

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 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

Prelude on DOWN AMPNEY

David Blackwell

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING 1-449

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Merciful God, we confess we are not always merciful people. We turn away in anger, rather than seeking solutions. We criticize those who disagree or are different from us, rather than seeking understanding. We hold lifelong grudges, and refuse to apologize. Gracious God, forgive our failures to live out the mercy we claim from you each week. Open our hearts to your great love, and show us the ways to love one another.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...Beloved of God, this is the wonderful Good News for us:

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.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 Kings 3:5–12

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

MUSICAL REFLECTION

If Ye Love Me

Thomas Tallis

The Octet; Samuel Libra, conductor

If ye love me, keep my commandments.
And I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter,
that he may 'bide with you forever; E'en the sp'rit of truth.
John 14:15–17

SECOND READING

Romans 8:26–39

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

SERMON

What's Prayer Got to Do with It?

Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

Romans 8, selected verses

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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

Be Thou My Vision

arr. Tom Trenney

Ricky Case, tenor; Samuel Libra. piano

Text can be found at #450 in the Glory to God hymnal.

*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

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 282

Come Down, O Love Divine

DOWN AMPNEY

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Chorale Motet on EIN FESTE BURG

Helmut Walcha

*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 Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Sanders Jr. by Lynn and Henry Sanders.

USHERS

John Bahe, Cheeky Bahe, Gordon Duke, Marilyn Duke, David Dorsey, Lee Ann Dorsey

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin & Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgists;
Grace Liby, lay reader

The Octet; Samuel Libra, Organist & conductor

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Mike Faurest and his family on the death of his father, Dr. Michael Faurest, 7/17/23.

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.

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275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

282 Come Down, O Love Divine

1 Come down, O Love Di - vine; seek out this soul of mine,
 2 O let it free - ly burn, till earth - ly pas - sions turn
 3 And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the soul will long,

and vis - it it with your own ar - dor glow - ing.
 to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing.
 shall far out - pass the power of hu - man tell - ing.

O Com - fort - er, draw near; with - in my heart ap - pear,
 And let your glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,
 For none can guess God's grace, till Love cre - ates a place

and kin - dle it, your ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.
 and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.
 where - in the Ho - ly Spir - it makes a dwell - ing.