

Prelude “Fairest Lord Jesus”
“And Can It Be?”

arr. Raney
arr. Singley

The Welcome

The Greeting

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

***The Call to Worship**

The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

Day after day they pour out speech;
night after night they reveal knowledge.

Their voice goes out through all the earth,
and their words to the end of the world.

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the Lord is sure, making wise the simple.

***The Hymn of Praise** “God of Grace, and God of Glory”

LUYH 926

***The Song of Praise** “Purify My Heart”

CSW 10

The Confession of Sin

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Wisdom has cried aloud in the streets, and we confess that we have been among the simple who would not learn, and the fools who would not listen. We have not loved you with our whole heart, mind, and strength; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We have chosen pride, arrogance, and crooked speech, though wisdom herself declares that the fear of the Lord is hatred of evil. We have sought silver and gold, and passed by the instruction that is better than jewels and worth more than anything we desire. In our folly we have injured ourselves, and loved the way that leads to death.

We are truly sorry, and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, in whom are hidden all the treasures of wisdom, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen.

The Assurance of Pardon

Hear the good news. The Wisdom who was beside the Father from the beginning, rejoicing always in his presence, became flesh and made his home among us — and God made him our wisdom, our righteousness, our holiness, and our redemption. Whoever finds him finds life, and obtains favor from the Lord. Almighty God has mercy on you: he forgives you all your foolishness through our Lord Jesus Christ, makes you wise for salvation, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keeps you in eternal life.
Amen.

***Song of Response “Thy Word”**

SNC 86

The Prayer of Blessing for Children

O Lord, we pray that your grace may always precede and follow after us, that we may continually be given to good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

(Children 4 years-5th Grade are invited to Walk Out Worship.
They will be dismissed at 11:20 from their classrooms in the lower level.)

The Scripture Proverbs 8:1-36

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This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Prayer of Illumination

The Sermon “Wisdom’s Autobiography”

The Prayer of Response

***Song of Response** “Jesus Calls Us; O’er the Tumult”

LUYH 121 v 1-3

The Prayers of the People

Ministry Moment Love In Action - Connect Two Mentoring

The Offering *Connect Two*

The Offertory “Change My Heart, O God”

arr. Hayes

***The Sending Song** “In Christ Alone”

LUYH 770

***The Benediction**

The Postlude “Halle, Halle, Hallelujah”

arr. Carter

Worship Leaders & Liturgical Notes

Preaching: Rev. Tim Blackmon

Piano: Julie Hordyk & Robin Kieft

Prayers of the People: Ethan Beswick

Vocalists: Robin Kieft, Rob Wagenmaker

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

Welcome Guests:

Welcome, we are glad you are here! Please fill out a Guest 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:

Today’s Offering: The Gideon’s share God’s Word and the hope of salvation in Jesus Christ with people across the world. They also provide Bibles and New Testaments.

Walk-Out Worship: Today our children continue their summer series following the adventures of the Torchlighters Heroes of the Faith and see how God works through those who dedicate their lives to serving him. Today children will learn about George Muller.

Prayer Requests, Praises & Gratitude:

Please continue to pray for Julie Bekkering as she recovers from shoulder surgery.

Please continue to pray for Lee Groters and the diagnosis of esophageal cancer.

Please be in prayer for Eileen Harden as she anticipates a court date at the end of August in hopes of securing a new guardian.

Ruth Smant is moving from Heartwood Lodge to Grand Pines, Apartment C1.

Church Announcements:

Book Club: We will meet on September 14 at 1:30pm in the parlor to discuss our summer read "The Correspondent" by Virginia Evans. All are welcome to attend. Questions, please contact Agnes Fisher at (616) 377-7221.

Kitchen Request: If you have any Pie Plates that you no longer use, please consider donating to the church kitchen for Midweek Meals or church gatherings.

Sanctuary Choir: Fall rehearsals begin on Thursday, September 10 at 7:00 pm in the choir room. New members are always welcome! Future Rehearsals: Sept. 17 & 24. Questions, please contact Jean Schuitman at morbaroque@gmail.com or by text at (231) 750-6676.

