



Worship Service for  
Fifth Sunday after Epiphany  
February 9, 2025

**The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.  
Philippians 4:23**

**Prelude** “O God, Our Lord, Thy Holy Word”  
“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds”

J S Bach/J Walther  
R. Haan

**Greeting & Welcome**

**\*Mutual Greeting**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit.  
**And also with yours**

**To our God and Father be glory forever and ever. Amen.  
Philippians 4:20**

**\*Call to Worship**

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! Serve the Lord with gladness!  
**Come into his presence with singing! Know that the Lord, he is God!**

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.  
**Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!**

Give thanks to him; bless his name!

**For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to  
all generations.** Psalm 100

**\*Hymn of Worship** “Come Worship God”

LUYH 509 vs 1,2,4

**\*The Psalm**

Psalm 46

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

**Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way, though the mountains be  
moved into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam, though the  
mountains tremble at its swelling.**

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy habitation of the Most High. God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved; God will help her when morning dawns.

**The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts. The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

Come, behold the works of the Lord, how he has brought desolations on the earth. He makes wars cease to the end of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear; he burns the chariots with fire. "Be still, and know that I am God.

**I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**\*Song of Praise "Only a Holy God"**

Farren/Smith/Robinson/Thompson

**Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
Philippians 1:2**

### **Call to Confession**

We are the people of God, but Scripture reminds us that we still sin. We need to confess our failures, knowing that the Lord Jesus intercedes for us with the Father, who freely forgives us, through his infinite goodness and mercy.

**So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence and pray together.**

### **The Prayer of Confession**

You who are faithful throughout all generations, righteous in your judgments, marvelous in strength and excellence, you who are good, and faithful toward those who trust in you, you who show pity and compassion,

**Forgive us our sins, our unrighteousness, our transgressions, and our shortcomings. Do not hold us to account for every sin, but cleanse us with the cleansing of your truth. Guide our steps to walk in holiness, righteousness, and singleness of heart. Help us to do those things that are good and pleasing in your sight. Amen.**

Clement of Rome, AD 35

**Only let your manner of life be worthy of the gospel of Christ.  
Philippians 1:27**

**The Assurance of Salvation**

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God.

**For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" it is the very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God. Alleluia! Amen.**

**\*Song of Assurance** "Before the Throne of God Above"

LUYH 682 vs 1,2

**And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.  
Philippians 1:6**

**\*The Blessing for Children**

When I think of all this, we fall to our knees and pray to the Father, the Creator of everything in heaven and on earth. We pray that from his glorious, unlimited resources he will empower you with inner strength through his Spirit.

**Then Christ will make his home in your hearts as you trust in him. Your roots will grow down into God's love and keep you strong. And may you have the power to understand, as all God's people should, how wide, how long, how high, and how deep his love is.**

May you experience the love of Christ, though it is too great to understand fully.

**Then you will be made complete with all the fullness of life and power that comes from God. Now all glory to God, who is able, through his mighty power at work within us, to accomplish infinitely more than we might ask or think.**

Ephesians 3:14-20, adapted from NLT

(Children 4 years- 5th Grade are invited to follow the banner for Walk Out Worship.

Children are dismissed at 11:20 from their classrooms located near the nursery.)

**Holding fast to the word of life.  
Philippians 2:16**

**Prayer of Illumination**

Holy God, Word made flesh, let us come to this word open to being surprised. Silence our agendas; banish our assumptions; cast out our casual detachment. Confound our expectations; clear the cobwebs from our ears; penetrate the corners of our hearts with this word. We know that you can, we pray that you will, and we wait with great anticipation.  
**Amen.**

**The Scripture Reading** Philippians 1:27-30

p. 980

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**The Sermon** "Living Worthy of the Gospel"

**Therefore, God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth.  
Philippians 2:9-11**

**\*Song of Response** "Be Thou My Vision"

LUYH 859 vs 1,3,4

**Prayers of the People**

**And my God will supply every need of yours according to his riches in glory in Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 4:19**

