



## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 22, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

### THE GATHERING

#### PRELUDE

*We Gather Together*  
Guy Younce, organ

arr. Dale Wood

#### WELCOME

#### PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

#### \*HYMN 367

*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*  
St. 1, 2, and 4  
*Hymn can be found on page 5*

ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Read in unison)*

**Sovereign God, we confess that we are not ready for your kingdom. You guide us toward right paths, but we refuse to follow where you lead. You love and feed and care for us, but we fail to love and serve others. Forgive us, merciful God, so that we may return to your fold and rejoice in your presence; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the Lamb upon the throne.**

*(Time for silent prayer)*

#### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

#### \*RESPONSE

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100TH

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

# THE WORD

## LESSON FOR CHILDREN

Lorie Williamson

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

*I Will Always Give Thanks*

Charles King (1687-1748)

Erin Shina, soprano; Krista Heckmann, mezzo soprano

I will always give thanks unto the Lord.

His praise shall be ever in my mouth. Hallelujah!

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Rev. Nathan Sautter

## OLD TESTAMENT READING

Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24

## GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:31-46

## SERMON

*“The Great Reversal”*

Rev. Steve Jester

# THE RESPONSE

## AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal... With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

## ANTHEM

*I'll Praise My Maker While I've Breath*

Lloyd Pfautch

*Text can be found at Hymn 806 on page 6*

The Octet

## SHARING GRACE

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Read responsively)*

“Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer...**”

*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 643

*Now Thank We All Our God*  
*Hymn can be found on page 7*

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

### \*BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

*Nun danket alle Gott*

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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## IN WORSHIP TODAY

**SHARING GRACE THROUGH GIVING:** We welcome you to visit our Giving page on our website, [www.2ndpreslou.org/giving](http://www.2ndpreslou.org/giving) to fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. You can also give toward the COVID-19 Relief Fund. Giving by text message is also available: Text 844-584-2059 and enter the amount you wish to donate. Thank you for your faithful support!

### OUR MUSIC AND PRODUCTION

The Octet of the Sanctuary Choir; Guy Younce, organist  
Evan Vicic, audio/video technician; Elder Nick Maloney, video  
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### WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Georgia and Ruth Fitzwater on the death of daughter-in-law (Georgia)/sister-in-law (Ruth), Anne Marie Fitzwater, 11/9/20.  
Ellen Rudd Prohaska and her family on the death of her spouse, Carl Prohaska, 11/8/20.  
The family of former member Hal Hughes on his death, 10/27/2020.  
Chuck Nesbitt and his family on the death of his mother, Gerry Nesbitt, 10/9/20.  
Former Second Presbyterian associate pastor Harry Daniel on the death of his wife of 51 years, Betty Daniel, 10/7/20.\*  
Nina Hilbert on the death of her husband, Steve Hilbert, 10/6/20.

## UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of November 22

**The Concert Series** will present **Kaleidoscope TODAY at 3 p.m via YouTube Channel: 2ndpreslou.** Our Octet and special guest artists and collaborators present an array of vocal and instrumental works from Bach to Broadway. The program will include music from Verdi's *Rigoletto*, cabaret and Broadway selections, and the stunning *Bachianas Brasileiras* by Villa-Lobos. A pre-concert lecture will be available at 2:45 p.m. on the YouTube channel. Daniel Gilliam, program director and afternoon host at WUOL and a friend of great music in Louisville will present. Links were sent out in Seconds To Go. A freewill offering will be taken to support The Hildegard House, providing end-of-life care for those who have no home or loved ones to care for them so they may die with dignity. More info and how to give: [hildegardhouse.org](http://hildegardhouse.org).

**Advent at Second Presbyterian: Light from Light** - Celebrate with your church community each Sunday beginning November 29 at 11 a.m. (Livestream) and at our Advent Vesper services at 5 p.m. on Zoom (links to be sent each week). We celebrate in liturgy and song that Light that dispels the darkness, and floods the world with the Love that is Jesus. Look for more information in Second Thoughts.

