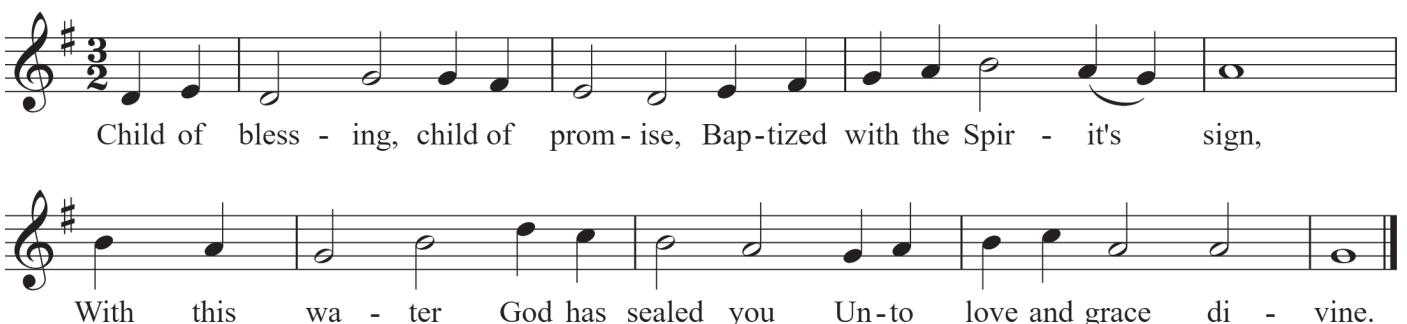
\* Hymn #450 *O Day of Peace* JERUSALEM

### We Experience God's Word

#### The Word with Children

#### Sacrament of Baptism

Hymn of Response #498 *Child of Blessing, Child of Promise* KINGDOM



Child of bless - ing, child of prom - ise, Bap - tized with the Spir - it's sign,  
With this wa - ter God has sealed you Un - to love and grace di - vine.

<b>Prayer for Illumination</b>		Tracy Vatnsdal
<b>First Scripture Lesson</b>	Isaiah 65:17-19, 23-25	(p. 682)
<b>Anthem</b>	<i>And I Saw a New Heaven</i>	Edward Bainton (1880-1956)

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth:  
for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away;  
and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem,  
coming down from God out of heaven,  
prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of Heaven, saying,  
Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men,  
and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people,  
and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes;  
and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying,  
neither shall there be any more pain:  
for the former things are passed away.

Text: Revelation 21:1-4

<b>Second Scripture Lesson</b>	Revelation 21:1-5, 22:8-13	(p. 1132)
<b>Sermon</b>		Rev. Christopher A. Henry

## The End of It All

*"And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.'  
Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.'"  
(Revelation 21:5)*

### Moment of Silent Meditation

## We Give Thanks to God

<b>* Affirmation of Faith</b>	Rev. Karen L. Lang
<i>Based on the Barmen Declaration</i>	

**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

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*  
Jenna Fletcher and Emma Koehl, soprano

John Stainer  
(1840-1901)

Love divine! All loves excelling,  
Joy of Heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.

Jesu! Thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

Love divine!

Text: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

### \* 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

*Christ Be Our Light*

Bernadette Farrell

1. Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for truth,  
 2. Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for hope,  
 3. Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for wa - ter,  
 4. Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for warmth,  
 5. Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the hearts that

we turn to you. Make us your own, your ho - ly  
 man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone has power to  
 man - y still thirst. Make us your bread, bro - ken for  
 man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing shel - ter - ing  
 yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants to one an -

peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

*Refrain*

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the  
 dark - ness. Christ, be our light!  
 Shine in your church gath - ered to - day.

### \* Charge and Benediction

### \* Choral Benediction

*Bwana awabariki*  
Cherub Choir, Carol Choir, Sanctuary Choir

Tansanian folk song

*Bwana awabariki,  
 Bwana awabariki,  
 Bwana awabariki milele.  
 Ukmcha Bwana.  
 Bwana awabariki.*

May God grant you a blessing,  
 May God grant you a blessing,  
 May God grant you a blessing evermore.  
 Revere the Lord.  
 May God grant you a blessing.

