

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 *Aria and Variations in E-minor* Johann Pachelbel

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING 450–853

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 619 *Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Gracious God, you are always present amid your people, yet we sometimes fail to recognize and respond to your saving work in the world. We defer to our own power and privilege and succumb to doubt and despair when your ways are not clear. Behold, you are doing a new thing; help us to perceive it. Forgive us when we do not respond to your call. Liberate us from our fears and self-imposed limitations. Guide us into the fullness of life and love that you are preparing.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

...We are a people redeemed and restored.

In 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

Psalm 138

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

SECOND READING

Romans 12:1–8

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

SERMON

True Worship

Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

Phil. 2:5–11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is 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

Honor and Glory from Magnificat

J.S. Bach

Honor and glory be to God in the highest,
Hallelujah, sing praises to his name!

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*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

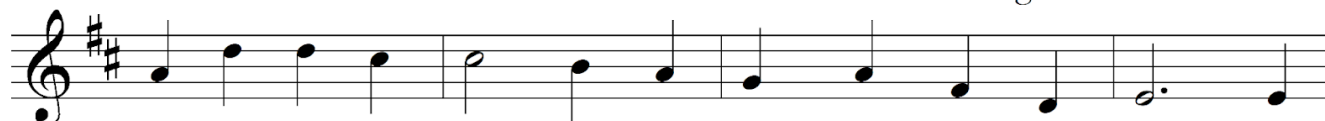
*HYMN 733

We All Are One in Mission

AURELIA



1. We all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call, our
2. We all are called for ser - vice to wit - ness in God's name. Our
3. Now let us be u - nit - ed and let our song be heard. Now



var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all. A
min - i - stries are diff - erent; our pur - pose is the same: to
let us be a ves - sel for God's re - deem - ing word. We



sing - le, great com - mis - sion com - pels us from a - bove to
touch the lives of oth - ers by God's sur - pris - ing grace, so
all are one in mis - sion; we all are one in call, our



plan and work to - geth - er that all may know Christ's love.
ev - ery folk and na - tion may feel God's warm em - brace.
var - ied gifts u - nit - ed by Christ, the Lord of all.

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Toccatà in E-minor

Pachelbel

*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 HARPSICHORD USED IN OUR WORSHIP TODAY was a generous gift of longtime member Roberta M. Fischer. The instrument had been lovingly played by her late husband Carl, and it was long a fixture in the music room of their home, where it could be regularly heard in intimate concerts for family, friends, and fundraisers for the U of L School of Music, Kentucky Opera, and more. It was built by the pioneering American harpsichord-builder John Challis, who was among the first to take up the long-forgotten art. Its seven pedals operate five sets of strings and two buff stops, which gives the instrument an astonishing variety of tonal colors.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God, and in honor of our family and all who enter in, by Ann and Ron Ross.

USHERS

Joe Maloney, Nora Maloney, James Seiler, Lawrence Palmer-Ball, Rosemay Palmer-Ball, Edie Wells

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman & Lorie Williamson, liturgists;
Christina Bouras Recktenwald, lay reader

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

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Penny Carneal and her family on the death of her brother, Lynn Phifer, 8/14/23.

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.

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Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.