

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 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 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 *Our Lord Jesus Christ Came to the Jordan* J.S. Bach

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *Praise Ye the Lord of Hosts* Camille Saint-Saens

Praise ye the Lord of hosts, sing his salvation;
Bless his name, show forth his praise in his holy house!
Rejoice, ye heavens, and be joyful on earth;
Rejoice in the face of the lord, rejoice and sing. Alleluia.
Psalm 95, adapted

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Merciful God, We confess that we have been timid and unreliable witnesses of Jesus Christ. Forgive us for the times we have stayed silent in the face of injustice and hate, for the times our actions have not matched our beliefs, for the times we have hoarded our abundance, for the times we have turned away from your children in need. For the many ways we fail to follow Jesus, forgive us. Invite us again to come and see, and to abide in your presence so that we may be transformed and renewed. Empower us to witness, with our words and lives, to the love and grace we've experienced in Jesus Christ.

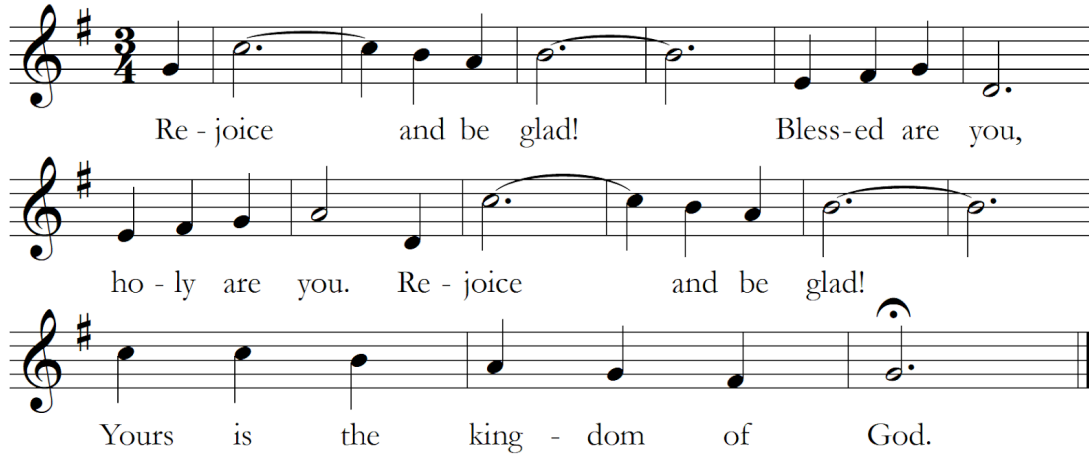
Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE HYMN 172

Blest Are They, refrain

BLEST ARE THEY



Re - joyce and be glad! Bless-ed are you,
ho - ly are you. Re - joyce and be glad!
Yours is the king - dom of God.

*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.*

ANTHEM

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

Allan Robert Petker

Jim Rittenhouse, baritone; Samuel Libra, piano
Text can be found at #662 in the Glory to God hymnal.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 49:1–7

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

SECOND READING

John 1:29–42

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

SERMON

The Question

Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

from the Iona Community

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of male and female. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman,

servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *read in unison*

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.**

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 *He Comes to Us as One Unknown* REPTON, arr. Michael Burkhardt

**Congregation stands when invited to join in singing music on the following page.*

He comes to us as one unknown,
A breath unseen, unheard;
As though within a heart of stone,
Or shriveled seed in darkness sown,
A pulse of being stirred.

He comes when souls in silence lie
And thoughts of day depart;
Half seen upon the inward eye,
A falling star across the sky
Of night within the heart.

Timothy Dudley-Smith



3. *high voices* He comes to us in sound of seas, The o - cean's fume and
4. *low voices* He comes in love as once he came By flesh and blood and
5. *ALL* He comes in truth when faith is grown; Be-lieved, o - beyed, a -



foam; Yet small and still up - on the breeze, A wind that stirs the
birth; To bear with - in our mor - tal frame A life, a death, a
dored: The Christ in all the scrip-tures shown, As yet un - seen, but



tops of trees, A voice to call us home, A voice to call us home.
sav - ing name, For ev' - ry child of earth, For ev' - ry child of earth.
not un - known, Our Sa - vior and our Lord, Our Sa - vior and our Lord.

The Sending

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

My Lord, What a Morning

arr. H.T. Burleigh

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.

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 CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in memory of Lelia Lewis and Robert Brien Stone by the Duncan, Baltzell, and Walker families.

USHERS

Brad Hume, Glen Hume, Walt Tucker, Odetta Tucker, Dixie Baird, Robert Duane

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Rich Gianzero, liturgist; Lee Baltzell, lay reader

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Samuel Libra, Organist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Bob Horton and his family on the death of his wife, Rae, 1/11/23.

Heather Campbell and her family on the death of her husband, Chris, 1/9/23.

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.

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O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar
 a mi Libertador,
 las glorias de su majestad,
 los triunfos de su amor.*

KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면
 그 입 다 가지고
 내 구주 주신 은총을
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.