**The Offering** *Mobility Worldwide of West Michigan*

**Offertory** "We are an Offering"

LUYH 874

**And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.  
Philippians 4:7**

**\*Closing Hymn** "Have Thine Own Way, Lord"

LUYH 737 vs 1,3,4

## \*Benediction

**Postlude** “Sent Forth by God's Blessing”

arr. D. Wood

### Credits & Liturgical Notes

**Preaching:** Rev. Tim Blackmon

**Organ:** Jean Schuitman

**Piano:** Julie Hordyk

**Prayers of the People:** Henk Ottens

**Vocalists:** Paul LaMaire, Rob Wagenmaker

We display all music on the screen and LUYH (red hymnal) in the pew rack; OneLicense.net #A-721176, CCLI#7750

### Welcome Guests:

Welcome visitors, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Guest Registration Card (in the pew rack) and place it in the offering basket or scan the back of this bulletin for an online form. Also, join us for coffee and cookies after church so we can meet you!

### This Sunday:

**Special Offering:** *Mobility Worldwide of West Michigan's* mission is to reflect God's love by providing without cost, mobility, dignity, self-respect and self-esteem to children who do not have the use of their legs.

**Congregational Town Hall:** Pastor Tim and Jim Warners, Council Chair, will host a Town Hall today at 11:30am in the Sanctuary. They will give an update on the Staff & Council Retreat, Strategic Planning and Staff positions. Childcare for Nursery, Little Lambs and Walk-Out worshippers will be provided.

**Walk Out Worship:** 4s-1<sup>st</sup> graders: This week our children will hear the beloved story of Jesus welcoming the children into his arms as he taught about the Kingdom of God.

2nd-5th graders: This week our children will hear the story of Jesus healing the man born blind, learning about God's great compassion for our pain and suffering.

**Newcomers Class:** If you are new to our congregation and are interested in membership or learning more about Second CRC, please save the dates of March 16 and 23 for our newcomers class.

## Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Please continue to pray for Wes (and Mary) Willink. He had a successful procedure on Monday and is still at Trinity Health Muskegon.

Please continue to pray for Ray Kuiper. He has returned to the Laurels of Hudsonville.

Thank you for all the get-well cards and birthday wishes. I am blessed to be a part of Second Church. ~ Sharon Wolters.

I appreciated the words of comfort and cards in the loss of my sister. Thank you for your support. ~ Shirley Achterhof

*Thank you for the cards and prayers concerning the passing of Ken. Also thank you for the meals brought to me.* ~ Kathy Westveld

Please keep *Ron & Carol Brouwer, Cyndie Van Dyke, and Glen Wierenga* in your prayers.

## Midweek Gathering:

Our Winter Midweek Gathering continues through February 26. You are welcome to join for dinners or a study in the weeks to come.

Join Pastor Tim for “*Read, Mark, Learn*” a five week study to equip you with the tools to deepen your understanding and experience of God’s Word through daily Bible reading.

Join Jeff Munroe’s session on the book *Telling Stories in the Dark*.

Join a Small Group, led by Hank Byma, discussing the book *Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools*.

Register online at <https://secondcrc-ghmi.churchcenter.com> or take a Printed Sign-Up Form found at the Welcome Desk and fill it out.

## Church Announcements:

**Atrium Art Gallery:** The students of Dawn Rotman’s 4th grade class are coming for a reception next Sunday, February 23 at 11:30 a.m. Earlier this month the students visited the gallery, talking about and looking at the artwork displayed. Since then, they have been working on writing poetry about the piece that especially engaged them. They will read their poetry for us at the reception, which will include refreshments. Please join in celebrating their work.

**Book Club:** We will meet on Monday, Feb. 17 at 1:30pm in the parlor. Book discussion will be "The Great Divorce" by C.S. Lewis, led by Agnes Fisher. Join us for a discussion which will help us all better understand the story.

**Choirs:** Handbell rehearsals will continue this Sunday Feb. 9 at 9:15 am. Sanctuary Choir rehearsals will continue February 13 at 7 pm. New members are always welcome in both choirs. If you have questions, please contact Jean Schuitman at [morbaroque@gmail.com](mailto:morbaroque@gmail.com).

