

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

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Now Pray We to the Holy Spirit* Georg Böhm

WELCOME

INTROIT *Holy Is God, the Lord of Sabaoth* Healey Willan

CALL TO WORSHIP *read responsively*

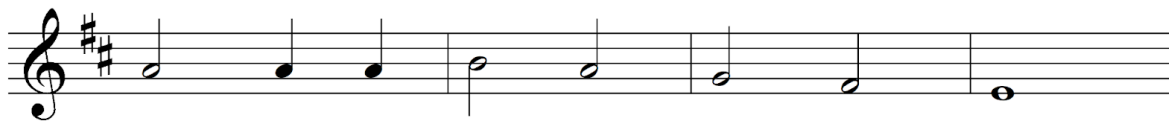
Christ is the Light of the world. In him there is no darkness at all.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN *Sing to the Lord, Lift High Your Voice* DUKE STREET



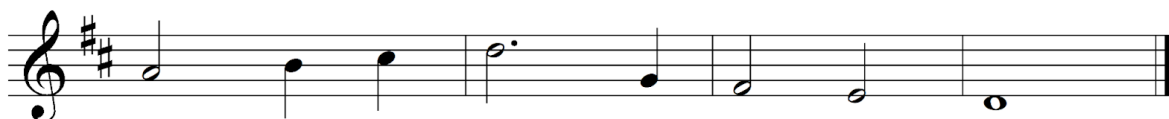
1. Sing to the Lord, lift high your voice;
2. God calls, then gives us gifts to share
3. With true con - vic - tion to in - spire



in God's great glo - ry now re - joice!
in times of joy and deep des - pair;
tears of com - pas - sion, tongues of fire,



Let or - gans breathe and pipes re - sound,
we teach, but nev - er cease to learn
we lead the faith - ful to the Lord,



new bonds of grace and love a - bound
how to dis - cov - er and dis - cern.
re - deemed and hon - ored and a - dored.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read responsively*

Search us, O God, and find within us the secrets we hide.

Ask us, O God, and receive from within us the pain we bear.

Keep knocking at the door of our lives
until we open our wills to your purpose,

our lives to your life, and our yearning to your hope.

When we forget to seek you and discover that we have lost our place:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

When we ask once and leave it at that:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

When we draw back from knocking, lest we disturb you:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Strengthen our courage; bolster our endurance;

spur us onward in your way in our world

through the power of the Holy Spirit

and the name of Christ.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

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

HOUSTON

*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

Psalm 19

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

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SERMON

How Much More

Rev. Andrew Bowman

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

Sometimes a Light Surprises

Craig Courtney

Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while she sings;
It is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings:
When comforts are declining, he grants the soul again
A season of clear shining to cheer it after rain.
In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue
The theme of God's salvation, and find it ever new;
Set free from present sorrow, we cheerfully can say,
Let the unknown tomorrow bring with it what it may.
It can bring with it nothing, but he will bear us through;
Who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people too:
Beneath the spreading heavens no creature but is fed;
And he who feeds the ravens will give his children bread.
Though vine nor fig tree neither their wanted fruit should bear,
Though all the fields should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there;
Yet God the same abiding, his praise shall tune my voice;
For, while in him confiding, I cannot but rejoice.

William Comper, adapted

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

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

*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 309

Come, Great God of All the Ages

ABBOT'S LEIGH

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Praeludium in D-minor

Georg Böhm

*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 Pat & Gordon Dabney and Pat & Bill West by their children.

USHERS

John Hubbard, Nancy Hubbard, Kit Davis, Pam Ford, Ron Ross, Ann Ross

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Andrew Bowman, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin, & Rev. Steve Jester, liturgists;
Karen Veith, lay reader

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

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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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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309 Come, Great God of All the Ages

1 Come, great God of all the a - ges; make your earth - ly
 2 Come, Christ Je - sus, flesh and spir-it, sure foun - da - tion,
 3 Come, great Spir - it, in and with us, tune our ears to
 4 Come, O come, in cel - e - bra-tion, house - hold of the

mis - sion known; speak through ev - ery deed and per - son;
 cor - ner - stone; help us form the church e - ter - nal;
 hear your call; through the mov - ing of your pres - ence,
 one true God; in com - mit - ment and re - joic - ing

let your way and will be shown. Guide the church to true com -
 may your vi - sion be our own. Send a mes - sage to each
 let re - deem - ing love re - call min - is - try in ded - i -
 let us go where Christ has trod; as we act in faith and

mit - ment; give di - rec - tion now, we ask; fit us for the
 fol - lower; lead all peo - ple to your way; urge us to strong
 ca - tion, love em - bod - ied in our deeds; chal - lenge us to
 rev - erence, let us, Lord, the fu - ture see; place us in the

This text was written in 1987 for the capital cornerstone campaign of the National Presbyterian Church in Washington, DC. It is set here to a mid-20th-century tune created in wartime England to replace a Haydn tune tainted by Nazi associations.

work of build-ing; ded - i - cate us to the task.
faith and ac - tion as we build the church to - day.
do your bid - ding, see your pur - pose, fill all needs.
church tri - um - phant, now and for e - ter - ni - ty.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two staves: a treble clef staff at the top and a bass clef staff at the bottom. The treble staff contains the melody, and the bass staff contains the accompaniment. The lyrics are written between the two staves. The music is in a key with one flat (B-flat major or D minor) and a common time signature. The lyrics are: "work of build-ing; ded - i - cate us to the task. faith and ac - tion as we build the church to - day. do your bid - ding, see your pur - pose, fill all needs. church tri - um - phant, now and for e - ter - ni - ty." The score ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.