

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 *Mode de ré* from *Huit Pièces Modales* Jean Langlais

WELCOME

INTROIT *Pilgrim's Hymn* from *The Three Hermits* Stephen Paulus

Even before we call on Your name	Even with darkness sealing us in,
To ask you, O God,	We breathe your name,
When we seek for the words to glorify you,	And through all the days that follow so fast,
You hear our prayer;	We trust in You;
Unceasing love, O unceasing love,	Endless your grace, O endless your grace,
Surpassing all we know.	Beyond all mortal dream.
Glory to the Father,	Both now and forever,
And to the Son,	And unto ages and ages,
And to the Holy Spirit.	Amen.

Michael Dennis Browne

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 32 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God* ELLACOMBE

*CALL TO CONFESSION Heb. 4:14–16

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel, but we remain silent in the presence of evil. You call us to be reconciled to you and one another, but we are content to live in separation. You call us to seek the good of all, but we fail to resist the powers of oppression. You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by, endangering the lives of people far and near.

Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others; through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior.

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*

Isaiah 43:1, 19

...By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God. Amen.

*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 *read responsively*

Psalms 22:23–31

You who fear the LORD, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him;
stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did
not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.**

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay
before those who fear him.

**The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise
the LORD. May your hearts live forever!**

All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the LORD; and all the
families of the nations shall worship before him.

For dominion belongs to the LORD, and he rules over the nations.

To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall
bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.

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

SECOND READING

Mark 8:31–38

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

SERMON

Picking Up Our Crosses

Rev. Jordan Akin

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

from the Iona Community

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God’s presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. 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 Creatures Lament

Benedict Sheehan

Artefact Ensemble; Benedict Sheehan, conductor; Talia Sheehan, piano

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voices, let them ring.
Fill the earth with lamentation!
Cry out abuses of our pow’r;
Tell what we lose with every hour
To our greed and depredation.
Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

All creatures winging in the air,
Cry out the failures of our care.
Fill the sky with lamentation!
Shout through the clouds of smoke and ash,
Choked with the fumes of poison gas,
Tell us of our degradation.
Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

All creatures hidden in the seas,
Lift up your anguished prayers and pleas.
Fill the sea with lamentation!
Teach us to see your wonders now.
Help us to make a holy vow
Here to halt your devastation.
Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

All creatures dwelling in the land,
Join as we lift each heart and hand.
Fill the world with lamentation!
Mourn the destruction of our home;
Weep with the fear of worse to come.
Hear the groans of all creation:
Lord, have mercy;
Christ, have mercy;
Lord, have mercy.

Paul Zach, Kate Bluett, Isaac Wardell

*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.**

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 826

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fantaisie from Hommage à Frescobaldi

Jean Langlais

*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 our BUMPY—Dick Anderson—
1921–2015. Love, Ella, Caysen, Callan, and Estey.

USHERS

John Hubbard, Nancy Hubbard, Bruce Dudley, Joan Dudley, Ernie Dreher,
Valerie Dreher

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

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

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

Artefact Ensemble; Benedict Sheehan, Director; Talia Sheehan, piano

Jonathan Mueller, 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.

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32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.

that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,

The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

Lift High the Cross 826

Refrain

Descant

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name.

1 Come, Chris - tians, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
 2 All new - born ser - vants of the Cru - ci - fied
 3 O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
 4 So shall our song of tri - umph ev - er be:

to Refrain

the Lamb vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
 bear on their brow the seal of Christ who died.
 your death has brought us life e - ter - nal - ly.
 praise to the Cru - ci - fied for vic - to - ry.

This majestic hymn celebrates the paradox that for Christians a means of painful death has been transformed into a symbol of renewed life; a sign of defeat has become an emblem of victory. With the cross traced on our foreheads at Baptism we are marked as Christ's own forever.

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CRUCIFER
10.10 with refrain