

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 11:00 a.m. 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 11:00 a.m. 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

11:00 WELCOME

PRELUDE *Contemplation* Malcolm Archer

8:30 CALL TO WORSHIP *read responsively* Psalm 51

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love;

According to your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

You desire truth in our deepest selves, so teach our hearts wisdom.

Let us hear your joy and gladness; let the bones that you have crushed rejoice.

Create in us clean hearts, O God; put new and right spirits within us.

Sustain in us willing spirits and restore us to the joy of your salvation.

Let us worship God!

11:00 CALL TO WORSHIP *read responsively*

Christ is the light that guides us on our path.

Guard me, guide me, and direct my ways.

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun* DUKE STREET

*CALL TO CONFESSION Jeremiah 31:33

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Living Christ, with whom we journey to the cross, we confess that we often look for an easier way. We long for the fullness of life with you, but we are slow to abandon the comforts of the life we know. We seek the fruit of new life, but are unwilling to die to ourselves. You call us to life in community, but we stubbornly cling to "me and mine." Yet you offer the grace of life abundant, even and especially when our best efforts fall short. Transform us, renew us, and free us from our attachment to what was, so that you might bring us into the glory of what will be.

Time for silent prayer.

*RESPONSE HYMN

Meditative Passacaglia

Carol Lynn Mizell

11:00 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*

...Proclaim the good news with me:

In 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

Jeremiah 31:31–34

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

SECOND READING

John 12:20–33

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

SERMON

We Want to See Jesus

Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read responsively* *Question 1 from The Heidelberg Catechism*

What is your only comfort in life and in death?

That we are not our own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death—to our faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. Because we belong to him, Christ, by the Holy Spirit, assures us of eternal life and makes us wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for God.

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

There in God's Garden SHADES MOUNTAIN, arr. J. Bankson

There in God's garden stands the Tree of wisdom,
whose leaves hold forth the healing of the nations.
Tree of all knowledge, Tree of all compassion,
Tree of all beauty.

Its name is Jesus, name that says, 'Our Saviour!'
There on its branches see the scars of suffering;
see where the tendrils of our human selfhood
feed on its life-blood.

Thorns not its own are tangled in its foliage;
our greed has starved it; our despite has choked it.
Yet look, it lives! Its grief has not destroyed it,
nor fire consumed it.

See how its branches reach to us in welcome;
hear what the voice says, 'Come to me, ye weary!
Give me your sickness, give me all your sorrow.

I will give blessing.'

Pécseli Király Imre, trans. Erik Routley

**Please stand and join in singing when invited.*

**This is my ending; this my resurrection;
into your hands, Lord, I commit my spirit.
This have I searched for; now I can possess it.
This ground is holy!**

*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 726

Will You Come and Follow Me

KELVINGROVE

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Postlude on "Jesus, Lover of My Soul"

Ashley Grote

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 Barbara and George Dudley by the Dudley Family.

USHERS

8:30 Bonnie Boram, Larry Boram

11:00 Joe Moloney, Nora Moloney, David Dorsey, Lee Ann Dorsey, Roy Bowling
Ann Bowling

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Elizabeth Clay, liturgist; Ricky Case (8:30), Jane Roth (11:00)
lay readers

The Octet (8:30), The Sanctuary Choir (11:00); Jim Rittenhouse, Director;
Dr. Samuel Libra, Organist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Becky and Amy Peer on the death of mother and grandmother, Jane Spires, 3/7/24.

Jim Baker and family in the death of his wife, Patricia "Patsy", 2/27/24.

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.

