



WORSHIP AT  
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH

THE  
TWENTY-FIRST  
SUNDAY AFTER  
PENTECOST

OCTOBER 22, 2023  
11:00 A.M.

# 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

*Benedictus*

Alec Rowley

WELCOME

INTROIT

*God Welcomes All* trad. South African, arr. John Bell

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;  
God's love is strong and it never ends.  
*John Bell.*

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 263

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

CORONATION

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**There are chasms in our lives, deep valleys that separate us from one another and from you.**

**We confess that we have allowed those rifts to grow, for fear of admitting our part in the separation, for fear of being rejected when we reach out. We recognize our complacency in our divisions and our need for your love to fill the ever-growing divide.**

**You call us to a reconciled life, to healed relationships, to a wholeness with each other and with you. Mend us, we pray, and make us new creations through Jesus Christ, in whom there is harmony and peace.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...Know that you are forgiven and thus freed to love and serve.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Charlotte Rankin Kragenbring

*daughter of Mary Peyton & Joshua Kragenbring*

*Lindsey Wells Anderson and Melissa & Ben Rump, sponsors*

BAPTISM HYMN

*Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Dear*

TALLIS CANON

*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.*



Lord Je-sus Christ, our Lord most dear, as you were once an in-fant here, so



give this child of yours, we pray, your grace and bless-ing ev-ery day.

*\*read in unison when invited*

The Apostles' Creed

**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.**

RESPONSE

*Go in Peace*

Kenneth E. White

Worship Arts

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you this day.

Go in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

Celebrate and share the joy! Celebrate new life!

God in peace and the peace of God be with you always.

*Barbara Waters*

MOMENT FOR MISSION

WOMEN'S GLOBAL CANCER ALLIANCE: ROOSEVELT FERNELUS

*The Word*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 56:1–8

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

SECOND READING

Acts 15:1–21

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

SERMON

*Holy Stories*

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

*I Will Make a Way*

Tom Trenney

Behold! I will do a new thing!  
Everything old has passed away.  
See, everything old has become new.  
I will make a way in the wilderness.  
I will make rivers in the desert.  
Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the ways of old.  
The wild animals will honor me,  
the jackals and ostriches,  
for I will give water in the wilderness;  
the desert shall be a pool  
*Isaiah 43:19–20; 1 Corinthians 5:17*

\*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

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP: ELIZABETH SCINTA

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 366

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

HYFRYDOL

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Allegro moderato*  
from *Sonata V, Quasi una fantasia*

Charles Villiers Stanford

*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 celebration of the baptism of Charlotte Rankin Kragenbring and in memory of her grandfather, Peyton Wells, by Edie Wells;

And in memory of Pat Jaegers, given by her family.

### USHERS

Emily Lawrence, Dixie Baird, Gordon Duke, Marilyn Duke, Walter Tucker,  
Odetta Tucker

### OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin, & Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgists;  
Vic Baltzell, lay reader

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

Worship Arts (Grades 4-6): *Ricky Case, Student Music Coordinator; Lindsay Cook, assistant*  
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William Wright

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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## *We Lift Up in Prayer*

Kyle Wiggins and his family on the death of his father, Mac, 10/14/23.

Eric Jaegers and his family on the death of his mother, Pat, 10/9/23.

The family and friends of Ellie Salsbury on her death, 10/7/23.

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.

# 263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

*Descant*

4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

1 All hail the power of Je - sus' name! Let an - gels pros - trate fall;  
 2 Ye cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, ye ran - sored from the fall,  
 3 Let ev - ery kin - dred, ev - ery tribe on this ter - res - trial ball  
 4 O that with yon - der sa - cred throng we at his feet may fall!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 to him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

We'll join the song, and crown him Lord of all!

Bring forth the roy - al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of all!  
 Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all!  
 To him all maj - es - ty as - cribe, and crown him Lord of all!  
 We'll join the ev - er - last - ing song, and crown him Lord of all!

This 18th-century text celebrating the sovereignty of Christ has been through several expansions and contractions before reaching its present form. It is set here to the oldest American hymn tune in continuous use since first published in 1793, which was written for it.

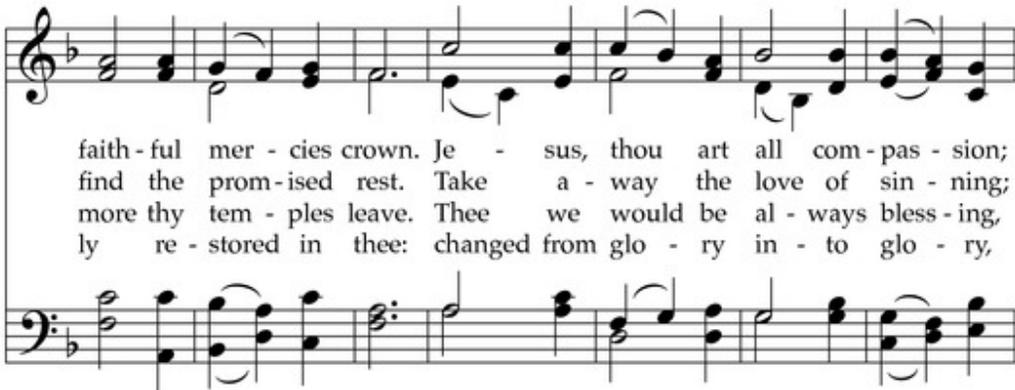
## 366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to  
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy  
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less



earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy  
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us  
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -  
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -



faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;  
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;  
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,  
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with  
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as  
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee  
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.  
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.  
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

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