

<b>PRELUDE</b> Variations on "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Franklin Ashdown	Kevin Chunko
<b>WELCOME &amp; LIFE TOGETHER</b> <b>CHORAL INTROIT</b> I Was Glad When They Said to Me Paul Hamill	Mackenzie Jager Chapel Choir
<b>*CALL to WORSHIP</b> Are you thirsty? <b>Come to the water.</b> Are you weary? Do you long for forgiveness? <b>Come to the water.</b> Christ Jesus died for us. The Holy Spirit lives among us. And God calls us home and sings blessings over us. <b>We come to the water and drink!</b> <b>Glory be to the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit!</b>	Mackenzie Jager
<b>CALL to CONFESSION</b> <b>PRAYER of CONFESSION</b> <b>Like lost sheep, we have wandered far from your green pastures and streams of living water. We have not loved you with our whole hearts or even tried to love our neighbors as ourselves. We have ignored justice, kindness, and mercy. Oh God of compassion, we cry out to you! Do not forget us or send us away. Draw us closer to you. Teach us, restore us, and sustain us in the paths that lead to you and your abundant love. Amen.</b>	Jamie Bishop Jamie Bishop
<b>ASSURANCE of PARDON</b> God is merciful and gracious, <b>slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.</b> Like a mother has compassion on her children, <b>so our God has compassion for us.</b> God remembers how we were made! <b>God's love is a covenant that stretches from generation to generation, blessing the littlest and oldest among us. Thanks be to God!</b>	Mackenzie Jager
<b>PASSING of the PEACE</b> <b>*SONG of the DAY</b> Abide with Me, No. 543	Jamie Bishop Congregational Singing
<b>FIRST SCRIPTURE READING</b> Genesis 15:1–6 <i>reading from Jesus Storybook Bible based on Genesis 15</i> <hr/> <i><b>Children depart to Sunday School</b></i> <hr/>	Jamie Bishop
<b>WORD in SONG</b> Have You Heard God's Voice? Fred Chatfield	Kaylen Younan, <i>soprano</i> Christopher Lerch, <i>conductor</i>
<b>SECOND SCRIPTURE READING</b> Genesis 16	Mackenzie Jager
<b>MESSAGE</b> The God Who Sees Me	Mackenzie Jager
<b>*HYMN</b> God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us, No. 261	Congregational Singing
<b>PRAYERS of the PEOPLE</b>	Mackenzie Jager
<b>*HYMN</b> Great Is Their Faithfulness, No. 276	Congregational Singing
<b>*BENEDICTION</b>	Mackenzie Jager
<b>POSTLUDE</b> My Faith Looks Up To Thee Seth Bingham	Kevin Chunko

## Genesis 15:1–6

<sup>1</sup>After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, “Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.” <sup>2</sup>But Abram said, “O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?” <sup>3</sup>And Abram said, “You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.” <sup>4</sup>But the word of the Lord came to him, “This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.” <sup>5</sup>He brought him outside and said, “Look toward heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.” Then he said to him, “So shall your descendants be.” <sup>6</sup>And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

## Genesis 16

<sup>1</sup>Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bore him no children. She had an Egyptian slave-girl whose name was Hagar, <sup>2</sup>and Sarai said to Abram, “You see that the Lord has prevented me from bearing children; go in to my slave-girl; it may be that I shall obtain children by her.” And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. <sup>3</sup>So, after Abram had lived ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her slave-girl, and gave her to her husband Abram as a wife. <sup>4</sup>He went in to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress. <sup>5</sup>Then Sarai said to Abram, “May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my slave-girl to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the Lord judge between you and me!” <sup>6</sup>But Abram said to Sarai, “Your slave-girl is in your power; do to her as you please.” Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she ran away from her.

<sup>7</sup>The angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur. <sup>8</sup>And he said, “Hagar, slave-girl of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?” She said, “I am running away from my mistress Sarai.” <sup>9</sup>The angel of the Lord said to her, “Return to your mistress, and submit to her.” <sup>10</sup>The angel of the Lord also said to her, “I will so greatly multiply your offspring that they cannot be counted for multitude.” <sup>11</sup>And the angel of the Lord said to her,

“Now you have conceived and shall bear a son; you shall call him Ishmael, for the Lord has given heed to your affliction.

