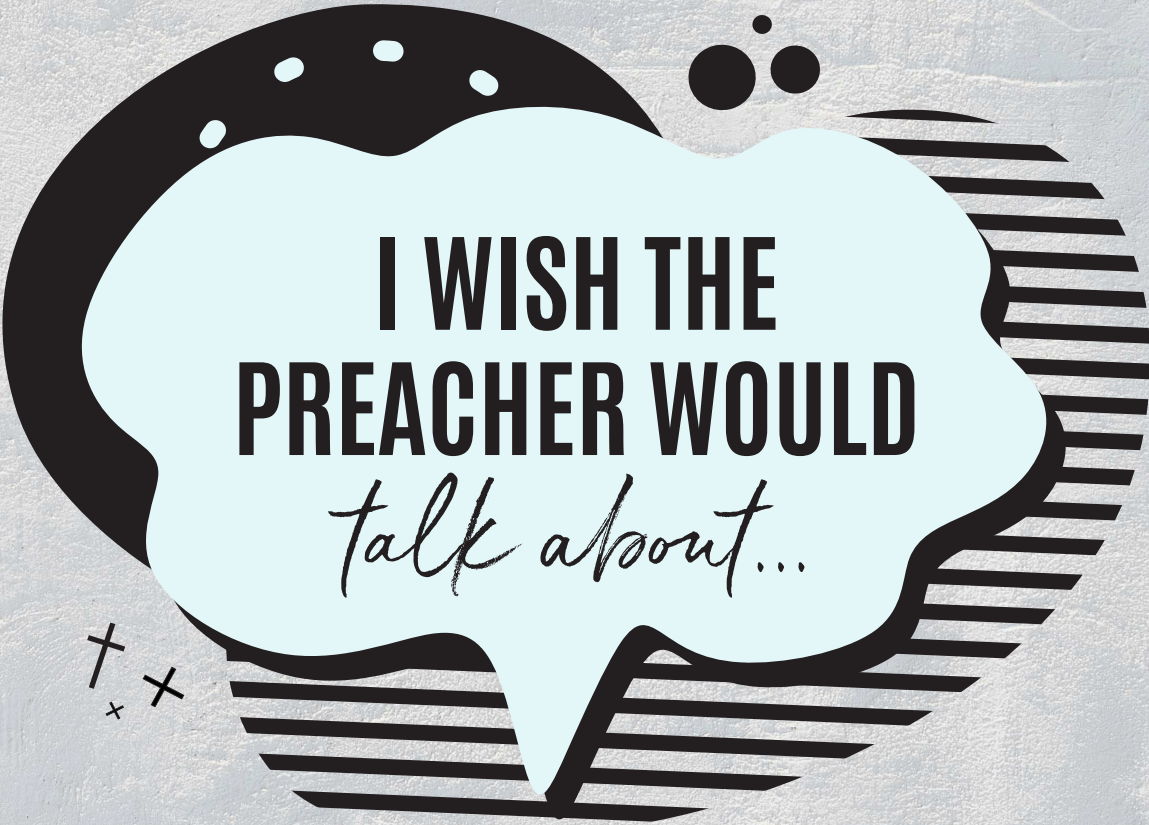


SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP • 10 AM



**I WISH THE
PREACHER WOULD**
talk about...

AUGUST 16

Can I Trust the Bible?

2 Timothy 3:14-4:5



A welcoming community of faith where Jesus Christ transforms lives

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Liturgist

Summer Choir

Kristin Shaffer
Soloist

Dr. Michelle Louer
Director of Music and Fine Arts

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

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TODAY'S BAPTISM

Beau Ryan Sondles
Parents: Brooke and Ryan Sondles
Birthdate: August 14, 2025

Elder: Dick Ristine
Youth Deacon: Quinn Miller
Bible Presenter: Ellie Rapp

WELCOME FAMILIES WITH YOUNG CHILDREN

Following today's *Baptism*, children age 4 through fifth grade are welcome to return to their pews or to exit the sanctuary for *Children's Chapel* in room 305, where they can be picked up following worship. 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.

August 16, 2026

TWELFTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

We Come Together as God's People

Prelude

Jesus Loves Me (from *Gospel Preludes*)
Dr. John Allegar, organ

William Bolcom
(b. 1938)

Welcome

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

*** Call to Worship**

Rev. Thomas P. Markey

One: Your word is a lamp to our feet.

All: and a light to our path.

One: Open our eyes,
that we may see wonderful things in your law.

**All: Give us understanding,
that we may keep it with our whole heart.**

One: Let us worship the God whose word endures forever.

