

Welcome to



**SECOND PRES**

A Place to...Leave

Rev. Trey Haddon

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**PRELUDE**

Prélude Théodore Dubois

Dr. Dennis Gotkowski

**WELCOME & LIFE TOGETHER**

Rev. Trey Haddon

**CHORAL INTROIT**

O Praise the Lord Richard Benedum

Chapel Choir

**CALL to WORSHIP**

In the buds on the trees eager to flower;  
**we see how you love us, God of Steadfast Love.**  
 In the tears of worry over illness and death;  
**we see how you love us, God of Resurrection and Life.**  
 In the words you give to the brokenhearted:  
**we see how you love us, Breath of our Souls.**

Jason Jennings

**CALL to CONFESSION****PRAYER of CONFESSION**

**Generous God, we confess how we are bound by our pride and arrogance. We cling to our fears, for they are so familiar and make such good companions.**

**Yet there in every corner of our lives, in every shadow we fear, into the cold embrace of death itself you come, steadfast love. You give us new strength and hope, and call us to new life through the love and sacrifice of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

**ASSURANCE of PARDON**

God offers us love which never fades.

God shares with us life which never ends.

**God's hope, God's love, and God's grace are forever.****Thanks be to God. Amen!****\*GLORIA PATRI**

Congregational Singing

**\*PASSING of the PEACE**

Rev. Trey Haddon

**\*SONG of the DAY**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness No. 276

Congregational Singing

**FOUNDATIONS**

George Pendergrass

————— *Children invited to attend Sunday School* —————

**FIRST SCRIPTURE READING**

John 11:1-5 p. 104

Kathy Frank

**WORD IN SONG**

Chapel Choir

Let Me Walk With Thee Sean Paul

**SECOND SCRIPTURE READING**

Rev. Trey Haddon

John 11: 7-16 p. 104

**MESSAGE**

Rev. Trey Haddon

A Place to...Leave

**\*HYMN**

Congregational Singing

Be Thou My Vision No. 339

**OFFERING**

Rev. Trey Haddon

Offertory Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive Choral Interns

\*Doxology

\*Prayer of Thanksgiving

**PRAYERS of the PEOPLE**

George Pendergrass

Ending with the Lord's Prayer

**\*HYMN**

Congregational Singing

God Be with You Till We Meet Again No. 540

**BENEDICTION**

Rev. Trey Haddon

**POSTLUDE**

Dr. Dennis Gotkowski

Short Postlude No. 3 William Wolstenholme

**WELCOME OUR GUESTS: GEORGE & PAMELA PENDERGRASS**

George and Pamela have served for over 30 years together in music, education and ministry. They both hold master's degrees from Duquesne University, George in Community Leadership and Pamela in Business Ethics. George was a lead singer for the award-winning ensemble Acappella and has had the honor of working on projects with a wide range of artists, including U2, Vanessa Williams and Amy Grant. After many years on the road, they went on to work for the Milton Hershey School in residential education. Together they've traveled on short-term mission trips to Europe, Kenya, South America and Thailand. God's call to frontier mission mobilization among people of color grew out of an Egypt vision trip with our team.

Pamela enjoys discovering new foods and cooking, and George enjoys music, camping, gardening and developing survival skills. They have a son, a daughter-in-law and three beautiful grandsons.

George & Pamela will be holding a class in the chapel about their recent trip following service. All are welcome to attend!

*\*Please stand*

# UPCOMING at SECONDPRES

## EASTER LILY DONATIONS DUE BY 4/7

Monday, April 7 is the last day to fill out a card honoring a loved one in the Easter bulletin! Suggested donation: \$20. Donations go toward the purchase of lillies for our nursing home and homebound seniors.

## JOY FELLOWSHIP PROGRAM

Maria Millen, retired Unit 5 teacher will present a program about the history & culture of her trip to Egypt last year, "Come Explore With Us The Secrets and Mysteries of Ancient Egypt," on Thursday, April 10 at 10:30 a.m. in the chapel.

## ADULT CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

The final Lenten class led by Rev. Trey Haddon will be held Sunday, April 13 in the chapel after service. This class is a contemplative class, centered around discussion, prayer, and music, walking each participant through this wilderness experience together. For more information, contact Scott Hamilton.

## GOOD FRIDAY ECUMENICAL SERVICE

This year's Good Friday Ecumenical Service will be held on Friday, April 18 at 12:00 NOON at the Mennonite Church of Normal, 805 S Cottage Ave. Normal, IL.

## WEEKLY HAPPENINGS 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

## HALLELUJAH CHORUS: EASTER

Easter Sunday's service will include the Hallelujah Chorus from *Messiah* during the benediction response. Congregation members are invited to the choir loft during the closing hymn to join the Chapel Choir for the benediction response. Music is provided.

## EARTH CARE WORK DAY 4/25

Help is needed to spread mulch on the gardens and around the church buildings on Friday, 4/25 from 9 a.m.-12 p.m. We will work alongside a crew of Heartland Community College staff volunteers. Contact Janet Schroeder, 309-838-0398 or [jdsflower@gmail.com](mailto:jdsflower@gmail.com) to volunteer or learn more.

## SONGS OF LOVE, LOSS, AND LONGING: A RECITAL

Dennis Gotkowski will present a voice recital in the sanctuary on Saturday, April 26 at 2:00 p.m. The program, accompanied by pianist Grace Eom, will feature songs by Stefano Donaudy, Clara Schumann, Pauline Viardot, and Florence B. Price. All are welcome!

## SECOND HALF HELPING HANDS SPRING CLEAN 5/3

Saturday, May 3, 2025, Second Half will be hosting their Helping Hands Spring Clean up. If any members would like help with yard work such as raking, replanting, etc., please contact either Kim Pare at Church or Shelly Gant.

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- WSGAGF Art Show - Times Vary
- 4/19
- 4/18: Art Show Reception - 5-6:30 pm
- 4/18: Good Friday - 7 pm
- 4/19: Easter Vigil - 7 pm
- 4/20: Sunrise Service (Funks Grove) - 6:30 am
- 4/20: 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

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The scene is set and we have Jesus back at that faithful spot. The place where John stood— the one who was “calling out in the wilderness... for ALL people to repent.”

The place where Jesus would walk to the rivers edge, preparing himself to be baptized.

The places where the heavens opened up and those HOLY words were spoken—“This is MY SON... with whom I am well pleased.”

The scene is the wilderness.

The place we began this journey 5 LONG weeks ago.

And now, for the sake of LIFE itself,

we have Jesus being called out of the wilderness.

I am wondering, how many of us are ready to be called out of the wilderness?

5 weeks ago, I asked what it would take you to enter the wilderness.

Today, I'm asking how do you know when it's time to leave?