

# 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

PRELUDE

*Variations on Jesu Dulcis Memoria*

Jessica French

*Jesus, how sweet the very thought,  
Giving true joy to the heart,  
But sweeter than honey and all else  
Is His presence.*

*Nothing more melodious is sung,  
Nothing more delightful is heard,  
Nothing sweeter is ever thought,  
Than Jesus, the Son of God.*

*Jesus, hope of the penitents,  
How kind you are to petitioners!  
How good you are to those that seek!  
But what more to those that find you!*

*No tongue can tell,  
No written word can express:  
The one who has experienced you can believe  
What it might be to love Jesus.*

*attr. Bernard of Clairvaux, 12th c.; trans. Ron Jeffers*

WELCOME

HYMN SING 1-449

CALL TO WORSHIP *read responsively*

Christ is the Light of the world. In him there is no darkness at all.

**Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

\*HYMN 317

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

McKee

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**Merciful God, we have not always lived as you have shown us. You lift up the hurting and bring hope to the hopeless. But we are quick to condemn or to act without mercy. Forgive the ways we have judged people unfairly. Forgive the times we have not welcomed others into our community or have avoided others because something about them made us uncomfortable. Teach us to see your goodness in everyone, including those who seem different from us.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...To all who humbly seek God's mercy, hear this good news:

**Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE HYMN

*A Brand New Song*

Ken Medema

*Children ages 3 through completed 5th graders are welcome to come forward;  
they will be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.*



Sing a brand new song to God, now. Sing and clap and dance and shout.



Sing a song of praise and wor-ship. Raise your voic-es; sing it out.



Sing to God who makes us fam-ily, turn-ing stran-gers in-to friends.



Sing to God whose love and mer-cy ne-ver fails and ne-ver



ends. Can-tad al Se-ñor un cán-ti-co nue-vo. Can-



tad al Se-ñor, can-tad al Se-ñor.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*The Word*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1, 6-8

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

SECOND READING

Matthew 15:21–28

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

SERMON

*She Said, He Said*

Rev. Steve Jester

## *The Response*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

*French Reformed Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, our Creator. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Redeemer. I believe in the Holy Spirit, our Comforter. I believe in the Eternal God; in his holiness which condemns me, in his love which redeems me, in his presence which renews me. 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  
arr. A. Copland

*Zion's Walls* *The Social Harp* (1855),



Come fathers and mothers,  
Come sisters and brothers,  
Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.  
O fathers, don't you feel determined  
To meet within the walls of Zion?  
We'll shout and go round  
The walls of Zion.  
*John G. McCurry*

\*HYMN 700

*I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me, vs. 1*

I'M GONNA LIVE

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING GRACE

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER *read in unison*

**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 649

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

NEW BRITAIN

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Fanfare on MCKEE*

Matthew Corl

*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 loving memory of Dr. Nick Ochs by his wife, Susan Ehrman Ochs.

### USHERS

Larry Boram, Bonnie Boram, Leigh Parrot, Edie Wells, Nathan Dicken, Caroline Dicken, Henry Kelsey

### OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

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

The Octet; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Samuel Libra, Organist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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## *We Lift Up in Prayer*

Ed & Mary F. Glasscock and their family on the death of their son, Clinton, 8/3/23.

Mike Faurest and his family on the death of his father, Michael, 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, 7/9/23.

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

# *The Ministry Team*

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# 317 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no  
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -  
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your  
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -  
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the  
 race may be. All chil - dren of the  
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.  
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.  
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.  
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.



# 700 I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me

1 I'm gon-na live so (live so)  
 2 I'm gon-na work so (work so)  
 3 I'm gon-na pray so (pray so) God can use me an - y -  
 4 I'm gon-na sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (an - y - time!)  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na  
 I'm gon-na

live so (live so)  
 work so (work so) God can use me an - y -  
 pray so (pray so)  
 sing so (sing so)

where, Lord, an - y - time!  
 (my Lord,) (an - y - time!)

This African American spiritual has more depth than may at first appear: for people who are bound in slavery to sing about dedicating themselves to God's use shows a profound awareness of God-given self-worth despite circumstances that would deny their human or spiritual value.

THANKSGIVING

# 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.