

# 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](http://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 visit our website and learn 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 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.

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

**Bold type** *is sung or read in unison.*

# Service for the Lord's Day

## The Gathering

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE "Andante" from *Highland Concerto* Hans-André Stamm  
Nicholas & Jim Recktenwald, trumpet; Samuel Libra, organ

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

\*HYMN 620 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA, arr. S. Libra

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

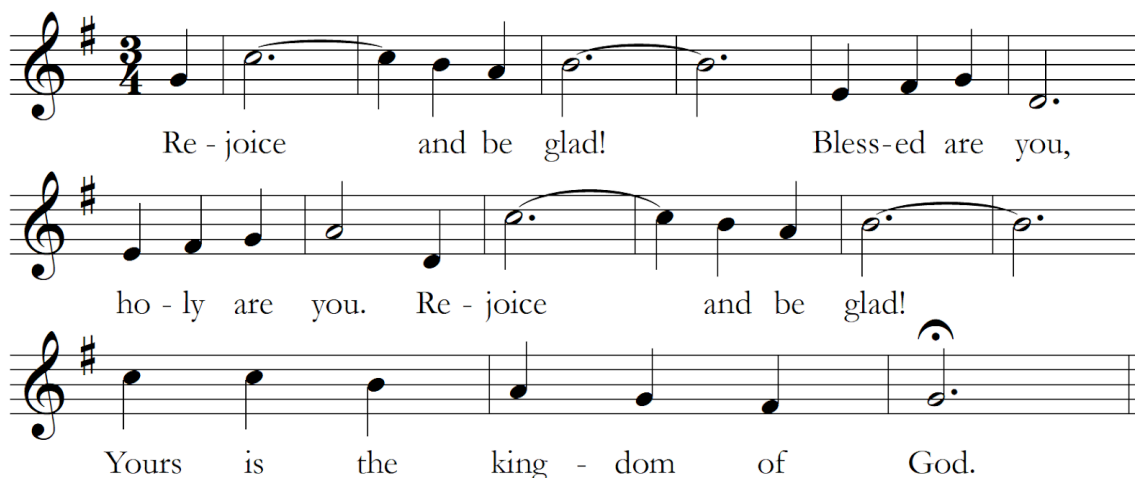
\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**Merciful God, even when we see your justice transfigured before us, we cower in fear of following your way in our world. We wonder what it might cost us to walk in the way of Jesus. Help us to listen. Empower us to be formed by the life of Jesus Christ. Restore in us the confidence to be disciples of 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.*

*The Word*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12–18

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

SECOND READING

Matthew 17:1–9

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

SERMON

Rev. Steve Jester

*The Response*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

*The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the  
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the  
third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from  
thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy catholic church; the  
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of  
the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*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

*This Glimpse of Glory*

David Ashley White

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim & Nicholas Recktenwald, trumpet

We have come at Christ's own bidding to this high and holy place, where we wait with hope and longing for some token of God's grace. Here we pray for new assurance that our faith is not in vain, searching like those first disciples for a sign both clear and plain.	Light breaks in upon our darkness, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word, Moses and Elijah marvel as the heavenly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts behold with wonder how the Law and Prophets meet: Christ, with garments drenched in brightness, stands transfigured and complete.
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Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,  
fearful lest our faith decline,  
we like Peter find it tempting  
to remain and build a shrine.  
But true worship gives us courage  
to proclaim what we profess,  
that our daily lives may prove us  
people of the God we bless.

*Carl P. Daw Jr.*

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

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

\*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 33

*Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show*  
*vs. 1 & 2*

LLANFAIR, arr. J. Bankson

\*BLESSING

\*RESPONSE HYMN 33 *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show, vs. 3*

**Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia!**  
**in the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia!**  
**All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia!**  
**singing praise forevermore, Alleluia!**

*Members, please remain in your pews for the congregational meeting  
immediately following worship.*

## *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 honor of amazing husband Dick Anderson by his wife Terry Wells.

THE ROSE in the chancel is given in honor of the birth of Harrison "Harry" Abraham Hahn, born on February 7 to Elisa and Jason Hahn.

### USHERS

Joe Moloney, Nora Moloney, David Dorsey, Lee Ann Dorsey, James Carneal,  
Penny Carneal

### OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin, & Rev. Rich Gianzero, liturgists;  
Ricky Case, lay reader

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

Jim Recktenwald, Nicholas Recktenwald, trumpet

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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## *We Lift Up in Prayer*

The family and friends of Alice Virginia Dodd on her death, 2/6/23.

Cathy Cole Irvin, Cole Irvin, Brittany Cartwright, and Bill Cole on the death of her daughter, their sister, and his niece, Shelley Louise Irvin, 1/12/2022.

