



Worship at
SECOND
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH



*Reformation
Sunday*

October 31, 2021



Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church

Sharing the grace of God with one another and the world around us.

This church welcomes you no matter who you are, where you come from, or why you are here. We are Christ's people; if you are looking for a home, stay here; if you need instruction, learn from us as we learn from you. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.

Please visit our website 2ndpreslou.org to connect with our various ministries, or to contact our office for more information about our faith community.



If you are new to Second Presbyterian, or would like to share a prayer concern, please scan this QR Code to fill out our online Friendship Pad.



Thank you for silencing mobile phones or any other devices to honor the sanctity of our worship.

Sharing grace through giving: We welcome you to visit our Giving Page on our website (2ndpreslou.org/giving) to fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. When you scan this QR code, it will direct you to the giving page of our website. Giving my text message is also available: text 844-584-2059 or by using the Vanco app and enter the amount you wish to donate. Thank you for your faithful support!



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Reformation Sunday

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THE GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

We gather to worship God alone "Soli Deo Gloria!"

We gather as people reformed and reforming,

Proclaiming the cornerstones of our faith:

Scripture alone, Christ alone,

Faith alone, grace alone,

Glory always, to God alone.

PRELUDE

Canzona per Sonare No. 2
Kentucky Brass

G. Gabrieli

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."

*HYMN 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Read in unison)*

Holy God, you call us to love you with our whole heart,

And with all our soul, and with all our mind.

Forgive us when selfishness takes up too much of our heart,

When worry seems to crowd wonder out of our soul,

When fear causes us to close our minds to anything new.

Holy God, you call us to bear with one another in love.

Forgive us when we cannot love our neighbors.

Forgive us when we cannot love ourselves.

(Time for silent prayer)

(11 a.m.) *KYRIE

Out of the Depths

AUS TIEFER NOT

Choir introduces response; Congregation repeats response.

Out of the depths I cry to you!

Dear Lord, hear my plead-ing voice!

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***RESPONSE**

Jesus Shall Reign
Stanza 5

DUKE STREET

Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

(11 a.m.) *Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward during this time to be dismissed through the side door for activities.*

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

(11 a.m.) **OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 12:28-34

SERMON

"Not Far"

Rev. Steve Jester

THE RESPONSE

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please also see the information about ways to give on the inside of the front cover of the bulletin. You are invited to pass the Friendship pad found at the end of the pen.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God
Please turn to Hymn 275

arr. Dan Forrest

Stanza 1: Choir, Stanza 2: Congregation, Stanza 3: Choir
*Stanza 4: Congregation stands to sing as directed

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

SHARING GRACE

Moment for Stewardship

Brad Hume

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

THE SENDING

***HYMN 321**

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA/arr. D. Wagner

Stanzas 1, 2, 4 & 5

Stanzas 1 & 2: All singing

Stanza 4: Women only

Stanza 5: All singing

***BLESSING**

We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.

You are welcome to remain seated for the Postlude or exit quietly.

POSTLUDE

Ein feste Burg, Op. 67, No. 6

Arr. Max Reger

**Please stand if you are able*

Our congregation should be very proud of the financial commitment made to our church in 2021. To date, there are 271 pledges for a total of \$1,341,829 which is the most ever pledged to Second. Non-pledge giving has reached \$72,738 with more typically given in the latter months of the year. These numbers show the strength of our congregation and the vitality of our church. Stewardship letters have gone out for 2022 and we ask for your generosity to continue. With the increased income, more mission partners are being added and the mission budget was increased to \$250,000. In these very stressful times aid has been given to so many in need.

The Stewardship Committee

IN WORSHIP TODAY

For our worshipers who use hearing devices, please be reminded that we have the T-Coil system available. If you have the T-coil feature on your hearing device, and most devices do have that feature, you simply need to switch it to that setting. If you would like a unit, please ask an usher to provide one.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Cheryl and Dan Russell to the glory of God and in loving memory of their son, Daniel Paul Russell and with gratitude for the blessings of his life.

THE FLOWERS IN THE NARTHEX are given in loving memory by the family of Walt Baker.