**January Series:** It was a privilege for Second Church to open its doors to the community. Despite the weather, nearly 400 people attended the Series. They listened to and learned from a wide variety of speakers. They were overwhelmed by the hospitality of our church and they delighted in the baked goods provided each day. This could not have been accomplished without the contributions of many in our congregation, including all those willing to provide baked goods and serve as host and hostesses.

**Online Pictorial Directory:** We have begun the process for an Online/ Digital Pictorial Directory through Planning Center, our church software. You will be invited via email over the next several weeks to add your information and upload photos of yourself and/or household to the directory. If you have questions, please contact Amy Wolffis.

**Ping Pong Group:** We meet on Mondays at 1:30pm in the church basement.

**SWAN's:** February is a time for fun and fellowship, so let's get together for Bunco and snacks, on Tuesday February 18 at 1pm in the North Hall at church. Hope to see everyone there!

**Tool Time Men's Bible Study:** We will continue Saturday February 15 at 8am. Future Dates: Mar. 1, 15, 29, Apr. 12 & 26, and May 10 & 24. If you have any questions, please contact Tony Razzini at [razzini@att.net](mailto:razzini@att.net).

**Vacation Bible School:** Save the Dates of July 14–17, 2025. Calling all kids to join us for "True North: An Alaskan Adventure" where kids will explore Jesus as their unshakable guide in our wild world. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for registration details!

**We are Hiring:** We are looking for a *Worship Coordinator* to begin in April or May. If you know someone with musical talents and experience in leading worship, please let them know.

We are looking for a *Communications Coordinator*. If you or anyone you know have a talent for communications or secretarial work, please let them know. Those interested in either position can contact [Amy Wolffis](mailto:Amy.Wolffis) for the job description or further information.

## Volunteer Schedule

### February 9, 2025

**Projection:** Renee Mulder

**Video:** Gary Roelofs, Jim Query, Mark Boelens, Ethan Hodge

**Sound:** Mike Katje

**Ushers:** Ken Terpstra (Team 3), Jamie Goorman, Les Lewis, Brian Bierma

**Coffee Hosts:** David & Sandra Brace; Ron & Carol Brouwer

**Nursery:** Kerry Bierma, Mary Terpstra

**Little Lambs:** Sheila Warners, Jenn Steigenga

**Walk Out 4s-1st:** Marie Rycenga, Reed VanStratt

**Walk Out 2nd-5th:** Cindy Brace, Gabe Schaaf

**Greeters:** Steve Marotti, Dan & Melissa Meindertsma

**Offering:** Mobility Worldwide of West Michigan

### February 16, 2025

**Projection:** Dan Braak

**Video:** Chuck DeWitt, Ian Clapp, Mark Boelens, Jason Zuidema

**Sound:** Jim Warners

**Ushers:** Rick Geertsma (Team 4) Rosemary Geertsma, Dirk Weesies, Ralph VanDuyn

**Coffee Hosts:** Gord & Mary Buitendorp; Mike & Lori Buitendorp

**Nursery:** Rosemary Geertsma, Carissa Marotti

**Little Lambs:** Jane DeGroot, Sydney Marotti

**Walk Out 4s-1st:** Mary Winkle, Frankie Folkert

**Walk Out 2nd-5th:** Betsy Blackmon, Dawn Rotman

**Greeters:** Tony Razzini, Jon & Renee Mulder

**Offering:** Faith Promise-Local Outreach

## Calendar

### **Sunday, February 9**

10:00 AM – Sunday Service

11:30 AM - Town Hall

### **Monday, February 10**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:30 PM– Ping Pong

### **Tuesday, February 11**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

7 PM–Care Teams

### **Wednesday, February 12**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

1:00 PM – Knitting / Craft Club

5:30 PM – Midweek Dinner

6:30 PM- Midweek Studies

7 PM – CHAOS

### **Thursday, February 13**

9 AM-1 PM–Office Hours

### **Friday, February 14**

Office Closed

### **Saturday, February 15**

8:00 AM – Tool Time

### **Sunday, February 16**

10:00 AM–Sunday Service

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## **Give Online:**



## **Guest Registration:**