<sup>12</sup>He shall be a wild ass of a man, with his hand against everyone, and everyone's hand against him; and he shall live at odds with all his kin.”

## Genesis 16 (continued)

<sup>13</sup>So she named the Lord who spoke to her, “You are El-roi”; for she said, “Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing him?” <sup>14</sup>Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered.

<sup>15</sup>Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. <sup>16</sup>Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.

### Have You Heard God's Voice

Fred Chatfield

Have you heard God's voice;  
Has your heart been stirred?  
Are you still prepared to follow?  
Have you made a choice to remain and serve,  
though the way be rough and narrow?

Will you use your voice; will you not sit down  
when the multitudes are silent?  
Will you make a choice to stand your ground  
when the crowds are turning violent?

Will you walk the path that will cost you much  
and embrace God's love and sorrow?  
Will you trust in One who entrusts to you  
the disciples of tomorrow?

Will you watch the news with the eyes of faith  
and believe it could be different?  
Will you share your views using words of grace?  
Will you leave a thoughtful imprint?

Will you walk the path that will cost you much  
and embrace God's love and sorrow?  
Will you trust in One who entrusts to you  
the disciples of tomorrow?

In your city streets will you be God's heart?  
Will you listen to the voiceless?  
Will you stop and eat, and when friendships start,  
will you share your faith with the faithless?

Will you walk the path that will cost us much  
and embrace God's love and sorrow?  
Will you trust in One who entrusts to you  
the disciples of tomorrow?

Have your heard God’s voice;  
Has your heart been stirred?

\* **We invite you to stand as you are able**

# ACE THIS MONTH

New six week series from Sept 18–Oct 23

## God in Government:

*The Historic US Relationship Between Church and State*

**This Week:** Washington, Jefferson, and the founding fathers

**Next Week:** Key Supreme Court Decisions

# EVENTS COMING UP

## TRUNK or TREAT

Friday, October 28 @ Second Pres in the Jefferson St. Lot

5:00–7:00 PM

Second Pres will host this year's Trunk or Treat for the kids!

Email [jamie.bishop@secondpres.com](mailto:jamie.bishop@secondpres.com) for additional information.

## HELPING HANDS

Saturday, November 12 from 9:00–12:00 PM

Second Half will be hosting the Helping Hands Fall Clean up Saturday, November 12, from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. If any members would like assistance with leaf raking, light yard work, or repotting, please call either Kim at Church, or Shelly Gant at 1-309-963-4361, or by email: [the.gants@frontiernet.net](mailto:the.gants@frontiernet.net).

We don't do roof repair, driveway or sidewalk repair, remodeling, etc.

## JOY TRIP: "Christmas: Past, Present, and Future

Sunday, November 20 at The Barn III in Goodfield, IL

\$50 per person or \$100 per couple. Includes theatre ticket, meal, taxes, and gratuity. Carpool leaves Second Pres at 11:30 AM. Show starts at 1:30 PM. Please contact Ruth Oesch to sign up.

Ruth Oesch: 309-824-7379. Sign up by October 21. 32 spaces available.

# HAPPENING EVERY WEEK

## EVERY SUNDAY:

8:00 am Chapel Worship

10:30 am Sanctuary Service

9:15 am • Children's Sunday School

• Sunday Brunch Grab & Go

• ACE (Adult Christian Education)

## EVERY TUESDAY:

8:30 am: Morning Men's Bible Study

## EVERY WEDNESDAY:

6:00–7:30: K–6 Kid's Min

6:30–8:00pm: Chapel Choir Rehearsal

## EVERY THURSDAY

11:30 am: Thursday Prayer Lunch



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THE  
GOD  
WHO  
SEES  
ME

Mackenzie Jager

Sunday, October 16, 2022

10:30 AM Service