

# 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 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*

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*  
Kentucky Brass

ELLACOMBE  
arr. Bob McNally Jr.

WELCOME

INTROIT

*If God Had Not Been on Our Side*  
Sanctuary Choir

German, 16th c.  
arr. M. Praetorius

If God had not been on our side  
and had not come to aid us,  
The foes with all their power and pride  
would surely have dismayed us;  
For we, his flock, would have to fear  
the threat of those both far and near  
Who rise in might against us.- *Martin Luther*

CALL TO WORSHIP *read responsively*

Happy are those who do not take the path that sinners tread.

**Our delight is in the law of the Lord.**

May we be like trees planted by streams of God's living water.

**May our lives bear good fruit, loving God and loving neighbor.**

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

\*HYMN 624

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

TOULON

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**God, we have neither loved our neighbors as ourselves nor honored ourselves as your beloved creation. We have judged unjustly, regarded others ungenerously, profited at the losses of those near**

and distant, borne grudges, desired vengeance, and kept silence in the face of wrongdoing. We long to live in accord with your desire that your way of compassion, kindness, and honesty will govern our hearts and minds, turning us toward lives of peace. Forgive us and lead us.

*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

MUSICAL MEDITATION *Prelude on THAXTED* arr. John Behnke  
Austin Memorial Handbells; Jim Rittenhouse, Director

O God beyond all praising,  
we worship you today  
and sing the love amazing  
that songs cannot repay;  
for we can only wonder  
at every gift you send,

at blessings without number  
and mercies without end:  
we lift our hearts before you  
and wait upon your word,  
we honor and adore you,  
our great and mighty Lord.

*- Michael Perry*

## *The Word*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Leviticus 19:1–2, 15–18

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

SECOND READING

Matthew 22:34–46

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

SERMON

*Love, Love, Love*

Rev. Andrew Bowman

# *The Response*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison* *from The United Church of Christ*

**We believe in God, the Eternal Spirit, who is made known to us in  
Jesus our brother, and to whose deeds we testify:**

**God calls the worlds into being, creates humankind in the divine  
image, and sets before us the ways of life and death.**

**God seeks in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin.**

**God judges all humanity and all nations by that will of righteousness  
declared through prophets and apostles.**

**In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Lord,  
God has come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin  
and death and reconciling the whole creation to its Creator.**

**God bestows upon us the Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the  
church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all  
ages, tongues, and races.**

**God calls us into the church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship,  
to be servants in the service of the whole human family, to  
proclaim the gospel to all the world and resist the powers of evil, to  
share in Christ's baptism and eat at his table, to join him in his  
passion and victory.**

**God promises to all who trust in the gospel forgiveness of sins and  
fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, the  
presence of the Holy Spirit in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in  
that kingdom which has no end.**

**Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto God. Amen.**

## GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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You can fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing  
ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. Thank you!*



ANTHEM

*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

ST. ANNE

The Sanctuary Choir, Austin Memorial Handbells, arr. J. Bankson  
& Kentucky Brass

*Text can be found at #687 in the Glory to God hymnal.*

*\*Please stand when invited to join in singing the final verse found on next page:*

**O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come;  
be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING GRACE

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP: RICKY CASE

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 275

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN FESTE BURG

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Ein Feste Burg, reprise*  
Kentucky Brass; Samuel Libra, organ

arr. Tim Zimmerman

*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.*

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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 Salisbury 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

# *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 memory of Daniel Paul Russell by his parents Cheryl and Dan Russell.

## USHERS

8:30: Tom Tyrrell, Patti Ogden, Bill Creason, John Bahe, Cheeky Bahe

11:00: Edie Wells, Kit Davis, Crystal Kannapell, Lee Best, Sharon Clark, Lee Baltzell, Jo Anne Davidson, Linda Watson

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Andrew Bowman, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin, liturgist; (8:30) Ricky Case; (11) Dick Clay, lay readers

Austin Memorial Handbells: *Bonnie Boram, Terry Cissell, Elizabeth Clay, Lindsay Cook, Kitty deVoogd, Stacie Farris, Steve Farris, Kitty deVoogd, Brandon Flamion, Jean Herp, Kevin Horton, Diana Jester, Katharine King, Sue Rogers, & Carmen Sanders.*