THE ROSES IN THE SANCTUARY are in honor of new babies born between March 2020 and October 2021: Elizabeth Beard Bahe, Bailey Cook, Elizabeth Southgate Edinger, Theodore David Hayden, William Henderson Payne, Elizabeth Chandler Sandman, Evelyn Shidemantle, Lucy Stephen Zoeller

USHERS

9 a.m. - Margaret Cregor-Radford, Allison Duncan, Scott Carothers, Kelly Gant

11 a.m. - Nancy Hubbard, John Hubbard, Ginny Jones, Larry Jones, Jane Roth

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preaching; Rev. Jordan Akin, Associate Pastor for Youth, liturgist; Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate, liturgist; John Hubbard, lay reader

Sanctuary Choir, Austin Memorial Handbells, Kentucky Brass Ensemble; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Samuel Libra, organist.

Austin Memorial Handbells: *Bonnie Boram, Ricky Case, Elizabeth Clay, Lindsay Cook, Kit Davis, Kitty deVoogd, Steve Farris, Karen Hadley, Jean Herp, Diana Jester, Katharine King, Sue Rogers, Becca Ruark, Susanne Wright*

Kentucky Brass Ensemble: *Nicholas Recktenwald, trumpet; Paul Armitage, trumpet; Colin Dorman, horn; Brett Shuster, trombone; Bryan Heath, trombone; Anastasi Fafalios, bass trombone; Luciano Medina, percussion*

Evan Vivic, Audio/Video Engineer; Virginia Fortner, Visuals Editor

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WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Jean Groskreutz's on the death of her brother-in-law, Rev. Dr. Donald A. Groskreutz, 10/21/2021.

Rebecca Brown on the death of her aunt, Nancy Homan Goatley, 10/20/2021.

Betsy Baker and her family on the death of her father, Walt Baker, 10/14/2021.

Ruth Fitzwater and her family on the death of her mother, Georgia Fitzwater, 9/21/2021.

The family of the Rev. Alan Sorem on his death, 9/7/2021.

WORSHIP INFORMATION

Update About Protocol: We are grateful for lowering positivity rates within Louisville. We will revisit masking protocols soon to reassess. The re-opening Task Group is grateful for and appreciative of church members' diligence and patience.

CHILDCARE: Children ages 3 by 8/1 through 3rd grade are welcomed to begin the morning in 11:00 Worship where they will be dismissed to activities after the Children's Sermon. 4th and 5th grades report directly to the Youth Suite for class on all Sundays except Communion Sunday (1st Sunday of the month). Parents may pick up their children from the lower-level educational space after 11:00 Worship has ended. Educational space is best accessed through the double doors near the Narthex marked 2PK. PreK – 3rd grades rooms 150-154. 4th & 5th grades – room 180.

KidCheck is a secure children's check-in system that enhances your provider's security system and simplifies the check-in process. KidCheck helps ensure no one can pick up your child without your consent. Signing up for KidCheck is easy and free for parents, guardians, and workers! Visit <https://go.kidcheck.com> or **download the KidCheck app** on an iOS or Android device.

NAMETAGS: We encourage all who come to worship each week to make a nametag so we can continue to welcome guests, and encourage our fellowship together. Look for the tags and markers at the entrances.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of October 31, 2021

Mission of the Month: Join us in supporting the West End School by donating the following items: Face Masks (preferably kid's size), gift cards (\$200 - weekday dinner for 60 people: e.g. Chick-fil-A, McAllisters, Famous Recipe, Pizza, etc.), GameStop gift cards (\$10), Laundry detergent, dryer sheets, paper towels, headphones, liquid soap, Lysol spray, cases of small water bottles, rolls of white butcher paper, toothbrushes, toothpaste, graph paper, staplers and staples.

Presbyterian Union - On the first Tuesday of each month, people gather downtown for fellowship and lunch, followed by a speaker and discussion around a wide variety of topics (church and culture issues, faith questions, the changing face of Louisville, and other topics of personal interest). **Tuesday, November 2, 11:30 a.m.**, gathering at **Vincenzo's**, Dr. Neeli Benapudi (President, University of Louisville) will be giving an update on the University of Louisville. Please email Ann or Ivan Schell at adschell@bellsouth.net to RSVP. All are welcome, so please invite guests.

West End School Volunteer Opportunity: Community Clean-Up day on Saturday, **November 6th - 9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.** This opportunity includes cleaning up around the exterior of the West End School and the surrounding neighborhood. Sign up in Seconds To Go!

Session has approved the Preparedness Task Force's recommendation to lock all doors but Door 3 (portico) and the west sanctuary door during the 11:00 a.m. worship service beginning October 31. With the exception of those two doors, all other entrances to the building will be locked at 11:15. All doors will allow for exit.