*** Prayer of Adoration**

*** Opening Hymn #454**

Blessed Jesus, at Your Word

LIEBSTER JESU
J.S. Bach

Invitation to Confession

Prayer of Confession

God whose word is a lamp to our feet,
we confess we come to scripture with our questions half-buried,
afraid that asking too honestly might cost us our faith.
We have used the Bible to win arguments more than to be shaped by it.
We have doubted in silence instead of doubting out loud in your presence.
Forgive us.
Give us courage to ask hard questions,
and trust enough to keep walking before we understand every step.
In Jesus' name we pray. (Silent Prayer)

Assurance of God's Grace

**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 the Peace of Christ**

* **Hymn #328**

All Praise to God for Song God Gives

SACRED SONG

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.

Prayer for Illumination

Dick Ristine

First Scripture Lesson

Psalm 119:105-112

(p. 557)

(Choir sings refrain once. Congregation repeats immediately and where indicated.)

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un - to my path.
Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un - to my path.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.
I have sworn an oath and confirmed it, to observe your righteous ordinances.
I am severely afflicted; give me life, O Lord, according to your word.
Accept my offerings of praise, O Lord, and teach me your ordinances. *Refrain*

I hold my life in my hand continually, but I do not forget your law.
The wicked have laid a snare for me, but I do not stray from your precepts.
Your decrees are my heritage forever; they are the joy of my heart.
I incline my heart to perform your statutes forever, to the end. *Refrain*

Anthem

The Falconer
Summer Choir, Dr. Michelle Louer, conductor

Alfred V. Fedak
(b. 1953)

Rise, my song, and stretch your wings, delight and need to trace.
Rise for those the gospel brings to seek a singing place.
This will be our singing day, word and tune will both be true.
Song, soar up, but not away the falconer waits for you.

Rise, my song, and have no fear of soaring wide and high.
Christ the falconer is near, wherever you may fly.
See the human world below, showing scars and beauty, too.
In a closing circle go, the falconer waits for you.

Soar, my song, with wings wide fanned, delight and need to trace.
Come to Christ's uplifted hand, and find a resting place.
One day soaring song shall see everything made whole and new.
Day of gladness, come to be! The falconer waits for you.

Text: Richard Leach (b. 1953)

Second Scripture Lesson

2 Timothy 3:14–4:5

(p. 1085)

Sermon

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

Can I Trust the Bible?

*"All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching,
for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness..."*
(2 Timothy 3:16)

Moment of Silent Meditation

We Give Thanks to God

* Affirmation of Faith

Rev. Karen L. Lang

Theological Declaration of Barmen, First Thesis (8.10–8.11)

**Jesus Christ, as he is attested for us in Holy Scripture,
is the one Word of God whom we have to hear
and whom we have to trust and obey in life and in death.**

**We reject the false doctrine that the Church
could and should acknowledge as a source of its proclamation,
beyond and besides this one Word of God,
still other events, powers, figures,
and truths as God's revelation.**

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

Gieb dich dahin in Gottes Sinn
Kristin Shaffer, soprano

Josephine Lang
(1815-1880)

*Gieb dich dahin.
In Gottes Sinn,
Laß Alles andre schwinden;
Schreit' immer zu
In dieser Ruh,
Dann wirst du überwinden!*

*Sei sanft und still,
Hör, was Er will,
Fall ihm nicht in die Rede:
So wird dein Muth
Gar frisch und gut,
Und aus ist Kampf und Fehde.*

*Die Welt so schön,
Sie muß vergehn,
Ich kann sie drum nicht schelten;
Was soll denn sie
Die Sorg und Müh
Und unsre Noth entgelten?*

*Sie hält auch Freud
Genug bereit,
Den Wanderer zu erquicken;
Nur mußst du dich
Auch sänftiglich
In ihre Dornen schicken!*

*Das Ungemach
Hält frisch und wach,
Das Heil nicht zu versäumen;
Das eitle Herz
Ohn Sorg' und Schmerz
Würd es gar bald verträumen.*

*So geht die Zeit
Zur Ewigkeit
Gehorsam in die Lehre,
Und Alles führt
Wie sichs gebührt,
Zu Gottes Preis und Ehre!*

Consign yourself
To God's purpose,
Let everything else fade away;
Always go forward
In this peace,
Then you shall prevail!

Be gentle and quiet,
Listen to what He wills;
Do not interrupt Him,
Then your spirit
Shall become bold and fine,
And battles and feuds shall be no more.

The world so beautiful
Is destined to decay,
I cannot rebuke it for that!
Why should [the world] recompense us for
Our anxieties and toils
And our sorrows?

[The world] also holds
Enough joys at the ready
To refresh the wanderer;
You must simply,
Meekly and gently,
Also submit to [the world's] thorns!

