

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

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Largo e spiccato* from *Concerto in D-minor*, BWV 596 J.S. Bach

WELCOME

INTROIT *To This Temple, Where We Call Thee* PICARDY, arr. Dale Wood

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With thy wanted lovingkindness, hear thy servants as they pray.
And thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always!

7th c. Latin, trans. J.M. Neale

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 475 *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* NETTLETON

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Forgiving God, you call us and sometimes we duck under the table hoping you didn't notice us when you walked into the room. You call us and sometimes we grab a stapler and a stack of papers trying to look too busy to be bothered at the moment. You call us and sometimes we just say, "No!" We know that we aren't expected to do everything, but we often forget that you call us to be ourselves in the places where our very self is what is most needed. So give us the grace to say "Yes" to your call and the courage to follow your way. Forgive us, heal us, and lead us back to you, that we might show your grace and love to others.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...In Jesus Christ you are forgiven by God and given new life.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

MARION

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.

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!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Frederic Davis Jr. *son of Taylor and Frederic Davis*

**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.**

BAPTISM HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Dear

TALLIS CANON



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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 1:14–20

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

SERMON

Now's the Time!

Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS & ELDERS

DEACONS	Nathan Dicken	Glen Hume	Sissy Judy
	Susan McDowell	Paige Reinstine	Kristi Smith
ELDERS	Miriam Ballert	Marilyn Duke	Liz Ratliff Evans
	Lindsey Hundley	Lucy Kosse	Deb Vetter
	Whitney Watt	Jonny Burrice <i>youth elder</i>	Trevor Gilford <i>youth elder</i>

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

In Thee, O Lord, Have I Trusted

G.F. Handel

In thee, O Lord, have I trusted,
Let me not be confounded forever;
Incline thine ear, O Lord, unto me and save me.
In thee I put my trust.

Psalm 31:1–2

*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

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 707

Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord

HALL

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Finale from *Concerto in D-minor*, BWV 596

J.S. Bach

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 memory and honor of Jeanie Wilson by her husband Ed.

USHERS

Joe Moloney, Nora Moloney, Mike Dickman, Cindy Dickman, Sandy Bailey,
Sarah Middleton

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Elizabeth Clay and Rev. Jordan Akin, liturgists;
Kit Davis, baptism elder

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Dr. Samuel Libra, Organist
Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer

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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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Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475

1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!

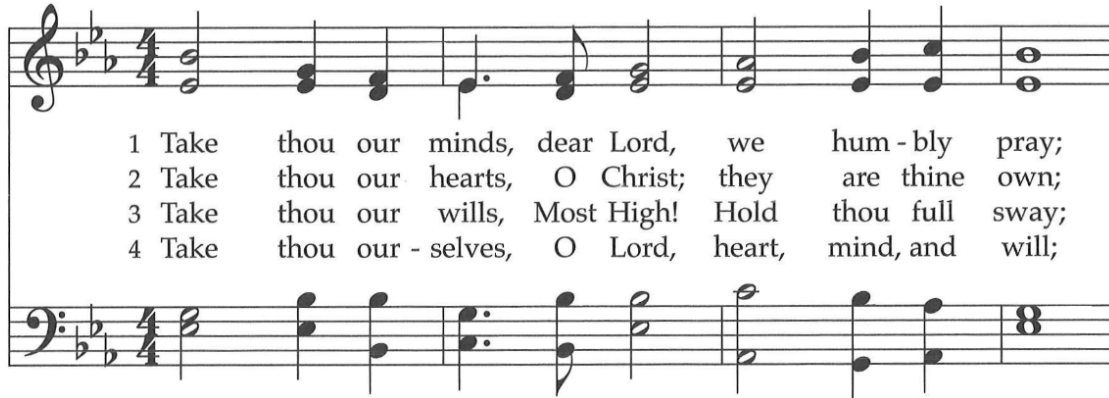
streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.

Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;

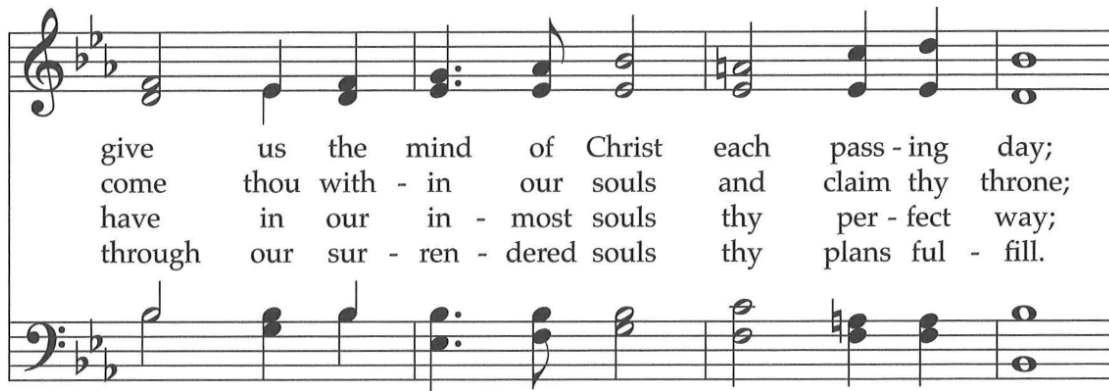
praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.

Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

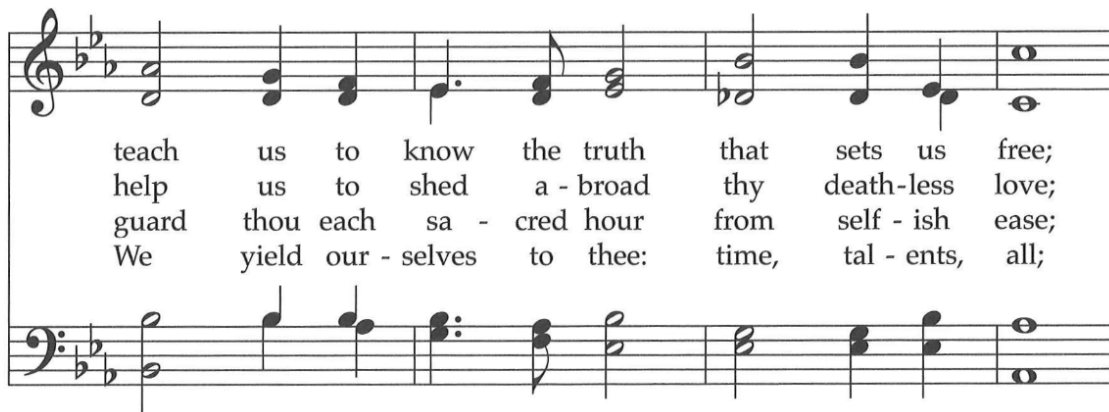
707 Take Thou Our Minds, Dear Lord



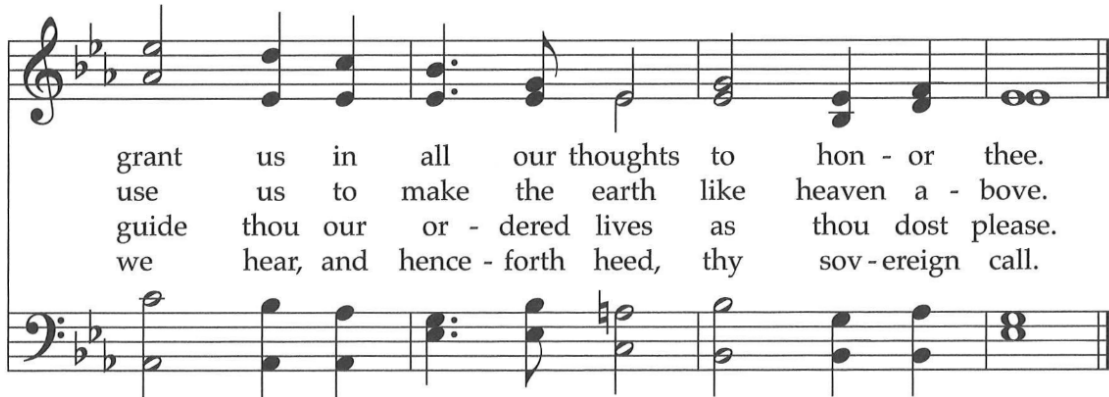
1 Take thou our minds, dear Lord, we hum - bly pray;
 2 Take thou our hearts, O Christ; they are thine own;
 3 Take thou our wills, Most High! Hold thou full sway;
 4 Take thou our - selves, O Lord, heart, mind, and will;



give us the mind of Christ each pass - ing day;
 come thou with - in our souls and claim thy throne;
 have in our in - most souls thy per - fect way;
 through our sur - ren - dered souls thy plans ful - fill.



teach us to know the truth that sets us free;
 help us to shed a - broad thy death-less love;
 guard thou each sa - cred hour from self - ish ease;
 We yield our - selves to thee: time, tal - ents, all;



grant us in all our thoughts to hon - or thee.
 use us to make the earth like heaven a - bove.
 guide thou our or - dered lives as thou dost please.
 we hear, and hence - forth heed, thy sov - ereign call.

This hymn began with the tune, which the composer hummed to the author with a request for a text that would challenge the hearts and minds of young people. The text of the first three stanzas was written that day, and the fourth stanza later emerged at a youth conference.