



Sharing grace...

Worship at Second Presbyterian Church  
September 5, 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](http://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](http://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

Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 5, 2021, 11:00 a.m.

## THE GATHERING

### PRELUDE

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
Meme Tunnell, piano

Rebecca Bonam, arr.

### WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

### INTROIT

*Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation*  
The Sanctuary Choir

Dale Wood, arr.

To this temple, where we call Thee, hear Thy servants as they pray,  
And Thy fullest benediction shed within its walls always!

### 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 624

*I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*  
St. 1, all: St. 2, Women, St. 3, men; St. 4, all

TOULON

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

Rev. Steve Jester

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

Merciful God, you made us in your image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconsistent, and our obedience incomplete. Day by day, we fail to grow more into your likeness. In your tender love, forgive us and lead us once more to live in your light and love, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

*(Time for silent prayer)*

**\*KYRIE**

*Take, O Take Us As We Are*

John Bell, adapted

Take, O Take us as we are; sum - mon out what we should be;

5 set your seal up - on our hearts and set us free.

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

**\*THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

*Glory Be to the Father*

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**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen, Amen.**

*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 FOR ILLUMINATION**

Rev. Steve Jester

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**

Psalm 103

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

Philippians 1:1-18

**SERMON**

*"All Too Well"*

Rev. Nathan Sautter

## THE RESPONSE

**\*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.**

**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

**INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

**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.**

**WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

**COMMUNION MUSIC**

*Be Still My Soul/It Is Well With My Soul*  
Meme Tunnell, piano

Don Phillips, arr.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**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**

*Christus Paradox*

Alfred Fedak

You, Lord, are both Lamb and Shepherd. You, Lord, are both prince and slave.  
You, peacemaker and sword-bringer of the way you took and gave.  
You the everlasting instant; You, whom we both scorn and crave.

Clothed in light upon the mountain, stripped of might upon the cross,  
Shining in eternal glory, beggar'd by a soldier's toss,  
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are both gift and cost.

You, who walk each day beside us, sit in power at God's side.  
You, who preach a way that's narrow, have a love that reaches wide.  
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our pilgrim guide.

Worthy is our earthly Jesus! Worthy is our cosmic Christ!  
Worthy our defeat and vict'ry. Worthy still your peace and strife.  
You, the everlasting instant; You, who are our death and life.

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! You, who are our death and our life.

**\*DOXOLOGY 609**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

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**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!**

**SHARING GRACE**

## THE SENDING

**\*HYMN 314**

*Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness*  
Stanzas 1 and 5

CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT

**\*BLESSING**

*We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.*

**\*RESPONSE**

**Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through our darkness.  
Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.**

*Please stay for the called congregational meeting to dissolve the pastoral relationship with Rev. Sautter, and join us for a reception in Fellowship Hall to honor Pastor Nathan and Joy.*

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### ***Current Protocol:***

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.

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## IN WORSHIP TODAY

**THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** for today are given in honor of Nathan and Joy Sautter by Marilyn and Gordon Duke.

The chancel flowers for last Sunday, August 22, were given in loving memory of Dr. Nick Ochs by Susan Ehrman Ochs.

**USHERS:** Connie Smith, Pamela Ford, Dixie Baird, Jane Roth

### **OUR MUSIC AND PRODUCTION:**

The Sanctuary Choir; Meme Tunnell, piano; Ricky Case, percussion  
Evan Vivic, Audio/Video Engineer; Brandon Hughes, camera; Virginia Fortner, Visuals Editor  
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### **WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER**

Melinda Mast and her family on the death of her brother, David, 8/28/21.

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.

## UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of September 5, 2021

In observance of the Labor Day holiday, offices and the church building will be closed Monday, September 6.

**Mission of the Month:** Join us in supporting Haiti by giving to either Women's Global Cancer Alliance (WGCA) or Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Make checks payable to Second Presbyterian Church with either "WGCA Test Kit" or "PDA-Haiti" in the memo field.

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](mailto: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!

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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 are available in 2PY. Questions? Email Jim at [jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org).

**Children's Choirs Are Back!** As part of Wednesdays Together beginning September 15, our children will gather for music and vocal education at 5:30 p.m.. Our Cherub/Caroler Choir for ages 3 through Kindergarten will be led by Krista Heckmann and Laura Atkinson. The Chapel Choir for those in 1st through 5th grades will be led by Christina Recktenwald and Ricky Case. A registration link has been sent out and will be in the 2PK newsletter each week. **Please register by September 13.**

**Wednesdays Together Returns!** September 15–November 17, 5–7 p.m. Dinner will be served from 5–6 p.m. in the Great Hall. There will be an interactive and conversational Bible Study for adults taught by Pastor Steve and Pastor Jordan, 6–7 p.m. Music and Vocal education for ages 3 through 5th grade will begin at 5:30 p.m. with childcare or activities to follow. Reservations are needed by noon on Monday of each week for the meals.. Contact Virginia at [vfortner@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:vfortner@2ndpreslou.org) to make a reservation. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person with a \$15 family cap for the meal.

#### 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  
Keith DeCosta, Sexton

Samuel Libra, DMA, Communications Assistant  
and Organist  
Christina Recktenwald, Children's Choirs  
Co-Coordinator  
Ricky Case, Children's Choirs Co-Coordinator  
Amy Heckmann, Childcare Coordinator  
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