

Sunday Morning Worship

February 5, 2023

9:00 a.m.

Welcome friends in Christ! We extend a warm greeting of Christian Fellowship to you. If you are visiting with us, please introduce yourself to the pastor following the service.

*Congregation standing for those who are able

The Words of Welcome and Announcements

Please sign the Friendship pads and pass them back to the center aisle.

Our Approach to God

Prelude "Adoration" Florence Price
In celebration of Black History Month

The Call to Worship

Let us come together for worship!

In our darkness, the Lord came to redeem us,

So that the whole world would hear of God's mercy and grace.

We are God's light to those living in darkness.

Let us worship God!

*The Hymn of Praise "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" 281

*The Call to Confession [based on 1 John 1:5-7]

God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. If we claim to have fellowship with him and yet walk in the darkness, we lie and do not live out the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, purifies us from all sin. Let us confess our sin before God and one another.

*The Prayer of Confession

Loving God, you call us to be the salt of the earth, but too often we consider your way to be bland, and we miss the delight of life filled with flavor that spreads from us to those around us.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us to be the salt of the earth.

You call us to be the light of the world, but too often our actions do not bring praise to you. We make choices that help us blend into our culture rather than stand out as your people.

Forgive us, Lord, and help us to be the light of the world. [Silent confession.]

*The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news! There is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. Know that in Jesus, God forgives you and strengthens you to live a renewed life. **Thanks be to God!**

*The Response Sanctuary CCLI #11070933
Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary. Pure and holy, tried and true.
With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

The Anthem "Come By Here" Kyle Pederson
Combined Choirs of First and Second Pres

The Word of God

The Gospel Reading Matthew 5:13-20 page 5 NT

The Time with the Children

The Old Testament Reading Isaiah 58:1-12 page 805 OT

The Sermon The Light of the World Rev. Ruth Estell

Our Response to Serve

*The Affirmation of Faith The Apostle's Creed (Traditional) Hymnal, page 14

*The Hymn "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" 466

The Morning Prayers and the Lord's Prayer (using sins)

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 sins as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Offering of our Tithes and Gifts

The Offertory Improvisation on African American spiritual "This Little Light of Mine

*The Doxology

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.

*The Prayer of Dedication

*The Hymn "Be Thou My Vision" 339

*The Charge and Benediction

*The Congregational Response *Go with us, Lord* 535
**Go with us, Lord, and guide the way through this and every coming day,
That in your Spirit strong and true our lives may be our gift to You.**

*Postlude "Variations on Nettleton" by Undine S. Moore
in celebration of Black History Month

* Congregation Standing - for those who are able.

Liturgist: Adam Engel

Greeters: Jim & Mary Jo Mundell

Ushers: Pete & Ginny Brucker and Brian & Cathy McNalley

The flowers today are in celebration of Rev. Ruth Estell beginning her journey as our Pastor.

Busy Hands and Hearts

Will meet at the church **Monday, February 6 @ 1:00 p.m.** You do not have to sew or knit to join in. If you have any questions, please call Pam Moran @ 989-792-7388.



Songs and broadcast are covered by:

CCLI (copyright and streaming license) #11070933 & 20723076

Music Reprinted/Podcast/Streamed with permission under One License #A-71978.

Second Presbyterian Church

2665 Midland Rd., Saginaw, MI 48603

Phone: (989) 792-1023

February 5, 2023

you
are the
LIGHT
of the
WORLD.
-MATTHEW 5:14

Seeking and Serving Christ We are a Place for Growing Christians



Dear Friends,

It is only my second day as pastor of Second Presbyterian Church and it would seem someone has hacked into our cell phone contacts and tried to take advantage of that. Two members of session received a text from “me” this morning asking that they would purchase some gift cards. Please know that I will **NEVER** text you asking for gift cards or money. If you get such a text or email from me or from anyone else from church, please call the person or the church office before acting. We can never be too careful with such things.

On a happier note, I am excited to be getting started as your new pastor. I am grateful to God for how he has led throughout this process. I am also grateful for the warm welcome that has been extended by the congregation. I look forward to seeing you Sunday morning! Have a wonderful day.

Sincerely,
Ruth Estell



Florence Gilmour Circle

All women of the church are invited to join us on Wednesday, **February 8**, at 9:30 a.m. in the church library. We will continue our study of “Bad Girls of the Bible” chapter 8, “Friends in Low Places” Come for a time of women’s fellowship and fun.

Music and Worship Committee

We need your help!! The Music and Worship Committee is looking for volunteers to help with Fellowship Hour, Liturgists, Greeters and Ushers on Sundays. There are sign-up sheets available so please look for a Sunday service you can help! Thank you for supporting Second Presbyterian Church!



- The church office will continue to be open Monday – Thursday, 10:00 – 2:00 for the foreseeable future as we give Rev. Estell time to familiarize herself with the running of the church.
- Folks needing congregational care should contact the office at (989) 792-1023.

Mission News

For the month of February, we are highlighting the Saginaw City Rescue Mission’s Outreach Project, **Operation Hope and Care Totes**.



The Rescue Mission’s goal, through the **Operation Hope and Care** project, is to provide basic, personal hygiene items to hundreds of needy men, women, and children in the Mid-Michigan area. These hygiene items can bring a sense of relief to those desperately in need in our community.

Please fill a bag or tote to bring the items to church. Here is a list of items that the Rescue Mission has requested. Please bring back to the church by Sunday, February 26.

- Kids 3-in-1 Wash
- Body Wash & Scrubby
- Antibacterial Liquid Soap
- Lip Balm
- Shaving Cream (Men’s & Women’s)
- Hand & Body Lotion
- Deodorant (Men’s and Women’s)
- Tissues
- Anti-bacterial Wipes

You do not have to fill a bag; we will take whatever you can donate.