### Postlude

*Chaconne* (from BuxWV 137)

Dieterich Buxtehude  
(1637-1707)

### Congregational Meeting

## WELCOME NEW BABY

The red rose in front of the pulpit is in honor of:



**Ellison Edward Pretzsch**

Birthdate: January 31, 2026



Parents: Braden and Rachel Pretzsch

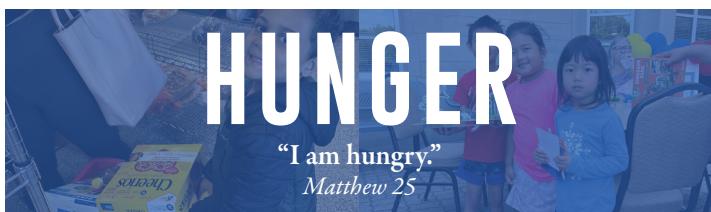
## THE POWER OF PRAYER

How might we pray for you this week? Please visit [SecondChurch.org/Prayer](http://SecondChurch.org/Prayer) to fill out a Prayer Request Form. Together, we lift up our joys with thanksgiving and invite Christ's tender care, guidance, and healing in our lives and in God's world.

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

**Ashley McNamara, Coordinator of Pastoral Care**

[AMcNamara@SecondChurch.org](mailto:AMcNamara@SecondChurch.org)



## GIVING

[SecondChurch.org/Hunger](http://SecondChurch.org/Hunger)

Many families in the neighborhoods surrounding Second Presbyterian Church are food insecure. Your support of the 2026 Hunger Campaign will be well used to provide groceries for our food pantry, as well as to support food programs for children and families in Washington Township Schools. Visit [SecondChurch.org/Hunger](http://SecondChurch.org/Hunger) or scan the QR code to give.



## 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!



## MEMORIAL FLOWER FUND:

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OPEN THROUGH  
SUNDAY, MARCH 29

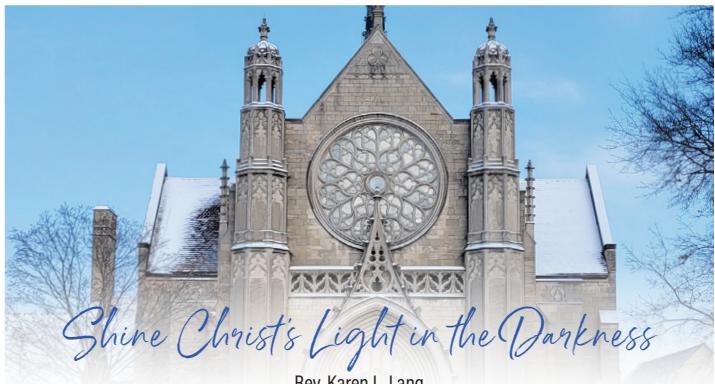


**TODAY**

## Annual Congregational Meeting

Following 10 AM Service • Sanctuary

**NEXT SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 15**



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

For more details visit

[SecondChurch.org/Worship](http://SecondChurch.org/Worship)

Watch Sunday worship all week long at

[SecondChurch.org/Live](http://SecondChurch.org/Live)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

[SecondChurch.org/Events](http://SecondChurch.org/Events)



### Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive

Now – February 8 • Atrium Drop-Off

### Second Act February Gathering

February 9 • 3 PM • McFarland Hall

### Second Treasures: Stock the Racks

February 10 • 6 – 8 PM • Library

### Volunteer for Northside Community Breakfast

February 14 • 8:30 – 11:30 AM • Atrium

### New Member Class

February 15 • 11:15 AM • Common Room

### February 16 • Presidents' Day • Building Closed

### Shrove Tuesday Pancake Party

February 17 • 6 – 7:30 PM • Community Room

### Young Adult Ash Wednesday Dinner

February 18 • 6 – 7 PM • Common Room

### Ash Wednesday Service

February 18 • 7 PM • Sanctuary

### Lenten Concert

February 22 • 3 PM • Milner Chapel