

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

WELCOME

INTROIT

Let the People Praise Thee, O God

William Mathias

Let the people praise thee, O God; let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt judge the folk righteously,
and govern the nations upon earth.
Let the people praise thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise thee.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase; and God, even our own God,
shall bless us; and all the ends of the earth shall fear him.
God be merciful unto us, and bless us; and shew us the light of his countenance.
That thy way may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations.
Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen
Psalm 67, Book of Common Prayer, 1662

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 308

O God in Whom All Life Begins

NOEL

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

God of unity and love, place within each of us a spirit of hope and community. Have mercy upon us when we speak without love or act without humility. Cleanse us with the living water of your grace. Create in us willing hearts to live in patience and gentleness. Raise us up to be your children, growing toward maturity in faith and love. Strengthen this church, that we may be a model of ministry and unity for all the world to see.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...in the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **Thanks be to God. Amen.**

*RESPONSE HYMN 377 *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

HOUSTON

vs. 1 only

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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Exodus 4:10–17

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

SCRIPTURE

Ephesians 4:1–7, 11–16

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

SERMON

All Grown Up

Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

The Nicene Creed

Found on Page 34 in the Glory to God hymnal.

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

Come Dwell in Solomon's Walls

Z. Randall Stroope

When the final timber lay 'gainst the measured stones,
When the doorposts in their place overlaid with gold.
And then the Lord appeared to Solomon, blessing all the house,
Also the temple of the ark of God, pure and whole.
Come dwell in Solomon's walls. Come dwell in the house of the Lord,
Where the humble bow down, seeking wisdom and strength,

For the Lord dwells within and heals their land.
Come dwell in Solomon's walls. Come dwell in the house of the Lord,
Where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness,
join at the feet of God.

When people of this house kneel and humbly pray,
When they turn from dark to light and your will obey,
O Lord of Heaven and Lord of earth, show favor on this house,
And heal, restore, forgive, and bless, Lord we pray.

*RESPONSE HYMN 530 *One Bread, One Body, refrain*

ONE BREAD, ONE BODY

**One bread, one body, on Lord of all,
one cup of blessing which we bless.
And we, though many, throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *read responsively*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
Holy, holy, holy Lord... forever and ever! **Amen.**

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All those who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to take part in the sacrament. A choice of red wine or white juice is offered. Gluten-free bread is available in cups on the plates. You are invited to say, as you pass the bread, "Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life" and as you pass the wine, "Jesus Christ, the Cup of Salvation."

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Arietta

Thomas H. Kerr

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

The Sending

*HYMN 767

Together We Serve
vs. 1, Octet; vs. 2-4, ALL

SAN ANSELMO

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

John Cook

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 honor of our first wedding anniversary,
by Dylan Hogan and Samuel Libra

THE FLOWERS IN THE NARTHEX are given in loving memory of Robert Maddox, who
passed away on September 7, 2023.

USHERS

Gene Smith, Connie Smith, Sasha Björk-Mayer, David Dorsey, Lee Ann Dorsey,
Emily Lawrence

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin & Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgists;
Stan deVoogd, lay reader

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

Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator; Jonathan Mueller, camera

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Gene Smith and his family on the death of his sister, Rose Ann O'Daniel, 9/20/23.

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.


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O God in Whom All Life Begins 308




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.
 that we may have the grace to seek the power your peace im - parts.
 so bind us in com - mu - ni - ty that we may risk and dare.



Bring forth in us the Spir - it's gifts of pa - tience, joy, and peace;
 So let our var - ied gifts com - bine to glo - ri - fy your Name
 Be with us when we gath - er here to wor - ship, sing, and pray;



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

Although it was written for the installation of a pastor, this text is really about the mutual ministry shared by all members of a worshiping community, both when they are gathered and when they go forth into the world. The tune used here may have Christmas associations for some.

Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)
 B^b F Gm Dm7

1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E^b B^b Cm7 Fsus F

in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)
 B^b F E^b Dm

We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 B^b E^b B^b Cm F7 B^b

ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11-16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.