The Sanctuary Choir (Octet\*): *Laura Atkinson\*, Mary Ayers, Paul Ayers, Maryann Bell, Ricky Case\*, Lamoine Cash, Terry Cissell, Dick Clay, Jane Cleary, Jeanne Curtis, Patty Dailey, Stan deVoogd, Linda Dukes, Russell Dunlap\*, Richard Ellis, Chris Ellis, Sara Gilford, Ann Grissom, Jodie Goldberg, Karen Hadley, Krista Heckmann\*, Jean Herp, Lindsey Hundley, Carol Hull, Clay Kannapell, Molly Melahn\*, Bill McDowell, Susan McDowell, Kenneth Oeth\*, Harrison Palmer-Ball, Becky Peer, Christina Bouras Recktenwald\*, Janet Rittenhouse, Deborah Skaggs, Larry Sloan, Martha Spencer, Jason Steigewalt\*, Camille Williams-Neal, & Jesse Wright.*

Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Dr. Samuel Libra, Organist

Kentucky Brass: *Jim Recktenwald & Nicholas Recktenwald, Trumpets; Diana Morgen, Horn; Brett Shuster, Trombone; Stasi Fafalios, Trombone; Thomas Whitte, Percussion*

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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## I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,  
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,  
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,  
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;  
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,  
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place;  
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;  
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.  
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;  
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;  
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,  
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,  
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.  
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.  
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.  
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.  
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

# 377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low  
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at  
 3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The  
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and  
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

*Refrain*

star of my life is Je - sus.  
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at  
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

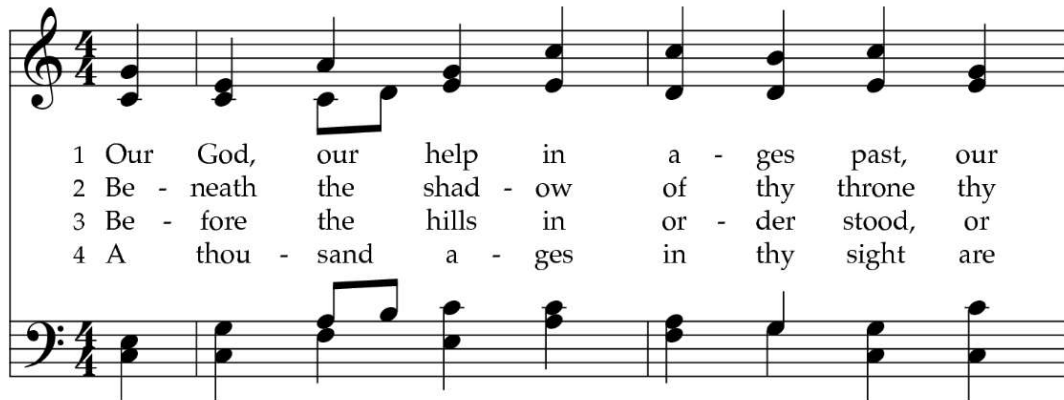
all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

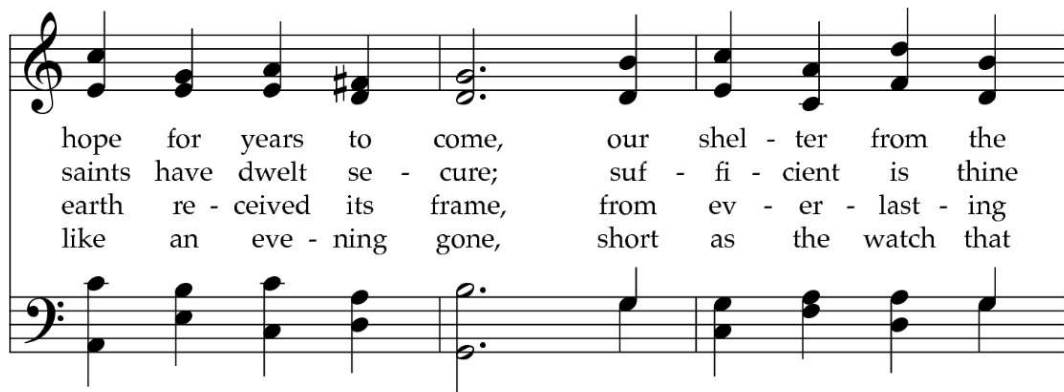


## 687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)



1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our  
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy  
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or  
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are



hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the  
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine  
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing  
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that



storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:  
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.  
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.  
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,  
 bears all our years away;  
 they fly forgotten, as a dream  
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 be thou our guard while life shall last,  
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

# 275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul-wark nev - er  
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be  
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -  
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of  
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the  
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his  
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth  
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ  
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark-ness grim, we  
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and  
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from  
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for  
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.  
 age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.  
 lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.  
 truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

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