

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

Aria

Paul Manz

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

Praise to the Lord LOBE DEN HERRN, arr. Hugo Distler

Text may be found at #35 in the Glory to God hymnal.

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

CORONATION

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

... In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
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 to
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!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

The peace of Christ be with you all.
And also with you.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 18:15–20

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

SECOND READING

Mark 1:21–28

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

SERMON

Power and Authority

Rev. Jordan Akin

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison* *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the
communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the
Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and
blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the
brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling
all to repent and believe the gospel.**

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can 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

All That Hath Life and Breath

René Clausen

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord,
shout to the Lord, alleluia!

Praise the Lord with joyful song,
sing to the Lord with thanksgiving, alleluia, praise Him!

All that hath life and breath praise ye the Lord,
sing to the Lord a new-made song, praise His name, alleluia!

Unto thee, O Lord, have I made supplication,
and cried unto the rock of my salvation;
but thou hast heard my voice, and renewed my weary spirit.

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation.
O my soul praise Him for He is thy health and salvation.

Adapted from Psalms 96 & 22

*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 181

Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit

EBENEZER

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune on LOBE DEN HERRN

Paul Manz

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 by Susanne and Jess Wright in honor of their children and grandchildren: Andrew S. Wright, MD, his wife Stacy Estlick Wright, their children Ada and Harriet Wright; and Laura Wright McCray, MD, her husband Ian McCray, their children Jesse and Allison McCray. Blessings and peace to our loved ones.

USHERS

Henry Kelsey, Kit Davis, David Dorsey, Lee Ann Dorsey, Roy Bowling, Ann Bowling

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Jordan Akin, preacher; Elizabeth Clay and Rev. Steve Jester, liturgists;
Sallye Pence, lay reader

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

Jonathan Mueller, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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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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All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

1. All hail the pow'r of Je - sus' name! Let
 2. Crown him, you mar - tyrs of our God Who
 3. Oh, cho - sen seed of Is - rael's race, A
 4. Oh, that with yon - der sa - cred thron'g We

an - gels pros - trate fall. Bring forth the roy - al
 from his al - tar call; Ex - tol the stem of
 rem - nant weak and small, Hail him who saved you
 at his feet may fall, Join in the ev - er -

di - a - dem, And crown him Lord of all. Bring
 Jes - se's rod, And crown him Lord of all. Ex -
 by his grace, And crown him Lord of all. Hail
 last - ing song And crown him Lord of all. Join

forth the roy - al di - a - dem, And crown him Lord of all!
 tol the stem of Jes - se's rod, And crown him Lord of all!
 him who saved you by his grace, And crown him Lord of all!
 in the ev - er - last - ing song And crown him Lord of all!

181 Silence! Frenzied, Unclean Spirit

1 "Si - lence! Fren - zied, un - clean spir - it," cried God's
 2 Lord, the de - mons still are thriv - ing in the
 3 Si - lence, Lord, the un - clean spir - it, in our

heal - ing, Ho - ly One. "Cease your rant - ing! Flesh can't
 gray cells of the mind: ty - rant voic - es, shrill and
 mind and in our heart. Speak your word that when we

bear it. Flee as night be - fore the sun."
 driv - ing, twist - ed thoughts that grip and bind,
 hear it all our de - mons shall de - part.

Based on Mark 1:21-28/Luke 4:31-37, this text recalls how Jesus exorcized a demon, ponders what demons mean today, and concludes with a prayer for wholeness. It is set here to a familiar Welsh tune whose recurring three-note figures help to convey a sense of internal turmoil.

JESUS CHRIST: LIFE

At Christ's voice the de - mon trem-bled, from its vic - tim
 doubts that stir the heart to pan - ic, fears dis - tort - ing
 Clear our thought and calm our feel - ing; still the frac - tured,

mad - ly rushed, while the crowd that was as -
 rea - son's sight, guilt that makes our lov - ing
 war - ring soul. By the pow - er of your

sem - bled stood in won - der, stunned, and hushed.
 fran - tic, dreams that cloud the soul with fright.
 heal - ing make us faith - ful, true, and whole.