

# 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*

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Soul, adorn yourself with gladness* G.H. Homilius

WELCOME

INTROIT *As the Wind Song* Swee Hong Lim

As the wind song through the trees, as the stirring of the breeze,  
so it is with the Spirit of God, as the heart made strangely warm,  
as the voice within the storm, so it is with the Spirit of God.

Never seen, ever known where this wind has blown  
bringing life, bringing power to the world, as the dancing tongues of fire,  
as the soul's most deep desire, so it is with the Spirit of God.

*Shirley Erena Murray*

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 307 *God of Grace and God of Glory* CWM RHONDDA

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**God of fire and freedom, we confess that we as individuals, and as a church, are closed off from the movement of your Spirit. We do not dream big enough, imagine boldly enough, or envision a church wide enough. Our ears hear only the voices we recognize and not the multitudes of your church around the world. Forgive us for our lack of vision. Inspire us. Surprise us. Breathe new life into us. Stir in us the desire to make your dreams our reality.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...Friends, trust and believe this good news:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Charlee Hayden *daughter of Kristen & Jason Hayden*

BAPTISM HYMN

*Wash, O Lord, Your Sons and Daughters*

BEACH SPRING

*Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward during the hymn for the Baptism. Afterward, they will be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.*

**Wash, O God, your sons and daughters,  
newborn creatures of your womb.  
Number them among your people,  
raised like Christ from death and tomb.  
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;  
compass them with love and light.  
Fill, anoint them; send your spirit,  
holy dove and heart's delight.**

\*THE APOSTLES' CREED *read in unison when invited*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the  
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the  
third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from  
thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion  
of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and  
the life everlasting. Amen.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

MUSICAL MEDITATION *Oh, for a Closer Walk with God*

Charles V. Stanford

O for a closer walk with God,  
A calm and heavenly frame;  
A light to shine upon the road  
That leads me to the Lamb!

Return, O holy dove, return,  
Sweet messenger of rest;  
I hate the sins that made thee mourn,  
And drove thee from my breast.

So shall my walk be close with God,  
Calm and serene my frame;  
So purer light shall mark the road  
That leads me to the Lamb.

*William Cowper*

## *The Word*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

Acts 1:1–5, 12–14

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

#### SECOND READING

2:1–4, 43–47

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

#### SERMON

*All Together Now*

Rev. Steve Jester

## *The Response*

### 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

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

arr. Damien Sneed

Ricky Case, soloist

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.  
Yes, ev'ry time I feel the Spirit  
moving in my heart, I will pray.

On the mountain when my God spoke,  
out of God's mouth came fire and smoke.  
Looked around me, looked so fine,  
Asked the Lord could it be mine.

Jordan River, chilly and cold,  
chilled my body, not the soul.  
Ain't but one train upon this track,  
it runs to heaven and then right back.

I have sorrow, I have woe,  
I have heartaches here below.  
While God leads me I won't fear,  
for I know that he is near.

*trad. African-American spiritual*

#### \*RESPONSE

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit, refrain*

**Every time I feel the Spirit movin' in my heart I will pray;  
Yes, every time I feel the Spirit movin' in my heart I will pray.**

SHARING GRACE

MOMENT FOR MISSION: WEST END SCHOOL

Dr. Greg Ross, *Head of School*

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 314

*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Sinfonia from Cantata 29  
We Thank You, O God, We Thank You*

J.S. Bach

*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 Courtney Cooper by her mother Cheryl Cooper Crutcher.

### USHERS

Henry Kelsey, Jim Carneal, Penny Carneal, Will Duncan, Allison Duncan, Kit Davis

### OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin, & Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgists;  
Sandy Bailey, lay reader

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Dr. Samuel Libra, Organist;  
Ricky Case, soloist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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*We welcome Dr. Greg Ross, Head of the West End School*

Dr. Greg Ross is a native Kentuckian who knew from an early age that he would spend his life helping people. During his esteemed career he served in many areas, including as a police officer, a classroom teacher, a school principal, in the Kentucky Department of Education, Superintendent of Danville Independent School District, as the Athletic Director & Coach at Mid-Continental University, and has also taught at Georgetown College. Dr. Ross has also served as the director of Teacher and Leadership Effectiveness at the Kentucky Department of Education. Further, Dr. Ross created the Lion's Den, which is considered one of the best afterschool programs in the multi-state region. From athletics to instruction, Dr. Ross is passionate about changing the trajectory of students' lives through education.

