



Sharing grace...

Worship at Second Presbyterian Church
August 29, 2021 - 11:00 a.m.

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, and this is Christ's place with its doors open wide. If you are passing through, Godspeed; 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 our various ministries, or to contact our office for more information about our faith community.



REGISTER

If you are new to Second Presbyterian or would like to share a prayer concern, please scan this code to fill out our online Friendship pad.



THANK YOU for silencing mobile phones or any other devices to honor the sanctity of our worship.

SHARING GRACE THROUGH GIVING: We welcome you to visit our Giving page on our website, www.2ndpreslou.org/giving to fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. When you scan this QR code, it will direct you to the giving page of our website. Giving by text message is also available: Text 844-584-2059 or by using the Vanco app and enter the amount you wish to donate. Envelopes are also available from the Ushers. Thank you for your faithful support!



GIVE

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29, 2021, 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Aria

Paul Manz

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

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."

***HYMN 307**

God of Grace and God of Glory
Stanzas 1, 3, and 4

CWM RHONDDA

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Elizabeth Clay

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Read in unison)*

Merciful God, you pardon all who repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask for your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion cleanse us from sin and lead us in the way of peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

(Time for silent prayer)

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

***RESPONSE**

Gathered in God's Name

Michael Burkhardt

Soloist sings stanza; Congregation sings refrain when invited:

Refrain

with great joy!

Gath-ered from near and far, — gath-ered in this ho-ly place,
gath-ered as strang-ers and friends, gath-ered and gift-ed by grace.
Gath-ered in God's name — 'round the liv-ing Word.
Gath-ered as one fam'-ly — in the name of love,
in the name of love, *slowing* in the name of love.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Theodore David Hayden, son of Joshua and Margaret Hayden

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: and 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. 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.

HYMN FOR BAPTISM *Children of the Heavenly Father*

Ovid Young, arr.

Christina and Isabella Recktenwald, sopranos

Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders will be dismissed through the side door for childcare and activities.

Completed 4th & 5th graders are encouraged to remain in Worship.

THE WORD

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Rev. Jordan Akin

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Deuteronomy 34:1-8

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Corinthians 16:13-24

SERMON

"A Place to Stand"

Rev. Steve Jester

THE RESPONSE

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please also see the information about ways to give on the inside of the front cover of the bulletin. You are invited to pass the Friendship pad found at the end of the pen.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Walk In Love

David Lantz III

Isabella Recktenwald, soloist

Be like Christ, walk in love.

Be like Christ, gentle as a dove.

He gave Himself as an offering,

A sacrifice to God above.

Always be kind, and quick to forgive.

We are one in Christ; in His power live.

Be like Christ, walk in love.

Be like Christ, walk in love.

Put away the things that the world would do.

Bitterness, anger and wrath must not find

a home in you.

Refrain: Be like Christ, walk in love.

Be like Christ, gentle as a dove.

He gave Himself as an offering,

A sacrifice to God above.

***DOXOLOGY 609**

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

Hal Hopson

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Christ all people here below;

Praise Holy Spirit evermore;

Praise Triune God, whom we adore!

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

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 305**

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy

DARWALL'S 148

***BLESSING**

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 be dismissed or to sit and listen to the Postlude.

POSTLUDE

Postlude on CWM RHONDDA

Paul Manz

August 26 Protocol Update:

The church's Re-opening Task Group, consistent with CDC and Presbytery advice, emphasizes that regardless of vaccination status, wearing masks while gathering inside the building is strongly encouraged.

All individuals are strongly encouraged to mask for their own protection and as an additional layer of protection for those around them. Masks are required in the Weekday School spaces.

The Task Group, composed of active elders, at-large members, and members of the church staff, will continue to monitor the situation and meet regularly to recommend any necessary changes.

IN WORSHIP TODAY

OUR MUSIC AND PRODUCTION:

Soloists: Christina Recktenwald, Erin Shina, Isabella Recktenwald, Ricky Case, Kenneth Oeth;

Samuel Libra, Organist

Evan Vicic, Audio/Video Engineer; Elizabeth Hughes, camera; Virginia Fortner, Visuals Editor

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WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

R. Gregory Treitz, John G. Treitz, Jean Lee Treitz, their families, and friends on the death of Jean Treitz, 8/16/21.

Becky Shaw and her family on the death of her brother, Judd Shaw, 8/4/2021

The family and friends of Mary McDaniel on her death, 7/18/2021.

Carol McCarty and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Everett Trivisono, 7/12/2021.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of August 29, 2021

In response to disasters such as the earthquake in Haiti and flooding in Tennessee, **Presbyterian Disaster Assistance** is on the field, providing hope to suffering people. You can put your faith into action by supporting PDA financially. You can drop a check made out to PDA and place it in the offering basket. The church will gather offerings and send a contribution to their office. Or, you can go online to make a gift at <https://pda.pcusa.org>. Your generosity makes a direct impact on the well-being of a hurting brother or sister.

Audio/Visual Enhancement Project Underway Thanks to many generous donations, we will be seeing exciting audio/visual enhancements installed over the next few weeks. Among the improvements our donors have made possible are: sound, lighting, and cameras for live and live-streamed services in the Sanctuary; the ability to more effectively produce hybrid meetings in the Fellowship Hall and other rooms; and new sound equipment and sound absorption ceiling panels in the Great Hall. We are thankful for new ways to offer worship and our community life in the years ahead. **Calling all technicians:** We are in immediate need of computer-based camera operators for our live-streaming at 11 a.m. Please contact Jim Rittenhouse at jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org.

Morning Joy, our Thursday morning Bible Study, gets underway **September 9th at 9:45 a.m.** in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Steve Jester will lead a 10 week study entitled, "Challenging Teachings of Jesus," focusing on teachings from all four Gospels that push us and stretch us to grow as Christ's disciples. Masks are encouraged for participants. A Zoom option will be available as well. All are welcome - we hope to see you there!

The Children's Committee invites you **to meet your caregiver Saturday, September 11th 10:00 am-11:30 am.** Children aged 3 & under, and their families are welcome to meet their caregivers in the Nursery, then join us for a snack on the playground. This time together can help in easing the transition on Sunday Mornings making Sundays more enjoyable for all!

Youth Worship Arts begins **September 12!** Each Sunday at **12 pm.** in the Youth Suite, all youth 6th grade and up are invited to discover their gifts for leading worship through the arts: music (instrumental, vocal), drama, and movement. Schedule: 12:00 - Light lunch and gathering time. 12:15-1:15 - Worship Arts Groups (a cycle of different arts). Throughout the year we will be involved in our 11 a.m. Service, and a mission tour will be planned for the Spring. Registration links will be available in 2PY. Questions? Email Jim at jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org.

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor
Rev. Nathan Sautter, Associate Pastor for
Community Life
Rev. Jordan Akin, Associate Pastor for Youth
Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Worship and
Music Ministries
Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's
Ministries
Hayley Abell, Director of Weekday School
Lisa Bickett, Pastoral Assistant
Virginia Fortner, Formation and Worship Assistant

Beth Haendiges, Community Life Assistant
Keith DeCosta, Sexton
Samuel Libra, DMA, Organist
Christina Recktenwald, Children's Choirs
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Ricky Case, Children's Choirs Co-Coordinator
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Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate
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