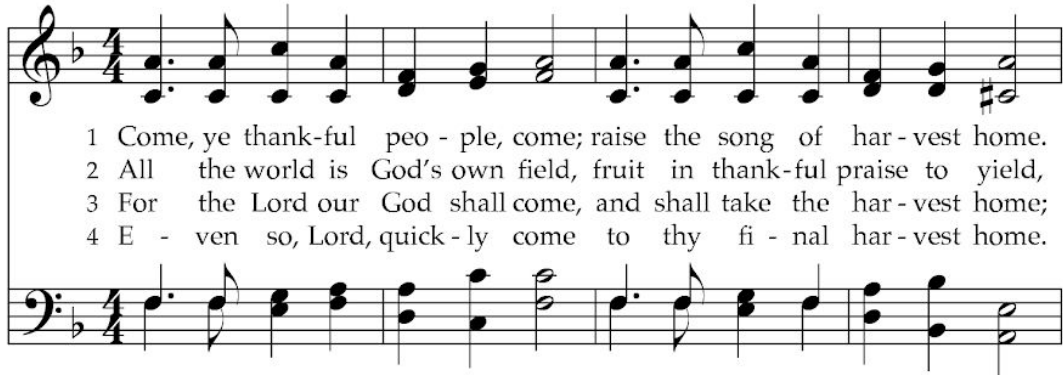
**Light from Light: Advent Bags** will be available for pick up today and will continue to be available under the portico through-out the weeks ahead. Advent bags are appropriate for all ages. Included in the bag are materials to create an advent wreath, a family devotional, an adult devotional, a Christmas songbook and readings for candle lighting at home. We encourage everyone to take part in this Advent tradition as we await the coming of the Christ Child.

**Sunday School – “Who does God call you to be?”** Children’s Sunday School for the month of November is based on the Disney/Pixar movie *Coco*. In last month’s Sunday school, based on the movie *Moana*, we learned who we are: a beloved child of God. Through the month of November, with the movie *Coco*, we will learn who God calls us to be. Each Sunday we will answer one of four questions: Can children be called by God? How can I recognize that call? Does God have a plan for me? How do I live out that plan? I hope you will have your child participate as we try to answer these big questions in simple ways. *Coco* Sunday School bags are available for pick-up through the end of the month under the portico during office hours, Monday-Friday, 9-4. The bags contain materials that relate to a video lesson that will go out each Sunday morning via 2PK and will be posted on the church’s website under resources.

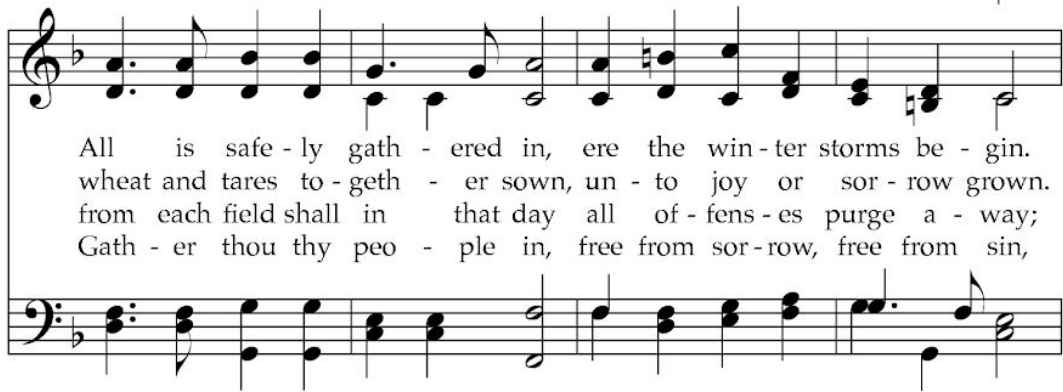
### **THE MINISTRY TEAM**

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor  
Rev. Nathan Sautter, Assoc. Pastor for Community Life  
Rev. Jordan Akin, Assoc. Pastor for Youth  
Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Music Ministries  
Lorie Williamson, Director of Children’s Ministries  
Hayley Abell, Director of Weekday School  
Christina Recktenwald, Children’s Choirs Coord.  
Ricky Case, Children’s Choirs Coord.  
Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate  
Guy Younce, Interim Organist  
Paula S. Roberts, Organist Emerita  
Rev. Samuel Oboamah Asiedu, Seminary Intern