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## *We Lift Up in Prayer*

Ellen McCarty and her family on the death of her mother, Donna Gill, 9/14/23.

Nancy Thomas and her family on the death of her sister, Mary Helm Myers, 9/9/23.

Eleanor Maddox, Toby Nutt, and their families on the death of husband and stepfather, Bob Maddox, 9/7/23.

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.

## *The Ministry Team*

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## 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

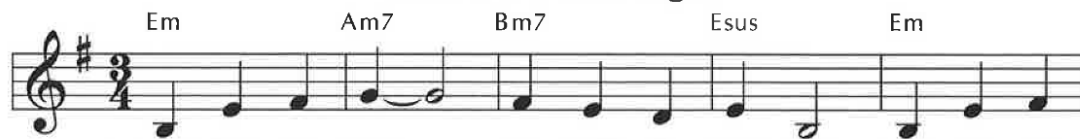
for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.

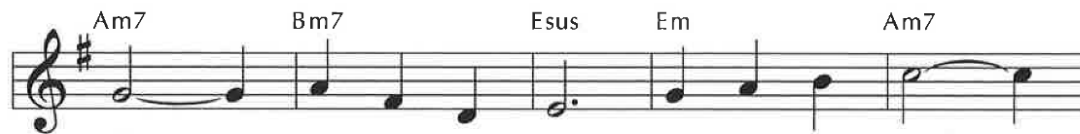


# Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness 314

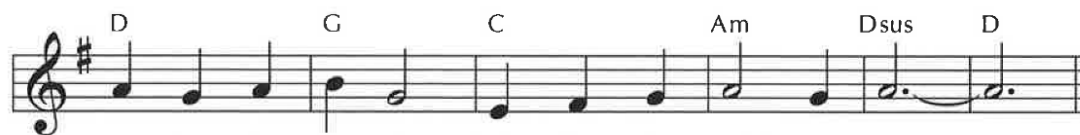
## Christ, Be Our Light



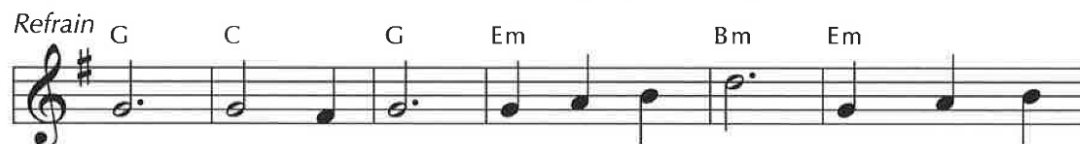
1 Long-ing for light, we wait in dark-ness. Long-ing for  
 2 Long-ing for peace, our world is trou-bled. Long-ing for  
 3 Long-ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long-ing for  
 4 Long-ing for shel - ter, man - y are home-less. Long-ing for  
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,  
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone  
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,  
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,  
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



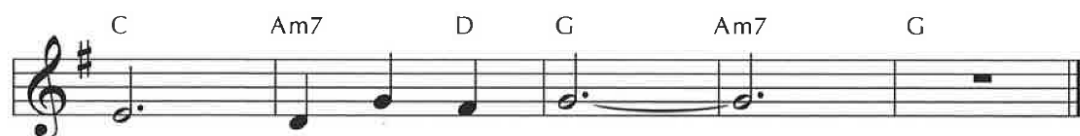
your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.  
 has power to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.  
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.  
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.  
 to one an - oth - er, mak - ing your king - dom come.



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

By blending biblical images and current vignettes in the present tense, this hymn connects Christ's promise that he is the Light of the world (John 8:12, 9:5) and his charge to his followers to be the light of the world (Matthew 5:14). This is part of the church's servant calling.