

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

Song of Peace

Jean Langlais

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

The Call from Five Mystical Songs

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Men of the Sanctuary Choir

Come, my Way, my Truth, my Life:	Come, My Light, my Feast, my Strength:
Such a Way, as gives us breath:	Such a Light, as shows a feast:
Such a Truth, as ends all strife:	Such a Feast, as mends in length:
Such a Life, as killeth death.	Such a Strength, as makes his guest.

Come, my Joy, my Love, my Heart:

Such a Joy, as none can move:

Such a Love, as none can part:

Such a Heart, as joys in love.

George Herbert

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

DARWALL'S 148TH

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read responsively*

Lord, you showed us true humility by becoming one of us,

yet too often we practice pride.

You cried alongside your friends and for the city of Jerusalem,

yet too often we rush past the pain of others and are careless about our cities.

You loved those who were weak, despised, or cast out,

yet too often we love those who are strong, respected, or popular.

You freely forgave and healed,

yet too often we hold grudges and cause pain.

You lived a perfectly holy life,

yet too often we do not yearn for righteousness.

You prayed that we who believe in you should be united with each other and you,

yet too often we focus on the differences that separate us from other believers.

You were mocked, whipped, and even killed for us,
yet too often we deny you.

You call us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,
yet too often we blend into or hide from our culture.

Forgive us, Lord, so that we will shine with your glory.

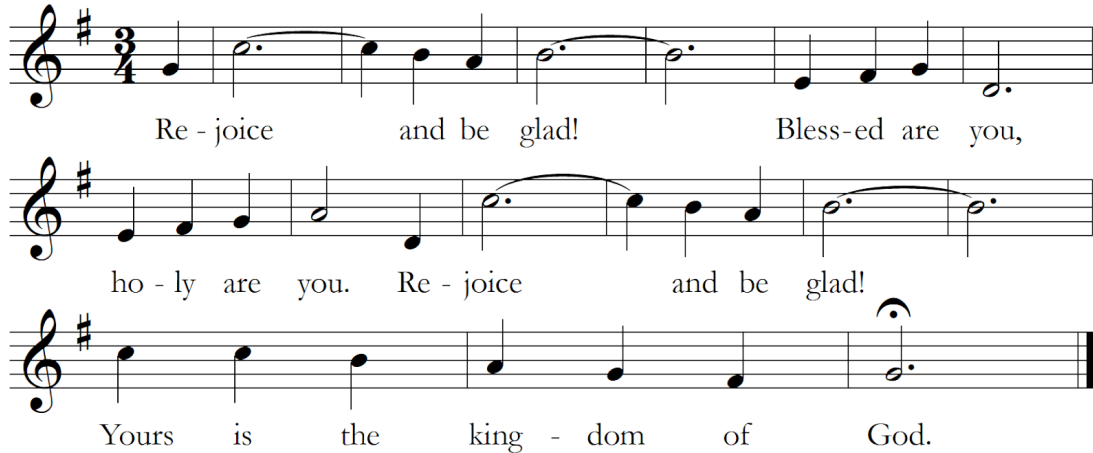
Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE HYMN 172

Blest Are They, refrain

BLEST ARE THEY



Re - jice and be glad! Bless-ed are you,
ho - ly are you. Re - jice 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.*

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Micah 6:1–8

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

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Blest Are the Merciful

Andrew Carter

Women of the Sanctuary Choir

Blest are the merciful for they shall obtain mercy
What does the Lord require of us?
To do justly, to love mercy, and walk humbly with God.
Matthew 5:7, Micah 6:1–8

SECOND READING

Matthew 5:1–12

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

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

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. 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

The Call of Wisdom

Will Todd

The Octet of the Sanctuary Choir

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy;
walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory.
Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction,
entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger.
I am here, I am with you. I have called: do you hear me?
Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value,
jewels sparkle for a while; what you long for is not lasting.
Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom.
Those who know me know my love, those who seek me find their answer.
God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit coeternal.
Glory be ascribed to you, now and to the end of ages.

Michael Hampel, based on Proverbs 8

*DOXOLOGY 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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.**

The Sending

*HYMN 749

Come! Live in the Light!

WE ARE CALLED

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Voluntary on DARWALL'S 148TH

Percy Whitlock

*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 to the glory of God by Joan and LaMar Gaston.

THE ROSE in the Chancel is given in celebration of the January 14th birth of Grady Lee Nutt III, son of Grady and Heather Nutt, grandson of Cindy and Toby Nutt, great grandson of Eleanor and Bob Maddox.