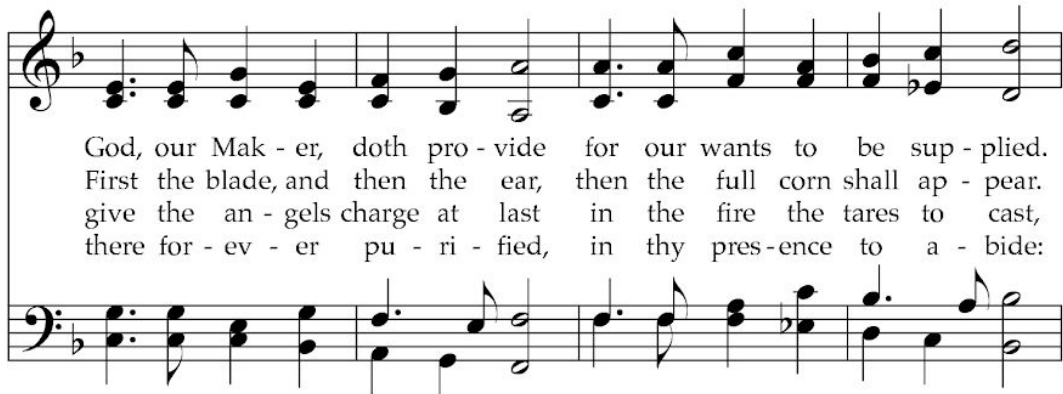
## 367 Come, Ye Thankful People, Come



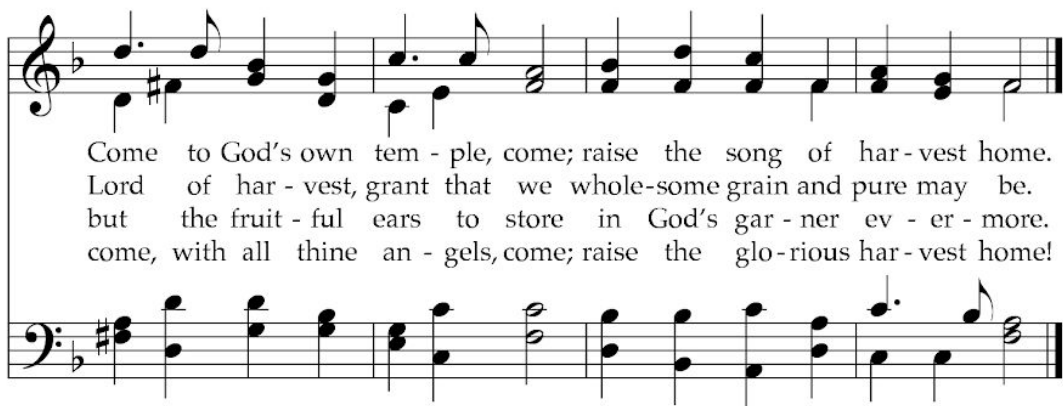
1 Come, ye thank-ful peo - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
 2 All the world is God's own field, fruit in thank-ful praise to yield,  
 3 For the Lord our God shall come, and shall take the har - vest home;  
 4 E - ven so, Lord, quick - ly come to thy fi - nal har - vest home.



All is safe - ly gath - ered in, ere the win - ter storms be - gin.  
 wheat and tares to - geth - er sown, un - to joy or sor - row grown.  
 from each field shall in that day all of - fens - es purge a - way;  
 Gath - er thou thy peo - ple in, free from sor - row, free from sin,



God, our Mak - er, doth pro - vide for our wants to be sup - plied.  
 First the blade, and then the ear, then the full corn shall ap - pear.  
 give the an - gels charge at last in the fire the tares to cast,  
 there for - ev - er pu - ri - fied, in thy pres - ence to a - bide:



Come to God's own tem - ple, come; raise the song of har - vest home.  
 Lord of har - vest, grant that we whole - some grain and pure may be.  
 but the fruit - ful ears to store in God's gar - ner ev - er - more.  
 come, with all thine an - gels, come; raise the glo - rious har - vest home!

Despite its familiar Thanksgiving associations, the real concern of this text is to recall the harvest imagery Jesus used to describe the fulfillment of God's sovereignty. The tune name commemorates the royal chapel where the composer was organist for forty-seven years.

## 806 I'll Praise My Maker

(Psalm 146)

1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice  
 2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God,  
 3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports  
 4 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice

is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.  
 who made the sky and earth and seas with all their train;  
 the faint - ing mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace.  
 is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.

My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought  
 whose truth for - ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op - pressed  
 God helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and  
 My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought

and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.  
 and feeds the poor, and none shall find God's prom - ise vain.  
 the par - ent - less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.  
 and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

This paraphrase of Psalm 146 was a great favorite of John Wesley: it appeared in his first hymn collection in 1737 (published in Charleston, South Carolina) and was on his lips when he died. The 16th-century tune to which it is set here is the one Watts had in mind for it.

THANKSGIVING

# 643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voice - es,  
 2 O may this boun-teous God through all our life be near us,  
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,

who won-drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;  
 with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;  
 to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

who, from our moth-ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way  
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per-plexed,  
 the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.  
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.  
 the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.