

Welcome to



SECOND PRES

A Place to Be...Disrupted

Rev. Trey Haddon

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9:00 AM

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PRELUDE

Go Down Moses arr. Robin Schreiber

Dr. Dennis Gotkowski

WELCOME & LIFE TOGETHER

Rev. Trey Haddon

CHORAL INTROIT

The Glory of These Forty Days--Joseph Klug/J. S. Bach

Chapel Choir

CALL to WORSHIP

As God's people, we come to worship:

singing praises to the One who loves us.

As followers of Jesus, we share our lives together:

celebrating the joys of our hearts.

As partners with the Spirit, we seek peace:

offering God's hope to the world.

Jason Jennings

CALL to CONFESSION

PRAYER of CONFESSION

God of Moses, we see the fires of the world burning away any humanity we have left. We hear your voice clear and strong, yet get lost in our own needs and desires.

Give us the strength we need, to share your word with the world. Offer us the hope we desire, to find comfort. Provide us the endurance to continue this ministry in your name.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Friends, this is the good news offered to us!

We are God's beloved, called to live as new people.

Thanks be to God. We are forgiven. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI

Congregational Singing

*PASSING of the PEACE

Jamie Kaiser

*SONG of the DAY

In the Cross of Christ I Glory No. 84

Congregational Singing

FOUNDATIONS

Jamie Kaiser

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:1-5 p. 50

Kathy Frank

WORD IN SONG

The King of Love My Shepherd Is John Leavitt

Chapel Choir

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Exodus 3:6-12 p. 50

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MESSAGE

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***HYMN**

My Faith Looks Up to Thee No. 383

Congregational Singing

OFFERING

Offertory Spirit, Open My Heart Rev. Trey Haddon

*Doxology Reese Suddarth, soloist

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

PRAYERS of the PEOPLE

Ending with the Lord's Prayer

Rev. Trey Haddon

***HYMN**

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less No. 379

Congregational Singing

BENEDICTION

Jamie Kaiser

POSTLUDE

The Solid Rock arr. Donald Hustad

Dr. Dennis Gotkowski

Weekly Devotion: *Third Sunday of Lent**written by Rev. Trey Haddon*

From time to time, we take a pause.
We search for ways to meet the divine.
We carry our past, while bearing hope for our future.

To some... it's simple and easy.
To others... it's deeply meaningful, holy business.

And yes... there is a WORLD of DIFFERENCE.

I think this is one of the many things the WILDERNESS has to offer:
a time and a place to be disrupted.

****Please stand***

UPCOMING at SECONDPRES

ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Lenten Adult Christian Education classes will be held following worship service each Sunday now through April 13. This ACE class will be held in the Chapel. For more information, contact Scott Hamilton.

WESTMINSTER COMMUNION

We invite our folks at Westminster to join us in the Club Room on Wednesday, March 26 at 10:30 a.m. for our quarterly fellowship morning with Pastor Trey!

WHAT'S SO GOOD ABOUT GOOD FRIDAY? ART SHOW

The deadline to register for the 16th annual What's So Good About Good Friday Art Show is quickly approaching on **Friday, March 28!** Register at bit.ly/WSGAGFArtShow25 by March 28, or until full. Artwork will be displayed April 10-20, and to the public April 17-19 with a reception on April 18, 5-6:30 PM. Pickup is Tuesday, April 22. Contact Jeannie Swanson at 309-310-1276 for questions.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: APRIL 3

The next Theology on Tap will be Thursday, April 3 at 6:00 p.m. at the Paxton Building! Dinner can be purchased for \$5 cash, and drinks will be available.

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
- 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 (90 min.)
- 6-7:30 pm: 6-8th YOUthMin (90 min.)
- 6:30-8:00 pm: Chapel Choir Rehearsal

EVERY THURSDAY

- 11:30 am: Thursday Prayer Lunch

EASTER LILY DONATIONS DUE BY 4/7

The Deacons have purchased Easter lillies for our members in nursing homes, retirement communities, and for our members who are homebound. If you would like to remember or honor a loved one, please consider filling out a card with Kim Pare during the week. The names of these folks will be printed in the Easter bulletin. The suggested donation is \$20. **Cards must be completed by Monday, April 7.**

VBS REGISTRATION & VOLUNTEER SIGN-UPS

Get ready for an Alaskan adventure on June 23-27 during VBS 2025! To register or sign-up to volunteer with us this year, visit secondpres.com/family-ministry!

GOD'S WORD: A SECOND PRES SPECIAL COLLECTION

Heritage invites you to explore what has been found in the nooks and crannies of Second Pres! The collection includes items such as contents from the 1865 cornerstone, bibles in 7 languages, sanctuary bibles, Dr. Martin's seminary textbooks, personalized bibles, and presentation bibles! The collection can be viewed in the south entrance display cases.

Please check in using your pew pad (located in each pew) or via the Second Pres church app.

LENT WITH SECOND PRES:

- 4/13: Palm Sunday Service - 9 am
- 4/17: Maundy Thursday Service - 7 pm
- 4/17-4/19: WSGAGF Art Show - Times Vary
- 4/18: Art Show Reception - 5-6:30 pm
- 4/19: Easter Vigil - 7 pm
- 4/20: Sunrise Service (Funks Grove) - 6:30 am
Easter at Second Pres - 9 a.m.

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 (Jennings)

For more information on Bible studies
visit: secondpres.com/biblestudy

In **Genesis 15:1–12, 17–18**, God makes a covenant with Abram. Abram, dwelling in a tent in the land to which God had called him, hears God's promise: Abram will have descendants as numerous as the stars, and they will inherit the land God has set apart for them. In response, God instructs Abram to prepare a covenant ceremony. Yet, before Abram can take part, God causes Abram to fall into a deep sleep. While Abram sleeps, God alone completes the covenant ceremony.

This moment is one of the most profound displays of God's faithfulness. In ancient covenant rituals, both parties would walk between the divided animal sacrifices, symbolizing their mutual obligation to uphold the agreement—if either failed, they would share the fate of the animals. But here, only **God**, appearing as a smoking firepot and a flaming torch, passes through. God is declaring that God's promise does not depend on Abram's ability to uphold it; it rests solely on **God's unchanging character**. If God were ever to break God's word, God would cease to be God—but God will never fail.

God alone is the **Promise Maker** and the **Promise Keeper**. God does not require finite, fallible humans to make promises they cannot keep. This is **hesed (חֶסֶד)**—the steadfast, covenant love of the Lord. It is a love that never wavers, never falters, never fails.

In the wilderness, **Abram's faith was restored**. Abram's hope was rekindled. Abram's promise remained secure—not because of Abram's own strength, but because of God's unwavering faithfulness.

When we find ourselves in the wilderness—lost, weary, uncertain—we can take refuge in God's steadfast love. Even in our darkest, lowest, and most fearful places, we are not abandoned. **The Lord our God is faithful in love, rich in mercy, and abundant in grace**. When we lean into God, we, too, can be restored.

For the Promise Maker is the Promise Keeper. Always.