USHERS

John Hubbard, Nancy Hubbard, Ernie Dreher, Valerie Dreher, Vic Baltzell, Lee Baltzell, Samantha Rogers, Audrey Kane

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Elizabeth Clay, liturgist; Diana Jester, lay reader

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

Evan Vivic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Bob Nast and Laura Hood and their family on the death of wife and mother,
Jane Nast, 1/11/23.

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, Martha Sanderson Bryant,
12/30/22.

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.

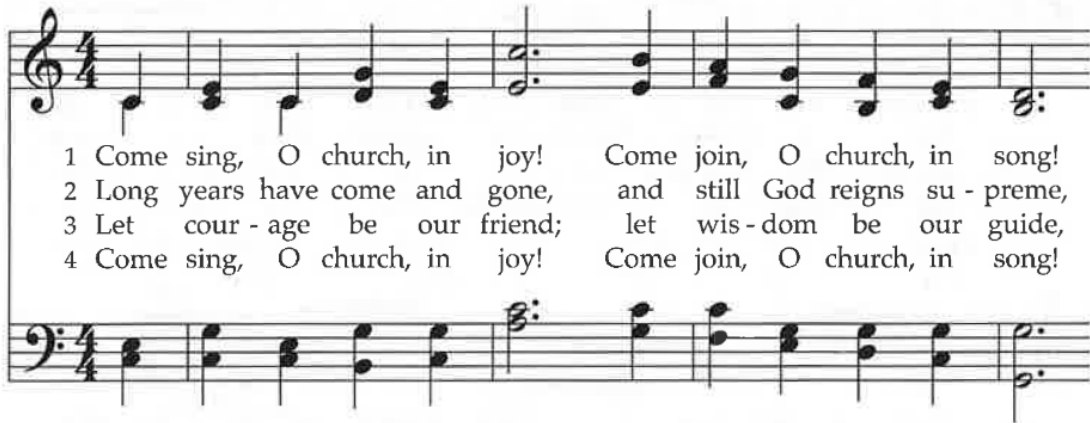
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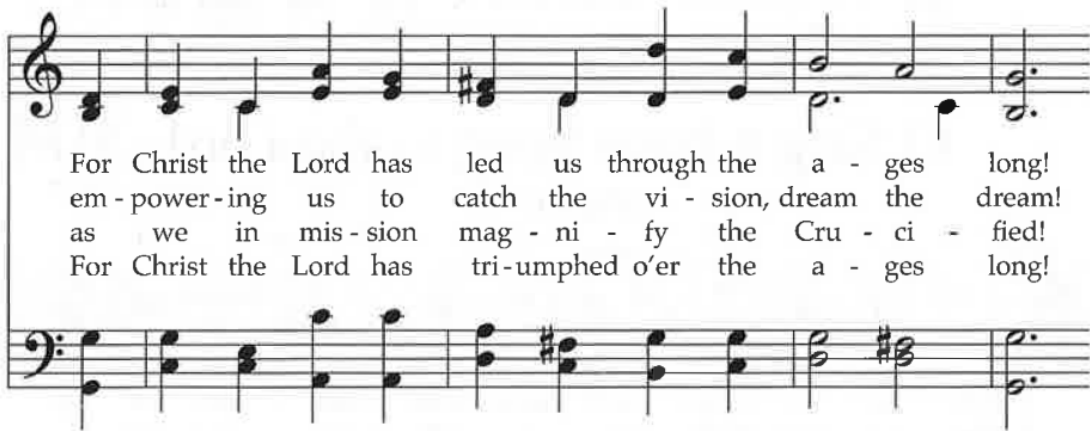


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305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!



1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!



For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!



In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988-1989 observance, which had the theme "Celebrate the Journey." The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

749 Come! Live in the Light!

We Are Called

1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that

joy and the love of the Lord! We are called
 mer - cy to all those in fear! We are called
 great day when all will be one! God will reign,

to be light for the king - dom, to live in the
 to be hope for the hope - less so ha - tred and
 and we'll walk with each oth - er as sis - ters and

free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 vio - lence will be no more.
 broth - ers u - nit - ed in love.

Refrain

We are called to act with jus - tice; we are called to

love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -

oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

The thematic and musical center of this hymn on the vocation of all believers is found in the refrain, which is based on the well-known challenge of Micah 6:8, "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"