

1879 "THE FORTY-SEVENTH YEAR OF OUR SECOND CENTURY" 2026

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH

3310 E. COMMERCE STREET, SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS 78220
THE REV. DR. ROBERT L. JEMERSON, SR., D. MIN., PASTOR

"We are Walking in the Will of the Divine"
"The steps of a *good* man are ordered by the LORD,
And He delights in his way." Psalm 37: 23

JANUARY 4, 2026
11:00 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

Enter to Worship

Only one life
It'll soon be past

Depart to Serve

Only what's done
For God will last!



"God make this house of worship we have raised to You wide enough to receive all who need human love, fellowship and the Father's care and narrow enough to shut out envy, pride and hate. Make its threshold smooth that it may be no stumbling block to childhood weakness or straying feet, but rugged and strong enough to turn back the tempter's power. God make this house of worship the gateway to Your eternal Kingdom."

The Preparation for Worship “Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing, Now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it?” Isaiah 43:18-19

The Prelude “Only What You Do For Christ Will Last” Raymond Rasberry Mrs. La Faye Duren, Organist

The Call To Worship and the Invocation Rev. Dr. Argra Nell Thompson

WORSHIP IN PRAISE

***The Opening Hymn of Praise** “Love Lifted Me”

I was sinking deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore, Very deeply stained within, Sinking to rise no more; But the Master of the sea Heard my despairing cry, From the waters lifted me— Now safe am I. **Refrain: Love lifted me, Love lifted me, When nothing else could help, Love lifted me; Love lifted me.**

All my heart to Him I give, Ever to Him I'll cling, In His blessed presence live, Ever His praises sing. Love so mighty and so true Merits my soul's best songs; Faithful, loving service, too, To Him belongs. **Refrain:**

***The Responsive Reading** Psalm 100: 1-5 Rev. Dr. Argra Nell Thompson

Minister: Make a joyful shout to the LORD, all you lands! Serve the LORD with gladness; Come before His presence with singing. Know that the LORD, He *is* God; *It is* He *who* has made us, and not we ourselves; *We are* His people and the sheep of His pasture.

People: Enter into His gates with thanksgiving, *And* into His courts with praise. Be thankful to Him, *and* bless His name. For the LORD *is* good; His mercy *is* everlasting, And His truth *endures* to all generations.

***The Gloria Patri** Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the Beginning is now and ever shall be world with out end. Amen, Amen.

The Welcome Mrs. Ella Saine

WORSHIP IN MEDITATION

The Morning Prayer Deacon Lawrence Harkless

WORSHIP IN GIVING

The Offertory Sentence and Prayer Rev. Angela Jackson and The Hand Bell Choir Mrs. Alice Brown, Director

***The Doxology** Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below; Praise Him above ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

WORSHIP IN PROCLAMATION

The Music of Preparation “Total Praise” The Voices of Second Baptist Church

The Sermon “New Year, New Covenant. Fresh Fire!” Rev. Dr. Argra Nell Thompson

The Text: “‘The days are coming,’ declares the LORD, ‘when I will make a new covenant with the people of Israel and with the people of Judah. It will not be like the covenant I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to lead them out of Egypt, because they broke my covenant, though I was a husband to them,’ declares the LORD. ‘This is the covenant I will make with the people of Israel after that time,’ declares the LORD. ‘I will put my law in their minds and write it on their hearts. I will be their God, and they will be my people. No longer will they teach their neighbor, or say to one another, ‘Know the LORD,’ because they will all know me, from the least of them to the greatest,’ declares the LORD. ‘For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.’” Jeremiah 31:31-34 NIV

The Invitation to Discipleship “I Give Myself Away” The Voices of Second Baptist Church

The Service of Holy Communion Rev. Keith Jackson

The Communion Hymn “I Know It Was the Blood”

I know it was the blood, I know it was the blood, I know it was the blood for me. **Refrain: One day when I was lost He died upon the cross. I know it was the blood for me.**