The Ministry Team

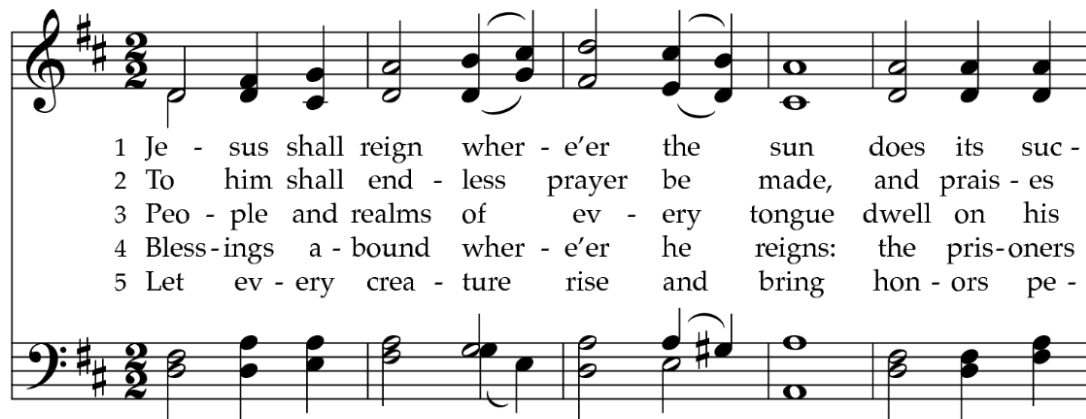
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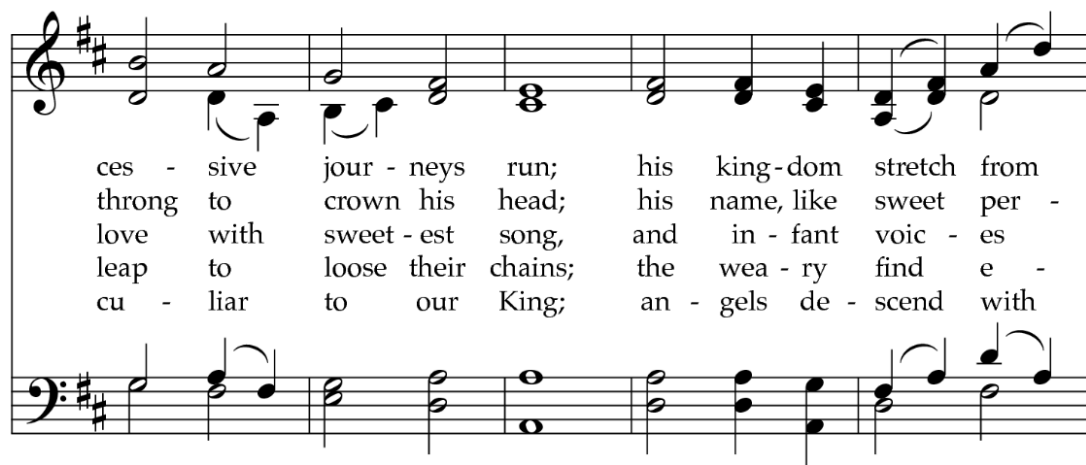
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265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



1 Je - sus shall reign wher - e'er the sun does its suc -
 2 To him shall end - less prayer be made, and prais - es
 3 Peo - ple and realms of ev - ery tongue dwell on his
 4 Bless - ings a - bound wher - e'er he reigns: the pris - oners
 5 Let ev - ery crea - ture rise and bring hon - ors pe -



ces - sive jour - neys run; his king - dom stretch from
 throng to crown his head; his name, like sweet per -
 love with sweet - est song, and in - fant voic - es
 leap to loose their chains; the wea - ry find e -
 cu - liar to our King; an - gels de - scend with



shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.
 fume, shall rise with ev - ery morn - ing sac - ri - fice.
 shall pro - claim their ear - ly bless - ings on his name.
 ter - nal rest, and all who suf - fer want are blest.
 songs a - gain, and earth re - peat the loud A - men!

This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

726 Will You Come and Follow Me

The Summons

Capo 3: (D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (Asus) (A)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 Csus C

- 1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?
- 2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?
- 3 "Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call your name?
- 4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?
- 5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?
 Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?
 Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?
 Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?
 Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.

(Em7) (G) (F#m7) (G) (Asus)(A)
 Gm7 B^b Am7 B^b Csus C

Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at - tract or scare?
 Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,
 Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.

(D) (A7) (Bm) (Em7) (G) (D)
 F C7 Dm Gm7 B^b F

will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"
 Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"
 and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"
 through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"
 Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

The first four stanzas of this ballad-like hymn are understood to be in the voice of Christ, with the fifth reflecting the individual singer's response. Created for this traditional Scottish tune, the text was written to mark the conclusion of a youth volunteer's time of ministry.