SWAN's: We will meet on September 15th at 2:00pm. Carole Soule, an extraordinary lady who is blind, will tell us about her journey through blindness. She has learned many adaptations that she will share.

Tool Time: We will begin our Fall Session on Saturday September 19 at 8:00am. Future Dates: Oct 3, 10 & 24; Nov 7 & 21; Dec 5 & 19.

Women's Bible Hour: Beginning Thursday, September 10 at 1:30pm we will be studying "Prayers of the Old Testament" for eight weeks. Books are available in the office. Questions? Call Char at 616-842-0848.

Volunteer Schedule

August 30, 2026

Projection: Dan Wagenmaker

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Paul Marotti, Mark Boelens, Jason Zuidema

Sound: Rick Clapp

Ushers: Team 1 - Steve Marotti, Todd Cunningham, David Brace, Mike Buitendorp

Coffee Hosts: David & Robin Kieft; Bern & Les Lewis

Nursery: Victoria McCarthy, Laura Knochenhauer

Little Lambs: Jane DeGroot, Vivienne McCarthy

Walk Out: Sheri Van Duyn, Dawn Rotman

Greeters: Jay Knochenhauer, Lois Poel & Lola Fuhs

Council in Parlor: Tony Razzini, Sheila Warners

Offering: Gideons

September 6, 2026

Projection: Dan Braak

Video: Chuck DeWitt, Jason Zuidema, Harley Dyk, Dan Meindersma

Sound: Mike Katje

Ushers: Team 2 - Curt DeJongh, Chris Hordyk, Chris VanStratt, Pierce VanStratt

Coffee Hosts: Joe & Paula Risselade; Don & Barb Poel

Nursery: Kerry Bierma, Kathy Westveld

Little Lambs: Amy Wolffis, Reed VanStratt

Walk Out: Annie Hoekzema, Ian Clapp

Greeters: Larry Au, Jim & Joanne Query

Council in Parlor: Dale Schuitema, Ken Terpstra

Offering: Love In Action – Connect Two

Calendar

Sunday, August 30

10:00AM – Worship Service

Monday, August 31

9AM-12PM – Office Hours

Tuesday, September 1

9AM-12PM – Office Hours

Wednesday, September 2

9AM-12PM – Office Hours

1PM – Knitting/Craft Group

Thursday, September 3

9AM-12PM – Office Hours

Friday, September 4

Office Closed

Saturday, September 5

Office Closed

Sunday, September 6

10:00AM – Worship Service

Monday, September 7

Office Closed

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MIDWEEK GATHERING

This past January, our council and staff gathered for our annual retreat—to dream, to pray, and to discern where God is calling us next. After much prayer, we sensed a double calling: cultivating a culture of God-centered worship and doubling down on discipling the next generation.

This fall, we're leaning into that second call—and we want **every single one of you** there. Starting September 9, our Midweek Gathering becomes a seven-week series built around one question: ***how do we pass on a living faith to the next generation?***

Each Wednesday opens with dinner at 5:30, followed by teaching (children's and youth ministry provided), and each week's theme carries into Sunday morning as well. This will be our only class offered this fall. **That's how important we believe it is.**

This is for the parent rocking a newborn at 2 a.m., wondering how to raise a child who loves Jesus. It's for the grandparent who keeps praying, keeps encouraging, keeps pointing grown children and grandchildren back to Jesus. It's for the teacher shaping young hearts every week—here at Second and in classrooms across our community. It's for the young adult still working out what you believe.

And it's for every leader entrusted with shepherding this church— elders, deacons, care volunteers. Every single one of you has a part to play in raising up the next generation.

Together, we'll explore seven commitments for becoming rooted and grounded in the gospel:

1. Embrace a biblical vision for the faith of the next generation.
2. Foster a robust partnership between church and home.
3. Teach the breadth and depth of the whole counsel of God.
4. Proclaim the glorious gospel of Jesus Christ.
5. Disciple the mind, heart, and will.
6. Pray with dependence on God's sovereign grace.
7. Inspire worship of God, for the glory of God.

Sign Up at the Welcome Desk or online at: <https://bit.ly/4i1az4J>

