

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 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 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. 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

PRELUDE *Adagio* from *Symphony V* Charles-Marie Widor

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *This Joyful Eastertide* VREUCHTEN, arr. Charles Wood

This joyful Eastertide, away with sin and sorrow!
My love, the Crucified, has sprung to life this morrow.
Had Christ, who once was slain, not burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain, but now has Christ arisen.
George Ratfcliff Woodward

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 233 *The Day of Resurrection* LANCASHIRE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Savior God, forgive our doubts and disbelief. You show up in our lives, yet we fail to notice you and demand more proof. We want more when you have already given us enough. Forgive our lack of faith and our lack of gratitude. Redeem us. Restore us. Resurrect us for life in Christ.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE HYMN 240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* ALLELUIA No. 1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

11:00 a.m. 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

11:00 a.m. FIRST READING

Psalm 16

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

SECOND READING

John 20:19–31

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

SERMON

Is Seeing Believing?

Rev. Jordan Akin

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

*1 Cor. 15:1–6; Mark 16:1–9;
Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; John 20:28*

This is the good news, which we have received, in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day, and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses. We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God. Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end; he is our Lord and our God. 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

Christ Rising Again

K. Lee Scott

Christ rising again dies no more,
death has no strength, no power over him;
for in that he lives, he lives to God.

Now death with all its dread o'er us no longer reigns,
for Jesus rising from the tomb has burst its iron chains.

Destruction is destroyed by Christ, our Lord and King,
whose rising forth with life restored removed death's dreadful sting.

Victorious Lord of Life, who sets our hearts aflame,
through deadly pain and fearful strife, we triumph in his name.

Now lift your heart and voice in praise of him who died.
In Christ let all the earth rejoice, our Lord, once crucified.
Alleluia.

Romans 6:9–10; K. Lee Scott

*DOXOLOGY *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 817 *We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight* DUNLAP'S CREEK

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE 8:30 a.m. *Christ Rises from the Bonds of Death* G.A. Homilius
 11:00 a.m. *Toccata from Symphony V* Charles-Marie Widor

*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 honor of Margaret Cregor Radford, for her birthday, from her family.

USHERS

8:30 a.m. Brian Houghlin, Lisa Houghlin

11:00 a.m. Joe Moloney, Nora Moloney, Tony Duncan, Elaine Duncan,
Todd Lyles, Becky Lyles

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Jordan Akin, preacher; Elizabeth Clay, liturgist;
Philip Anderton, lay reader (11:00 a.m.)

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

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Edith Huber and her family on the death of her brother, Mack Justice, 3/23/23.

Virginia "Sister" Stites, Bill & Mimi Stites, Elizabeth Stites, and Amy Wombwell and their families on the death of husband, brother, and uncle, Bodley Stites, 3/20/23.

Alison Crawford and her family on the death of her grandmother, Gwen Knott, 3/3/23.

Mary Agnes Norman, Cecy Brewer, and their families on the death of husband and brother, Jon Norman, 2/23/23.

The family and friends of Meredith Smythe Grider on her death, 2/11/23.

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

Dana Collins, and her sons Ford and Davis, on the death of her father, Dr. Charles T. Lucas, 1/4/23.

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233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - ening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight

1 We walk by faith and not by sight; with
 2 We may not touch your hands and side, nor
 3 Help then, O Lord, our un - be - lief; and
 4 And when our life of faith is done, in

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gra-cious words draw near, O Christ, who spoke as
 fol - low where you trod; but in your prom - ise
 may our faith a - bound to call on you when
 realms of clear - er light may we be - hold you

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none e'er spoke: "My peace be with you here."
 we re - jice and cry, "My Lord and God!"
 you are near and seek where you are found.
 as you are, with full and end - less sight.

Guitar chords in Pew Edition do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Glory to God 817

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