

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

PRELUDE *Morning Star from 5 Invocations* Henri Dallier

WELCOME

INTROIT *All Glory Be to God on High, vs. 3* Nikolaus Decius

You only are the Holy One, who came for our salvation,
and only you are God's true Son, who was before creation.
You only, Christ, as Lord we own, and with the Spirit,
you alone share in the Father's Glory
Nikolaus Decius; trans. F. Bland Tucker

CALL TO WORSHIP *read responsively*

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 189 *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair* DEO GRACIAS

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

God of glory and light, forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves. Keep calling us down from our mountains of privilege. Keep expecting more of us as your disciples. Keep reminding us to listen to your Son, in whose name we pray.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...by God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

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

MARION

*Children ages 3 through 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

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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

2 Kings 2:1–12

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

SECOND READING

Mark 9:2–9

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

SERMON

Who Is This?

Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF DEACONS & ELDERS

DEACON Kristi Smith

ELDERS Liz Ratliff Evans Whitney Watt

*PROFESSION OF FAITH *read responsively*

The Apostles' Creed

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

**I believe 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.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

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.

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

Dazzling as the Sun

Gwyneth Walker

Dazzling as the sun, the face of Jesus on the mountain,
like the face of Moses coming down from Sinai,
ready, strong to lead his people out of bondage into freedom,
to the promised land.
Transfigured for disciples' eyes, God's servant who would suffer
as Isaiah prophesied.
Revealed in garments glistening white, the glorious Son of Man
whom Daniel had foretold.
Then the cloud of presence, then the voice of witness:
"This is my beloved Son on whom my favor rests. Listen to him."
Hear him! Gazing on the Lord by radiant light transfigured,
see the pattern of our lives: cross embraced to Easter splendor.
Claim the Gospel vision wondrous: we are God's beloved ones.
Claim the transformation promised: destiny of glory.
"This is my beloved Son."
Delores Dufner, OSB

*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

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 191

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

BREWER

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Blazing like the Sun from 5 Invocations

Henri Dallier

*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 of Don Duane (Feb. 15, 1937–Feb. 5, 2020) by the Duane family.

USHERS

John Davis, Laura Davis, Scott Davis, Roy Bowling, Ann Bowling, Sharon Clark

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Elizabeth Clay & Rev. Jordan Akin, liturgists;

Mike Vetter, lay reader

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

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Dixie Baird and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Bobby Jones, 1/23/24.

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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O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair 189

Capo 3: (Am) (G) (Am) (C) (D) (Em)
 Cm B \flat Cm E \flat F Gm

1 O won - drous sight, O vi - sion fair
 2 From age to age the tale de - clare,
 3 The law and proph - ets there have place,
 4 With shin - ing face and bright ar - ray
 5 And faith - ful hearts are raised on high

(Am) (Dm) (Am) (Em) (Am)
 Cm Fm Cm Gm Cm

of glo - ry that the church shall share,
 how with the three dis - ci - ples there,
 two cho - sen wit - ness - es of grace;
 Christ deigns to man - i - fest to - day
 by this great vi - sion's mys - ter - y,

(G) (Dm) (Em) (G) (Am)
 B \flat Fm Gm B \flat Cm

which Christ up - on the moun - tain shows,
 where Mo - ses and E - li - jah meet,
 the Fa - ther's voice from out the cloud
 what glo - ry shall be theirs a - bove
 for which in joy - ful strains we raise

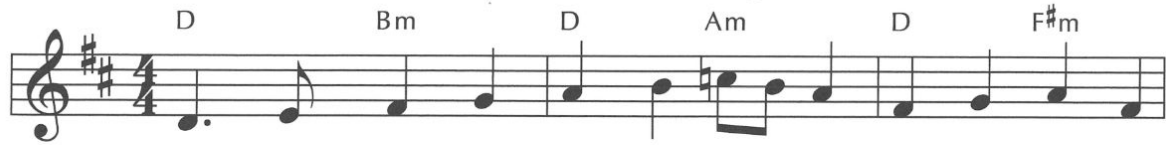
(Em) (Dm) (F) (G) (Am)
 Gm Fm A \flat B \flat Cm

where bright - er than the sun he glows!
 the Lord holds con - verse high and sweet.
 pro - claims his on - ly Son a - loud.
 who joy in God with per - fect love.
 the voice of prayer, the hymn of praise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This translation of a 15th-century Latin devotional text is set here to a majestic 15th-century tune celebrating the victory of an English king; they combine to evoke the awe and wonder of that moment of revelation the three disciples experienced in Christ's Transfiguration.

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding 191



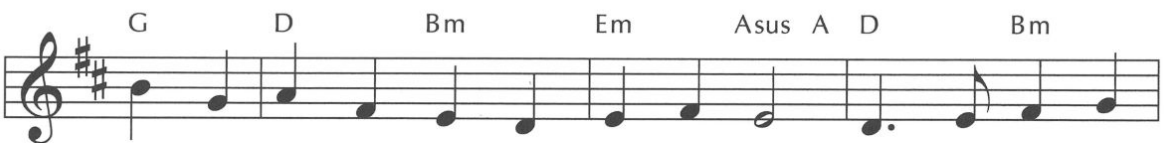
1 We have come at Christ's own bid - ding to this high and
 2 Light breaks through our clouds and shad - ows; splen - dor bathes the
 3 Strength - ened by this glimpse of glo - ry, fear - ful lest our



ho - ly place, where we wait with hope and long - ing
 flesh - joined Word; Mo - ses and E - li - jah mar - vel
 faith de - cline, we like Pe - ter find it tempt - ing



for some to - ken of God's grace. Here we pray for new as -
 as the heaven - ly voice is heard. Eyes and hearts be - hold with
 to re - main and build a shrine. But true wor - ship gives us



sur - ance that our faith is not in vain, search - ing like those
 won - der how the law and proph - ets meet: Christ, with gar - ments
 cour - age to pro - claim what we pro - fess, that our dai - ly



first dis - ci - ples for a sign both clear and plain.
 drenched in bright - ness, stands trans - fig - ured and com - plete.
 lives may prove us peo - ple of the God we bless.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Through this Transfiguration hymn runs an implicit comparison between the attitudes and assumptions of the three disciples on that mountain and the expectations of present-day Christians as they gather for worship. This event is reported in Matthew 17:1-9/Mark 9:2-9/Luke 9:28-36.