

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

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Meditation on ALLELUIA No. 1* A.D. Miller

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 213 *In the Cross of Christ I Glory* RATHBUN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read responsively* *adapted from Coventry Cathedral*

The hatred which divides nation from nation, race from race, class from class: **Good Shepherd, forgive.**

The covetous desires of people and nations to possess what is not their own: **Good Shepherd, forgive.**

The greed which exploits the work of human hands and lays waste the earth: **Good Shepherd, forgive.**

Our envy of the welfare and happiness of others:
Good Shepherd, forgive.

Our indifference to the plight of the imprisoned, the homeless, the refugee:
Good Shepherd, forgive.

The lust which dishonors the bodies of men, women, and children:
Good Shepherd, forgive.

The pride which leads us to trust in ourselves and not in God:
Good Shepherd, forgive.

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.*

MUSICAL MEDITATION *Lead Me, Lord* Samuel Wesley
The Octet (8:30 a.m.); The Sanctuary Choir (11 a.m.)

Lead me, Lord. Lead me in thy righteousness. Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, only who maketh me dwell in safety.
Psalm 5:8 & Psalm 4:9

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

11:00 a.m. FIRST READING Ezekiel 34:7–15
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING John 10:1–10
The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Heaven's Gate* 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.

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

The Lord My Shepherd Is

FALLS CITY

The Octet (8:30 a.m.); The Sanctuary Choir (11 a.m.)

S. Libra

The Lord my shepherd is,
I shall be well supplied;
since he is mine and I am his,
what can I want beside?

He leads me to the place
where heavenly pasture grows,
where living waters gently pass,
and full salvation flows.

If e'er I go astray,
he will my soul reclaim,
and guide me in his own right way
for his most holy name.

In sight of all my foes
you will a table spread:
my cup with blessings overflows,
and joy exalts my head.

The bounties of your love
shall crown my following days;
nor from your house will I remove,
nor cease to speak your praise!

Psalm 23, adapt. Isaac Watts

*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

MOMENT FOR MISSION

Clare Wallace, South Louisville Community Ministries

BLESSING OF PRAYER SHAWLS

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 718

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

BOURBON

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Festal March on JUDAS MACCABAEUS

A.D. Miller

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.

*Please join us for a reception welcoming our new Associate Pastor,
Rev. Andrew Bowman, and his family, in the Fellowship Hall
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 CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in honor of our new Associate Pastor, Rev. Andrew Bowman, by a thankful congregation.

USHERS

8:30 a.m. Bill Creason, Brian Heil

11:00 a.m. Emily Lawrence, Patrice Paton, Jane Roth, Ernie Dreher, Valerie Dreher, Sandy Bailey

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin (11:00 a.m.) & Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgists; Brad Hume, 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 Vivic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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OUR ANTHEM TODAY *was composed by Organist Dr. Samuel Libra, and is dedicated to the Sanctuary Choir of Second Presbyterian Church, Louisville, and its director, Jim Rittenhouse.*

We Lift Up in Prayer

Larry and Bonnie Boram and family on the death of Larry's sister, Jane Boram Hinkel, 4/19/23.

Jean Groskreutz and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Roger, 4/9/23.

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.

The Ministry Team

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In the Cross of Christ I Glory 213