They pierced Him in His side, They pierced Him in His side, They pierced Him in His side for me. **Refrain:**

He hung His head and died, He hung His head and died, He hung His head and died for me. **Refrain:**

The Benediction Rev. Keith Jackson

The Postlude “Toccata on O God Our Help In Ages Past” arr. Gordon Young Mrs. La Faye Duren, Organist

*** Please Stand**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYMPATHY TO: Trustee Calvin Bateman, Ms. Anita Smith, and Mrs. Ella Saine in the loss of their loved one and our member **Mrs. Shirley Bateman**. The visitation for Mrs. Bateman will be held **Thursday, January 8, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.** in the **Second Baptist Church Sanctuary** and the funeral service will follow at **11:00 A.M.**

Mrs. Jeanette and Mr. Kirk Brown in the loss of Mrs. Brown's brother **Mr. David Washington**. The visitation for Mr. Washington will be held **Saturday, January 10, 2026 at 10:00 A.M.** and the funeral service will follow at **11:00 A.M., Mt. Gilead Baptist Church, 1319 Crockett St., San Antonio, Texas 78202**

BUSINESS MEETING: The Church Business Meeting will be held on **Monday, January 26, 2026 at 6:30 P.M.** in the **Church Sanctuary**. Dinner will be served at 6:00 P. M. in the Rev. S. H. James Fellowship Hall. The Agenda will consist of the adoption of the Constitution and Bylaws and the acceptance of 2026 Budget. All members are asked to attend.

WE ARE PRAYING FOR YOUR HEALING

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO MEMBERS CELEBRATING THIS WEEK

January 5 Mrs. Oweta Bowman, Deacon Thomas Dunlap **January 6** Mrs. Esther Holder-Rahmen **January 7** Ms. Janice Bishop, Mrs. Thelma Pete **January 8** Mr. Cortney Nious **January 9** Josiah Duhart, Ms. Stephanie Haley, Mrs. Cernelis Jackson **January 10** Mrs. Robbie Alexander, Mr. Gerald-Keith Epps, Sr., Mrs. Ann Frye, Mr. Larry Phearse, Rev. John Sanders, Deacon Richmond Smith, Mrs. Pamula Thomas, Dr. Jerome Washington

DEACON OF THE WEEK JANUARY 4-10, 2026,

The Deacon of the Week is **Deacon Bruce Scott**. Members may call the Deacon or the Pastor at (210) 227-2605 to express concerns or encouragement. Deacon Scott can be reached at (210) 316-7315

MIDWEEK WORSHIP SERVICE

Wednesday, January 7, 2026

Church Family Dinner 6:00 P.M. - Worship Service 6:30 P.M. Chapel

Youth Bible Study 6:30 P.M. Taylor, Bland Burns Choir Room

NAACP
San Antonio Branch

Save the Date

Jubilee Sunday Celebration of the Emancipation Proclamation

NAACP Scholarship Presentation

**Second Baptist Church
3310 E Commerce St.
San Antonio, TX 78220**

**Sunday, January 11, 2026
3:00p.m.**



**Guest Speaker:
Pastor Kevin L. Nelson**

**Dinner will be served following the service in
the Second Baptist Church Community Center**

**Host:
Rev. Dr. Robert L. Jemerson**

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BEGINING JANUARY 7 - APRIL 1, 2026
12:00 PM-2:00 PM

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COST: \$10.00 FOR MATERIALS



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MAHOGANY BRAIN CHALLENGE 2026



Second Baptist Church will be participating in the Mahogany Brain Challenge 2026 Competition. The Mahogany Brain Challenge is an African American History quiz competition that allows our youth to explore their heritage and culture by learning information about notable African Americans and their contributions to American Society.

The competition is open to students in grades 3-8.
It will be held on February 28, 2026.

If your student is interested in participating
please contact Rev. Dr. Argra Nell Thompson.



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