

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 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

PRELUDE

Aria on St. ANNE
Samuel Libra, organ

Rebecca Groom te Velde

WELCOME

INTROIT

Lead Me, Lord

Samuel S. Wesley

Lead me, Lord. Lead me in thy righteousness.
Make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou Lord only
That makest me dwell in safety.

Psalm 5:8; 4:9

11 a.m. CALL TO WORSHIP *read responsively*

John 1:5

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

ST. ANNE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Gracious God, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know our sins even before we confess. Your knowledge is wonderful, but also challenging. We'd much rather avoid painful truths and deny our role in wrongdoing. Help us face our failings so we can move forward in truth.

Time for silent prayer

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...Know that you are forgiven and be at peace. **Amen.**

11 a.m. SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Grady Lee Nutt III, *son of Heather and Grady Nutt II*

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 HYMN 365 *God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice, vs. 4*

MARION

**The radiance of God's light beams joy into our days;
Now filled with God's own peace and love,
our hearts resound with praise:
Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT

Psalms 139:1–6, 13–18

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

NEW TESTAMENT

John 1:43–51

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

SERMON

Known

Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

8:30 a.m. *AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

See The Apostles' Creed on preceding page.

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

Praise the One Who Makes Us One

Tom Trenney

Praise the One who break the darkness
with a liberating light.

Praise the One who frees the prisoners
turning blindness into sight.

Praise the One who preached the Gospel
healing every dread disease.

Calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word.

Praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing two-edged sword.

Praise the one who brings cool water to
the desert's burning sand.

From this well comes living water
quenching thirst in every land.

Praise the one true love incarnate:

Christ who suffered in our place.

Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.

Let us sing for joy and gladness
seeing what our God has done.

Praise the one redeeming glory,
praise the One who makes us one.

Rusty Edwards

*RESPONSE HYMN 150

As with Gladness Men of Old, vs. 3

DIX

**As they offered gifts most rare at thy manger, rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy, pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring, Christ, to thee, our heavenly king.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING GRACE

MOMENT FOR MISSION: THE HEALING PLACE

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 488

I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry

WATERLIFE

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

March on "What Star Is This"

Norman Dello Joio

*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."

TODAY'S FLOWERS are given in memory of Lelia Lewis and Robert Brien Stone by the Baltzell and Duncan families.

USHERS

8:30 Larry Boram, Bonnie Boram

11:00 Emily Lawrence, Patrice Paton, Sandy Bailey, Dixie Baird, Jim Carneal,
Penny Carneal

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Lorie Williamson (11:00) and Elizabeth Clay, liturgists;
Chip Snyder (8:30) and Karen Hadley (11:00), lay readers.

The Octet (8:30) and the Sanctuary Choir (11:00);
Dr. Samuel Libra, Organist & conductor

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Heather Nutt and her family on the death of her father, Hal Neilson, 1/7/24.

Vic, Gordon, and Verser Engelhard and their families on the death of their mother, Harriet, 12/29/23.

Amy Parker and her family on the death of her mother, Jane Woods Hobson, 12/26/23.

Stuart and Jennifer Ferguson and their family on the death of their sister-in-law, Barbara Ferguson, 12/24/23.

John Hollander and his family on the death of his mother, Frances, 12/23/23.

Camille and Bob Williams-Neal and their family on the death of Bob's brother, Ray Davis, 12/22/23.

Martha Spencer and her family on the death of her sister, Fuchsia Nelson, 12/18/23.

Joyce Reibling and her family on the death of her husband, Walter Reibling, 12/17/23.

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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

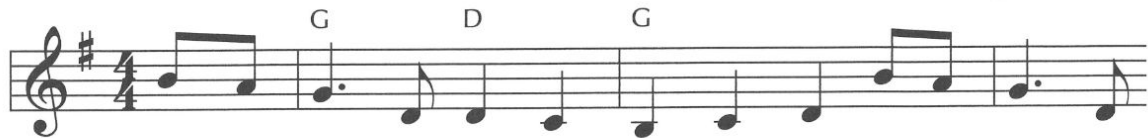
storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

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.

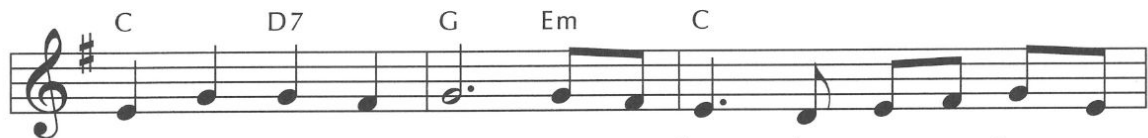
488 I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry



1 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when
 2 "When you heard the won - der of the Word, I was there to
 3 "In the mid - dle a - ges of your life, not too old, no



you are old. I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to
 cheer you on. You were raised to praise the liv - ing Lord to
 lon - ger young, I'll be there to guide you through the night, com -



see your life un - fold. I was there when you were but a
 whom you now be - long. If you find some - one to share your
 plete what I've be - gun. When the eve - ning gent - ly clos - es



child with a faith to suit you well; in a blaze of
 time and you join your hearts as one, I'll be there to
 in and you shut your wea - ry eyes, I'll be there as



light you wan - dered off to find where de - mons dwell."
 make your vers - es rhyme from dusk till ris - ing sun."
 I have al - ways been with just one more sur - prise."



4 "I was there to hear your born - ing cry; I'll be there when you are old.



I re - joiced the day you were bap - tized to see your life un - fold."

Originally created to accompany a video series on baptism, this hymn speaks in the imagined conversational voice of God, assuring the person being baptized of God's presence throughout the changing stages of life. It offers a reminder that baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime event.