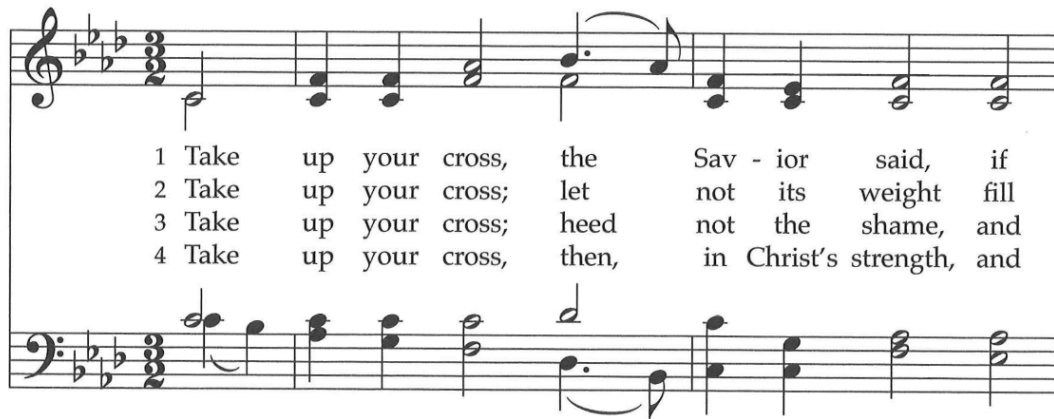
1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, from the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no
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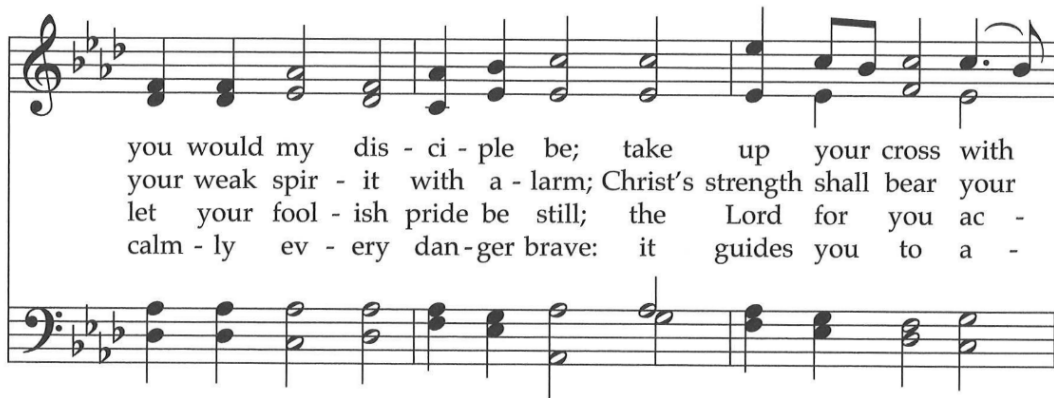
sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Like Isaac Watts's "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (nos. 223, 224), this hymn is a reflection on Galatians 6:14, but this text is more abstract and devotes no attention to the person hanging on the cross. The tune is named for a soloist in the composer's Connecticut choir.

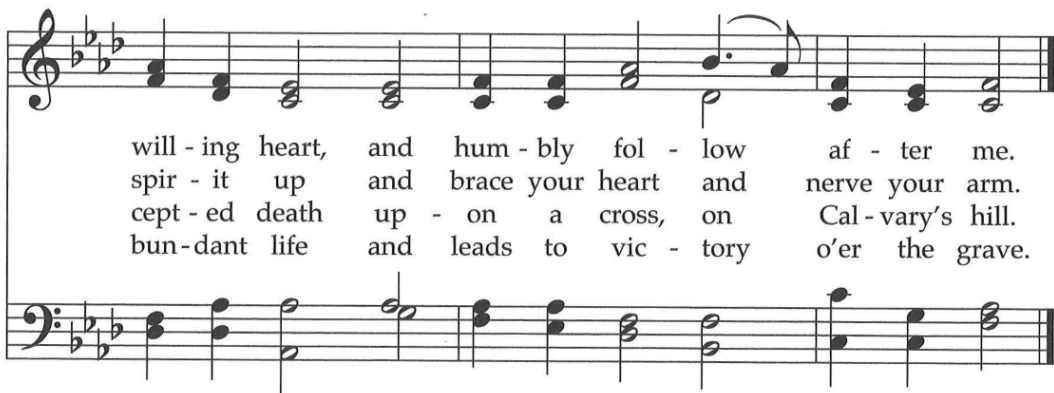
Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said 718



1 Take up your cross, the Sav - ior said, if
 2 Take up your cross; let not its weight fill
 3 Take up your cross; heed not the shame, and
 4 Take up your cross, then, in Christ's strength, and



you would my dis - ci - ple be; take up your cross with
 your weak spir - it with a - larm; Christ's strength shall bear your
 let your fool - ish pride be still; the Lord for you ac -
 calm - ly ev - ery dan - ger brave: it guides you to a -



will - ing heart, and hum - bly fol - low af - ter me.
 spir - it up and brace your heart and nerve your arm.
 cept - ed death up - on a cross, on Cal - vary's hill.
 bun - dant life and leads to vic - tory o'er the grave.

Written by a nineteen-year-old in Connecticut, this challenging text has been widely printed on both sides of the Atlantic. It is strengthened by its resolute repetition of the same four words at the beginning of each stanza and by the appropriately stark shape note tune.