

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 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

PRELUDE

A Kingsfold Suite

David P. Dahl

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING 450–853

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

DARWALL'S 148TH

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Ever-present God, you know our deepest thoughts and see our thoughtless actions. We confess the times we react impulsively: when we speak before we think, or lash out in anger. Forgive us for the times we have hurt those around us. We confess our stubborn attitudes, and ask forgiveness for being unwelcoming to others. In your mercy, O God, forgive who we have been, build up who we are, and direct who we will be; through the grace of Christ, our Lord.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...Rejoice, and share with all people this very Good News:

Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Children ages 3 through those who have completed 5th grade are welcome to come forward and be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.

*RESPONSE

Lead Me, Jesus

THUMA MINA



(Lead me, Lord.) Lead me, Je-sus; lead me, Je-sus; lead me, Je-sus; lead me, Lord.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

Keep Your Lamps

Spiritual, arr. Andre Thomas

The Summer Choir; Myles Hayden, percussion

Keep your lamps trimmed and burning...the time is drawing nigh.

Children don't get weary... 'til your work is done.

Christian journey soon be over...the time is drawing nigh.

Keep your lamps...

African-American Spiritual

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 139:1–12, 23–24

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

SECOND READING

Romans 8:1–11

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

SERMON

Presence

Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

from The Iona Community

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to 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

Speak, O Lord

Keith & Krystyn Getty

The Summer Choir; Myles Hayden, percussion

Speak, O Lord, as we come to you	Teach us Lord full obedience,
To receive the food of your holy word.	Holy reverence, true humility.
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us;	Test our thoughts and our attitudes
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,	In the radiance of Your purity.
That the light of Christ might be seen today	Cause our faith to rise, cause our eyes to see,
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.	Your majestic love and authority.
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us	Words of power that can never fail;
All Your purposes, for Your glory.	Let their truth prevail over unbelief.

Speak, O Lord, and renew our minds;
Help us grasp the heights of Your plans for us.
Truths unchanged from the dawn of time,
That will echo down through eternity.
And by grace we'll stand on Your promises;
And by faith we'll walk as You walk with us.
Speak, O Lord, 'til your church is built
And the earth is filled with Your glory.

Stuart Townend & Keith Getty

*DOXOLOGY 608

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAISE GOD (HOPSON)

Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Christ all peo-ple here be - low;
Praise Ho - ly Spi-rit ev - er - more; Praise Tri - une God whom we a - dore!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING GRACE

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

O God in Whom All Life Begins

KINGSFOLD



1. O God in whom all life be-gins, who births the seed to fruit,
2. U - nite in mu - tual min - is - try our minds and hands and hearts
3. Through tears and laugh - ter, grief and joy, en - large our trust and care;



be - stow your bless - ing on our lives; here let your love find root. Bring that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts. So so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare. Be



forth in us the Spi - rit's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace; de - let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your name that with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray; then



liv - er us from numb - ing fear, and grant our faith in - crease. in all things by word and deed we may your love pro - claim. send us forth in power and faith to live the words we say.

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune 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 in memory of Bruce Ballert by Miriam Ballert.

USHERS

John Davis, Laura Davis, Allison Davis, Scott Davis, Sandy Bailey, Dixie Baird

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Lorie Williamson, & Elizabeth Clay, liturgists;

Janet Rittenhouse, lay reader

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

Myles Hayden, percussion

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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We Lift Up in Prayer

The family and friends of Ginny & Gary Buhrow on their deaths, 6/7/23 & 7/17/23.

Martha Spencer and her family on the death of her brother, Jack Blankenship, 7/15/23.

Brian and Lisa Houghlin; Sam, Brooks, and Lucy Owen and their family on the death of father, father-in-law, and step-grandfather, David Houghlin, 7/9/23.

Ruth Wallace and family on the death of her husband, Furman, 6/30/23.

Libby Hancock and her family on the death of her mother, Linda Wood; brother, Bill Leonard; and sister-in-law, Rebecca; 5/29/23.

Carol Harper and her family on the death of her son, Grafton, 5/13/23.

Cathy Martin, Lindsay Cook, and their family on the death of mother and grandmother, Susan McCrea, 5/10/23.

Wallace Horine, Margaret Flowers, and their families, on the death of wife and sister, Louise Horine, 5/9/23.

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Rejoice, the Lord Is King! 363

Descant

4 Re - joi - ce in glo - ri - ous hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re - joi - ce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a - do - re!
 2 Our Sav - ior, Je - sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king - dom can - not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
 4 Re - joi - ce in glo - ri - ous hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing, and tri - umph ev - er - more.
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a - bove.
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je - sus given.
 and gath - er all the saints to their e - ter - nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re - joi - ce, a - gain I say, re - joi - ce!

Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4. "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.