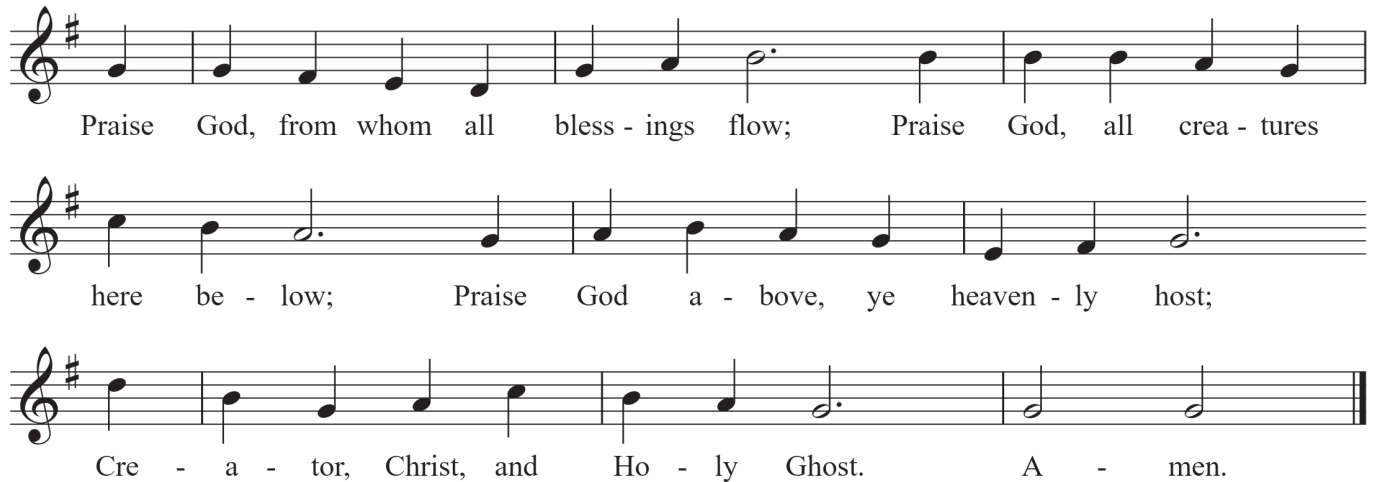
Adversity
Keeps us bold and alert,
So as not to miss out on salvation!
The vain heart,
Without anxiety and sorrow,
Would easily dream away [salvation].

Thus time obediently
Turns to eternity
For instruction,
And everything leads,
As is proper,
To God's praise and Glory!

Text: Numbers 24:5; Psalms 5, 26, 69, and 95

*** Doxology**

OLD HUNDREDTH



*** Prayer of Dedication**

We Go Forth to Serve

*** Closing Hymn #327**

O Word of God Incarnate

MUNICH
adapt. Felix Mendelssohn

*** Charge and Benediction**

*** Choral Benediction**

Amen

Marty Haugen
(b. 1950)

Postlude

Thy Strong Word (EBENEZER)

Aaron David Miller
(b. 1949)

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

WELCOME NEW BABY

Amelia Grace Kennedy

Birthdate: August 2, 2026

Parents: Allie and Ian Kennedy

THE POWER OF PRAYER

Member service details, if available, can be accessed by visiting SecondChurch.org/FuneralDetails or calling the Front Desk at 317-253-6461.

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:

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JULY FINANCIAL UPDATE

Budgeted Income	\$3,187,837
Actual Income	\$3,276,745
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$88,908

Join us for a
PICNIC on the **LAWN**

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

11 AM - 1 PM • South Parking Lot & Lawn



TODAY

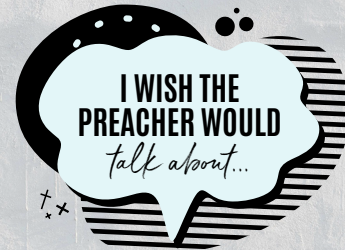
Deacon-Sponsored Blood Drive

8 AM - 12:30 PM • Multipurpose Room

Backpack Blessing and Popsicle Party

11:15 AM - 12:15 PM • Picnic Shelter

NEXT SUNDAY, AUGUST 23



Is the Devil Real?

Rev. Christopher A. Henry

8:15 AM • Chapel Worship

9 AM • Adult Classes

Living in the Word • Room 407

Men at Second Pregame • Room 402

10 AM • Sanctuary Worship

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

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UPCOMING EVENTS

SecondChurch.org/Events



Second Treasures Stock the Racks

August 18 • 6 - 8 PM • Library

Women at Second Meet-Up

August 18 • 6:30 - 8:30 PM • Peace Water Winery in Carmel

Home Repairs for Good Volunteer Day

August 22 • 9 AM - 12 PM • Offsite

Center for Healthy Aging Dementia Fair

August 22 • 10 AM - 2 PM • McFarland Hall

New Member Class

August 23 • 11:15 AM - 1 PM • Common Room

CFM & Youth Volunteer Training

August 23 • 11:30 AM - 2 PM • Room 356

The Belonging: One Year Anniversary Open House

August 27 • 6:30 - 8 PM • Picnic Shelter