Next **Sunday, November 7, is Dedication Sunday.** If you have not already, you are invited to bring your 2022 pledge cards.

High School Girls Bible Study: Bring a friend and join us at Becky Lyle's home, **Thursday, November 4** at 8 p.m. All are welcome!

Open Gym returns Tuesday, **November 9 from 7 p.m.-9 p.m.** Come, bring a friend, and be ready to play favorites like kickball, razzle dazzle, badminton, and more!

Montreat \$100 deposit is due Nov. 7. Total cost: \$600

The Congregation is called to meet following 11:00 worship on **Sunday, November 14**, for the purpose of hearing and acting upon the recommendations of the Church Nominating Committee for the offices of deacon, elder, and trustee.

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Concert Series Presents Ken Cowan, Organist on November 19 - Join us on Friday, November 19 at 7 p.m. in the Sanctuary for Ken Cowan - regarded as one of North America's finest concert organists and praised for his dazzling artistry, impeccable technique, and imaginative programming by audiences and critics alike. A specialist at dramatically rendering orchestral works on the organ, Ken performs in major concert venues in America, Canada, Europe, and Asia. Second Presbyterian's magnificent 48-rank Casavant organ will be featured. The concert is free - an offering will be collected on behalf of our mission Spotlight: The Reformed Calvinist Church of El Salvador & Our Partner Congregation in Rosario de Mora. You are also welcome to observe an organ workshop co-sponsored by the Louisville Chapter of the American Guild of Organists on Saturday, November 20 at 10:30 a.m.

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor
Rev. Jordan Akin, Associate Pastor for Youth
Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Worship and
Music Ministries
Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's
Ministries
Hayley Abell, Director of Weekday School
Lisa Bickett, Pastoral Assistant
Virginia Fortner, Formation and Worship
Assistant
Keith DeCosta, Sexton

Samuel Libra, DMA, Communications Assistant
and Organist
Tanner Williams, Receptionist/Admin. Assistant
Christina Recktenwald, Children's Choirs
Co-Coordinator
Ricky Case, Children's Choirs Co-Coordinator
Amy Heckmann, Childcare Coordinator
Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate
Jackie Grimley, Bookkeeper
Paula S. Roberts, Organist Emerita



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I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place:
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

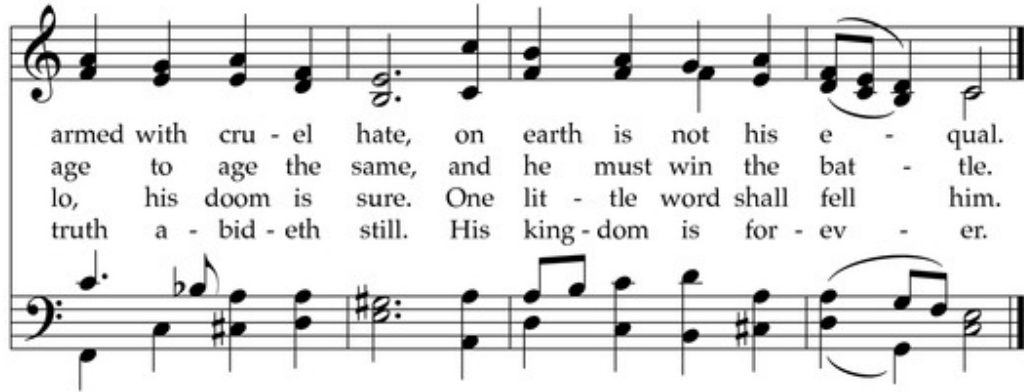
fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN



armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The chur-ch's one foun-da - tion is Je - sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E - lect from ev - ery na - tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn - ful won - der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib - u - la - tion, and tu - mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un - ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre - a - tion by wa - ter and the word.
 her char - ter of sal - va - tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis - ms rent a - sun - der, by her - e - sies dis - tressed,
 she waits the con - sum - ma - tion of peace for - ev - er - more:
 and mys - tic sweet com - mu - nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho - ly bride.
 One ho - ly name she bless - es, par - takes one ho - ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep - ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi - sion glo - rious her long - ing eyes are blest,
 O hap - py ones and ho - ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press - es, with ev - ery grace en - dued.
 And soon the night of weep - ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic - to - rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low - ly, may live e - ter - nal - ly.

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.