

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 various ministries, or to contact the office for more information about our faith community.

If you are new to us, scan this QR Code to register as a guest and receive information about our life at Second.



Children of God, welcome home!

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

For our 11:00 a.m. worshippers with little ones needing a quiet space during the worship service, there is an infant and caregiver room off the Narthex. If you have any questions, please notify an usher.



For our 11:00 a.m. worshippers 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.

** Please stand if you can do so comfortably.*

Bold type *is sung or read in unison.*

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

PRELUDE *Partita on WIE SCHÖN LEUCHTET DEN MORGENSTERN* D. Buxtehude

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

11 a.m. INTROIT *Break Forth, O Beauteous Heavenly Light* J. Schop, arr. J.S. Bach
The Sanctuary Choir

Break forth, O beauteous heavenly light, and usher in the morning.
You shepherds, shudder not with fright, but hear the angel's warning.
This child, now weak in infancy, our confidence and joy shall be,
the power of Satan breaking, our peace eternal making.

Johann Rist, trans. John Troutbeck

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 152 *What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright* PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**God of starlight, shine your love into the darkness of our lives.
Preoccupied with ourselves, we forget the needs of others; we
participate in systems that oppress; we accept violence as a way of
life; we fail to respond to the cry of others. May your love fall upon us
like rain on the mown grass. May your love wash away our
indifference and water the tender shoots of our care and compassion.
Nourished in the sunlight of your love, may we grow into people who
live in righteousness and who work for justice for all your children.**

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE HYMN 113 *Angels We Have Heard on High* GLORIA

**Come to Bethlehem and see him whose birth the angels sing;
come adore on bended knee Christ, the Lord, the newborn king.
Gloria...in excelsis Deo! Gloria...in excelsis Deo.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward
and be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.*

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

11 a.m.

OLD TESTAMENT

Isaiah 60:1–6

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

NEW TESTAMENT

Matthew 2:1–12

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Mystery and Majesty

Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

The Nicene Creed

Found on Page 34 in the Glory to God hymnal.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*You are invited to pass the Friendship Pad found at the end of the pew.
We welcome you to scan this QR code and visit the Giving page on our website.
You can fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing
ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. Thank you!*



ANTHEM

Behold, a Star from Jacob Shining

Felix Mendelssohn

Behold a star from Jacob shining,
And a scepter from Israel rising,
To reign in glory over the nations.

Like some bright morning star is he,
The promise of the coming day,
Beyond the night of sorrow.

Break forth, O light!

We, our joyful hearts uplifting with thanksgiving,
Hail the brightness of thy rising.

Henry Wilder Foote, after Numbers 24:17

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *read responsively*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right...to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty...dedicated to your service.

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Gracious God...now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER *read in unison*

**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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Bethlehem Down

Peter Warlock

The Octet of the Sanctuary Choir

“When He is King we will give him the Kings’ gifts,
Myrrh for its sweetness, and gold for a crown,
Beautiful robes,” said the young girl to Joseph,
Fair with her first-born on Bethlehem Down.

Bethlehem Down is full of the starlight,
Winds for the spices, and stars for the gold,
Mary for sleep, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

When He is King they will clothe Him in grave-sheets,
Myrrh for embalming, and wood for a crown,
He that lies now in the white arms of Mary,
Sleeping so lightly on Bethlehem Down.

Here He has peace and a short while for dreaming,
Close-huddled oxen to keep Him from cold,
Mary for love, and for lullaby music
Songs of a shepherd by Bethlehem fold.

Bruce Blunt

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

The Sending

*HYMN 314

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness
vs. 1–4

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

*BLESSING

*RESPONSE

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness, vs. 5

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

**Many the gifts, many the people, many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another, making your kingdom come.
Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

Please remain for the congregational meeting immediately following the service.

In Worship Today

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."

THE ROSE in the Chancel (11:00) are given in gratitude for and celebration of the birth of John Hallett Clark V, "Hal", born on December 29 to parents Craig and Martha Clark.

USHERS

8:30 Scott Carothers, Kathy Oyler

11:00 Gene Smith, Connie Smith, Larry Jones, Crystal Kannapell,
Carter Ann Kannapell, Sandy Bailey

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin, & Rev. Rich Gianzero (11:00), liturgists;
Sandy Bailey, lay reader (11:00)

The Octet (8:30); The Sanctuary Choir (11:00); Jim Rittenhouse, Director;
Samuel Libra, Organist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Becky Lyles and her family on the death of her mother, Carolyn Edwards Blue.

The family and friends of Jane McAdoo on her death, 12/24/22.

The Palmer-Ball family, especially Lawrence, Elizabeth, Helen, Virginia, Connie, and Chris,
on the death of their mother, Helen, 12/11/22.

Charlie Castner and his family on the death of his step-sister, Iva Gillet.

Scott Carothers and his family on the death of his mother, Dorothy, 12/9/22.

Ron Suter and his family on the death of his sister, Martha Dorsey, 12/6/2022.

John Y. Brown III and his family on the death of his father, John Y. Jr., 11/28/22.

The family of Carolyn Allen on her death, 11/22/22.

Louise & Wallace Horine and their family on the death of their daughter, Margaret Lynn
Adair, 11/14/2022.

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What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright 152

Capo 2: (C) (Am) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G) (C) (F)
 D Bm A D G D A D G

1 What star is this, with beams so bright, more
 2 'Tis now ful - filled what God de - creed, "From
 3 While out - ward signs the star dis - plays, an
 4 O Je - sus, while the star of grace im -

(C) (G) (C) (F) (C) (G)
 D A D G D A

love - ly than the noon - day light? 'Tis
 Ja - cob shall a star pro - ceed;" and
 in - ward light the Lord con - veys and
 pels us on to seek your face, let

(Am) (D7) (G) (C) (F) (C) (Dm)
 Bm E7 A D G D Em

sent to an - nounce a new - born king, glad
 lo! the east - ern sa - ges stand to
 urg - es them, with ten - der might, to
 not our sloth - ful hearts re - fuse the

(G) (C) (G) (C) (F) (G) (C)
 A D A D G A D

ti - dings of our God to bring.
 read in heaven the Lord's com - mand.
 seek the giv - er of the light.
 guid - ance of your light to use.

This 18th-century Latin text calls attention to three kinds of light: the light of the star leading the Magi to the Christ-child, the inward light inspiring their journey, and Christ who is the Light of the world. The simple unison melody unites everything in a gentle arc.

Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

Christ, Be Our Light

Em Am7 Bm7 Esus Em

1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the

Am7 Bm7 Esus Em Am7

truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants

D G C Am Dsus D

your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.

Refrain G C G Em Bm Em

Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the

Am7 D G Dsus D Em Em7

dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your

C Am7 D G Am7 G

church gath - ered to - day.

By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church's servant calling.