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 Ministry Team*

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# Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show 33

(Psalm 150)

1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show,  
 2 Earth to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,

saints with - in God's courts be - low,  
 Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 in the con - cert, bear your parts,

an - gels round the throne a - bove,  
 Age to age, God's mer - cies trace, Al - le - lu - ia!  
 All that breathes, your Lord a - dore,

all who see and share God's love.  
 Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 sing - ing praise for - ev - er - more,

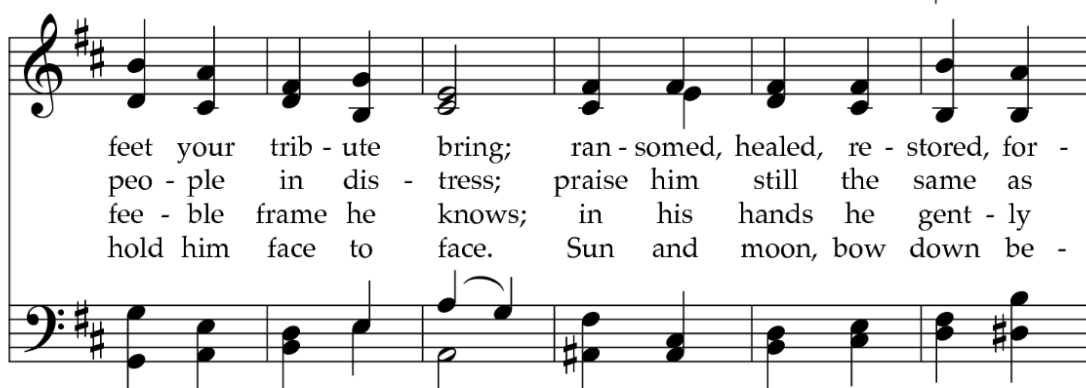
Originally cast as two eight-line stanzas, this 19th-century paraphrase of Psalm 150 was slightly shortened when it was set to the present tune with recurring Alleluias. The Welsh tune is actually older than the text and bears a name meaning "the church of St. Mary."



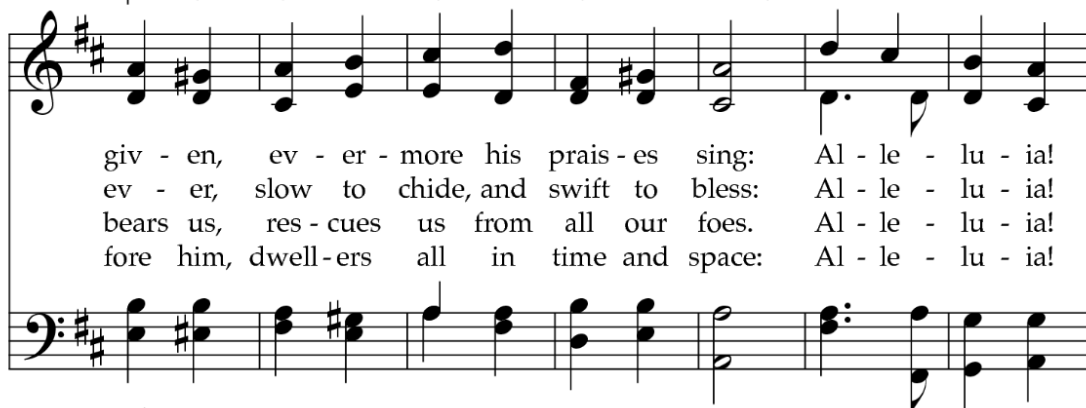
## ADORATION

620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven  
(Psalm 103)

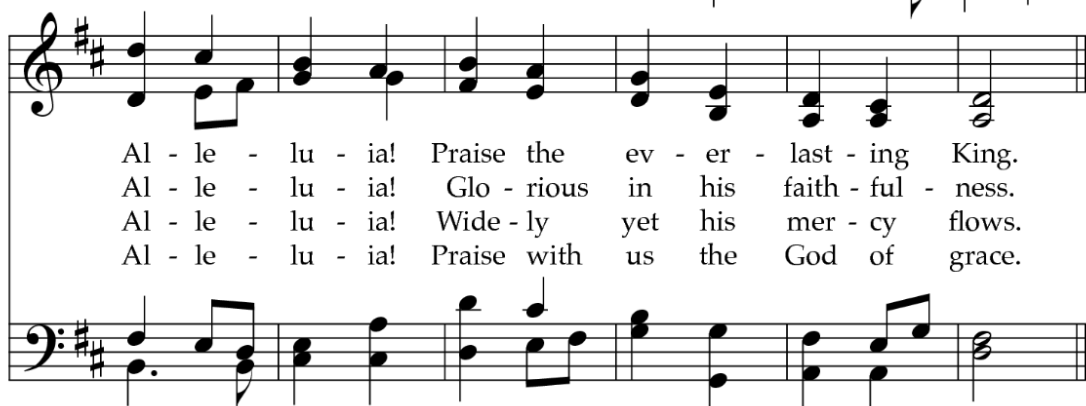

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his  
2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his  
3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our  
4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -



feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -  
peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as  
fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly  
hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -



giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!  
ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!  
bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!  
fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double "Alleluia!" before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune's highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.