

# 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 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

WELCOME

PRELUDE

*Adagio* from *Sonata in C-major*  
Jayne Drummond, oboe; Samuel Libra, organ

Tomaso Albinoni

CALL TO WORSHIP *read responsively*

Christ is the the light that guides us on our path.

**Guard me, guide me, and direct my ways.**

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

\*HYMN 275

*A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

EIN FESTE BURG

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**Gracious God, as we begin this Lenten wilderness journey with Jesus, we confess our neglect of you and our faith. We make idols of nation, money, and power. We build walls instead of better relationships. We fail to follow Jesus to the poor, the destitute, the stranger. Empty us this Lent, Holy God. Guide us in our faith so we can leave this wilderness season in right relationship with you.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*RESPONSE HYMN

*Meditative Passacaglia*

Carol Lynn Mizell

*Children ages 3 through 3rd graders are welcome to come forward  
and be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.*



O Lord God, hear my prayer. Com-fort me with your lov-ing care.



Guide my thoughts, guide my steps. Ev-er let me thank-ful be.

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...Accept the freedom God provides. **Amen.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

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

## *The Word*

SCRIPTURE IN MUSIC

*Show Me Thy Ways*

Walter Pelz

Show me thy ways, O Lord, teach me your paths;

Lead me in thy truth and teach me:

For thou art the God of my salvation,

And on thee do I wait all the day.

*Psalm 25:4–5, KJV*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 1:9–15

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

SERMON

*Passing the Test*

Rev. Steve Jester

## *The Response*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

Colossians 1:15–20

**Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 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!*



MEDITATION

Jamie Monck, guitar

\*RESPONSE HYMN 711

*Lord of All Good, vs. 3*

TOULON

**Father, whose bounty all creation shows;  
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;  
Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:  
To you with grateful hearts, ourselves we give.**

\*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 166

*Lord, Who throughout These Forty Days*

ST. FLAVIAN

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott*

J.G. Walther

*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 loving memory of our wonderful and caring sister, Kathryn Louise Sloan by her sister Barbara Bowlen and her brother Larry Sloan.

## USHERS

Barker Price, Joan Price, David Dorsey, Lee Ann Dorsey, Will Duncan, Allison Duncan

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Lorie Williamson & Rev. Jordan Akin, liturgists

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Samuel Libra, Organist;  
Jayne Drummond, oboe; Jamie Monck, guitar

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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## *We Lift Up in Prayer*

DeeDee Davis and her family on the death of her husband, Scott, 2/10/24.

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.

## *The Ministry Team*

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# 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

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.



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.

# Lord, Who throughout These 166 Forty Days

1 Lord, who through-out these for - ty days for us did fast and  
 2 As you with Sa - tan did con-tend and did the vic-tory  
 3 And through these days of pen - i - tence, and through this Pas-sion-  
 4 A - bide with us, till when this life of suf - fering shall be

pray, teach us with you to mourn our sins and close by you to stay.  
 win, O give us strength to per - se - vere, in you to con-quer sin.  
 tide, yes, ev - er - more, in life and death, O Lord, with us a - bide.  
 past, an Eas - ter of un - end - ing joy we may at - tain at last.