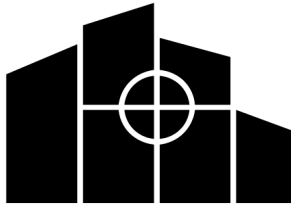


Welcome to



SECONDPRES

Sow the Seeds of Giving

Rev. Trey Haddon

Sunday, September 7, 2025

9:00 AM

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PRELUDE

Dr. Dennis Gotkowski

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. Jeffrey Honoré

WELCOME & LIFE TOGETHER

Rev. Trey Haddon

CHORAL INTROIT

Chapel Choir

Halle, Halle, Halllujah! Caribbean melody, arr. John L. Bell

CALL to WORSHIP

Elder Sara Palmgren

O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!

Your glory is higher than the heavens.

**You have taught children and infants to tell of your strength,
silencing your enemies and all who oppose you.**

When I look at the night sky and see the work of your fingers—
the moon and the stars you set in place—

**what are mere mortals that you should think about them,
human beings that you should care for them?**

Yet you made them only a little lower than God
and crowned them with glory and honor.

O Lord, our Lord, your majestic name fills the earth!

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION

God of all, we confess that we fall short of your call.

We fill our days with busyness and distractions, leaving little room for you.

**Instead of offering you our first fruits, we bring you what is left,
if anything at all.**

Forgive us, God of mercy and grace.

Renew us by your Spirit, that we might live with hearts that put you first.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Friends, hear the good news:

God tends to our weary souls.

The Holy Spirit is with us always.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, fully and completely.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

Congregational Singing

No. 579

***PASSING of the PEACE**

Jamie Kaiser

***SONG of the DAY**

Congregational Singing

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty No. 482

Children invited to attend Sunday School

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. Matthew Beach

Luke 8:4-8 p. 67

WORD in SONG

Chapel Choir

Offertory John Ness Beck

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Rev. Trey Haddon

Matthew 13:1-9 pp. 13-14

MESSAGE

Rev. Trey Haddon

Sow the Seeds of Giving

***HYMN**

Congregational Singing

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy No. 298

OFFERING

Rev. Trey Haddon

Offertory Reflection Douglas E. Wagner

*Doxology No. 592

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

AFFIRMATION of FAITH

Rev. Matthew Beach

Apostles' Creed

SACRAMENT of HOLY COMMUNION

Rev. Trey Haddon & Jamie Kaiser

***HYMN**

Congregational Singing

Give Thanks, O Christian People No. 552

BENEDICTION

Rev. Trey Haddon

POSTLUDE

Dr. Dennis Gotkowski

Grand Chœur Théodore Dubois

UPCOMING at SECONDPRES

MINISTRY SHOWCASE

Celebrate the many ways our ministries bring God, love and service to our church, our community and the world at the ministry showcase in the Fellowship Hall following worship service. We hope you will take the time to learn more about each one, and visit with the dedicated volunteers that share the word of God through their time and efforts.

KIDS & YOUTH MINISTRY WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

Wednesday night Kids & Youth Programming resumes this week on Wednesday, September 10! If you are interested in your child joining us either with our KidsMin (K-5th) or YouthMin (6th-8th), contact Jamie Kaiser at jamie.kaiser@secondpres.com.

PW FALL GATHERING: SEP 11

We invite all Presbyterian women to the Gathering of Women on Thurs. 9/11 at 6 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall! This dinner will feature an inspirational message from Rev. Lori Bultemeier. RSVP outside the Sanctuary on August 31 and September 7 or by contacting Kim Pare at kim.pare@secondpres.com or by calling 309-828-6297.

ASSISTIVE LISTENING HELP

Need help connecting your hearing aids to the Listen Wifi app for worship service? Robotics students will be at their table in the Fellowship Hall this Sunday after worship service to assist!

WEEKLY AT SECOND PRES

EVERY SUNDAY

8:45 am: Sunday Morning Brunch
9:00 am: Worship Service
10:15 am: ACE (Adult Christian Education)
10:15 am: High School Brunch (Resumes Sept)
3:00 pm: Lego League Robotics (Grades 4-8)

EVERY TUESDAY

7:00 pm: Scouts Troops 903 and 9903
6-8:00 pm: First Tech Challenge (FTC)
Robotics (Grades 7-12)

EVERY WEDNESDAY

6-7:30 pm: K-5th KidsMin (Resumes 9/10)
6-7:30 pm: 6-8th YOUTHMin (Resumes 9/10)
6:30-8:00 pm: Chapel Choir Rehearsal

EVERY THURSDAY

11:30 am: Thursday Prayer Lunch

Thank you to our special guest Rev. Matthew Beach for joining us this week at Theology on Tap, Saturday's class, and this morning's worship service!

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

A new Adult Christian Education class will be starting up on Sunday, September 14 and running through Sunday, October 5. This class will focus on David Anderson's *Practicing the Way*, and will be held in the Chapel. If you would like a book for this class, please pick up a copy outside of Kim Pare's office. A \$10 donation is requested at the time of pickup. For questions, contact Scott Hamilton.

GOLF OUTING

Join us for this year's Second Pres Golf Outing on Sunday, September 28 from 1:00-2:30! This year's outing will be held at Prairie Vista Golf Course. Please coordinate your own groups of 4. Dinner plans have not yet been finalized. For questions or registration, contact Jay Chrisman.

TRUNK OR TREAT

Downtown Bloomington's Trunk or Treat will be held on Friday, October 24 from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will soon be asking for donations of candy, Play-Dough, glow sticks, small games or similar small items for children. Please coordinate with Michele Southerd on your donations for Trunk or Treat!

Before the service begins, please check in using your pew pad (located in each pew) or via the Second Pres church app.

UPCOMING AT SECOND PRES:

9/7 Fall Kickoff & Ministry Showcase
9/7 Stewardship Sunday
9/10 Westminster Village Communion
9/10 Kids & Youth Ministry Resumes
9/11 PW Fall Gathering

COMMUNION AT SECOND PRES:

9/7 Fall Kickoff & Stewardship Sunday
10/5 World Communion Sunday
10/26 Reformation Sunday
11/23 Christ the King Sunday
12/7 Children's Program
12/24 Christmas Eve

BIBLE STUDIES

EVERY TUESDAY

8:30 am: Morning Men's Bible Study (Wylie)

EVERY OTHER TUESDAY

11:30 am: Bible Study (Jones)

EVERY WEDNESDAY

6-7:45 p.m.: The Gathering Bible Study (Jennings)

For more information on Bible studies

visit: secondpres.com/biblestudy