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 register as a guest and receive information 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.

⁺ Texts for anthems and reflections can be found in the back of your bulletin.

The Gathering

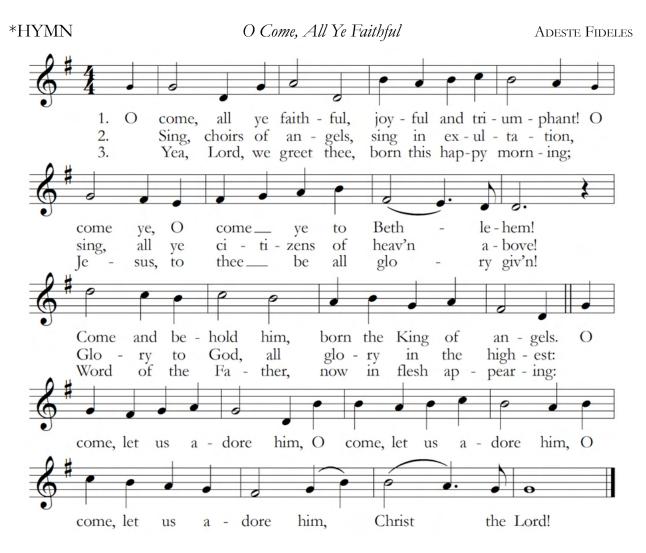
PRELUDE

Fantasia on Greensleeves Chamber Orchestra Ralph Vaughan Williams

⁺Geistliches Wiegenlied (Lullaby for the Christ Child) Johannes Brahms Laura Atkinson, mezzo-soprano; Laura St. Croix Vicic, viola; Samuel Libra, piano

> Variations on a French Noël J.-J. Beauvarlet-Charpentier Samuel Libra, organ

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP



*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION read in unison

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ, you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good news to be good. We have closed our eyes to the glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may watch and wait and once more hear the story of our Savior coming into our midst. Lord Christ, Word made flesh, our world waits for you.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE

The First Nowell

THE FIRST NOWELL

Then let us all with one accord sing praises to our heav'nly Lord, That hath made heav'n and earth of nought, and with his blood our life hath bought: Nowell, nowell, nowell, born is the King of Israel!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE



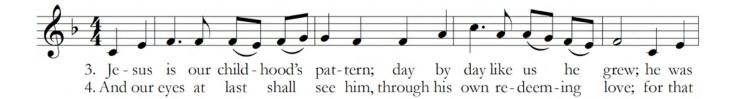
BIDDING PRAYER

*PROCESSIONAL CAROL Once in Royal David's City

vs. 1: Isabella Recktenwald, soloist; vs. 2: choir; vss. 3 & 4: congregation

Irby

- Once in royal David's city stood a lowly cattle shed, Where a mother laid her baby in a manger for his bed: Mary was that mother mild, Jesus Christ her little child.
- He came down to earth from heaven who is God and Lord of all, And his shelter was a stable, and his cradle was a stall;
 With the poor, and meek, and lowly, lived on earth our savior holy.





LESSON

ANTHEM

Christ's Birth and Kingdom Are Foretold Lawrence Palmer-Ball Hodie Christus Natus Est

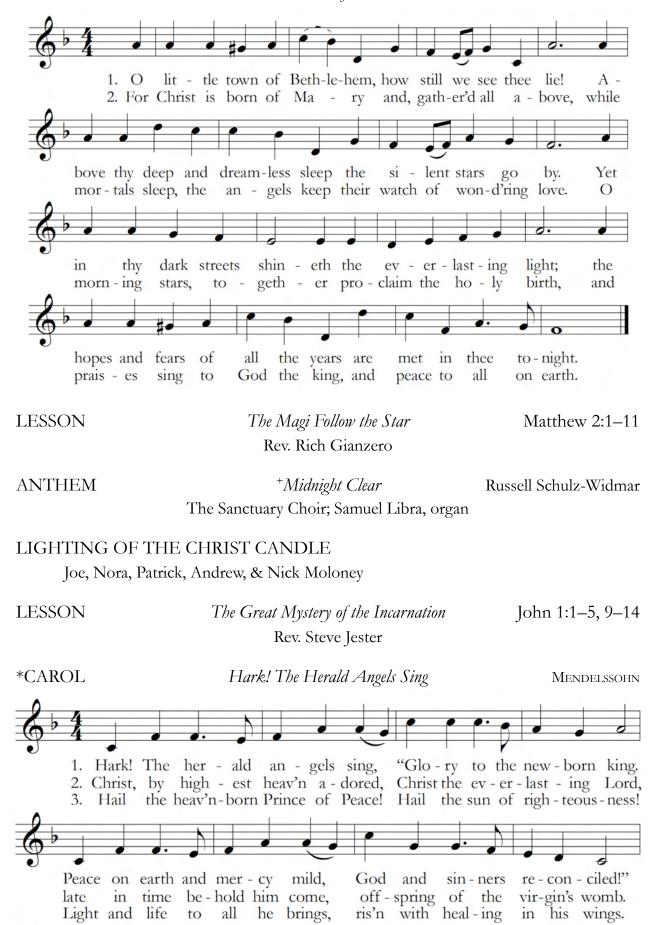
The Sanctuary Choir

Isaiah 9:2, 6–7

Healey Willan

Hodie Christus natus est:	Today Christ is born:
Hodie Salvator apparuit:	Today the Savior appears:
Hodie in terra canunt Angeli,	Today the angels sing on earth,
laetantur Archangeli	and the Archangels rejoice.
Hodie exsultant justi, dicentes:	Today the just exult, saying:
Gloria in excelsis Deo.	Glory to God in the highest.
Alleluia.	Alleluia.
Antiphon for Christmas Day	

LESSON	The Angel Appears to Mary	Luke 1:26–38
	Rev. Jordan Akin	
ANTHEM	⁺ O Little One, Sweet	Samuel Scheidt
	The Sanctuary Choir	arr. J.S. Bach
LESSON	The Birth of Jesus	Luke 2:1–16
	Patty Dailey	
ANTHEM	+A Simple Gloria	Libby Larsen
	The Octet	



Joy - ful, all na - tions, rise; join the tri-umph of the skies: ye Veil'd in flesh the God-head hail the'in-car - nate see; de - i tv. Mild he lays his glo - ry born that we no by, more may die, the'an-gel - ic host pro-claim, "Christ is born in Beth - le - hem!" with to dwell, le - sus, our Em-man - u - el. pleas'd in flesh with us raise us from the earth, born to give us born to sec - ond birth. Hark! The her - ald an-gels sing, "Glo-ry to the new-born king!"

HOMILY

Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH read in unison

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.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

You are invited to pass the Friendship Pad found at the end of the pew. 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

⁺Angels' Carol The Sanctuary Choir; Chamber Ensemble; Louisa Woodson, harp

The Apostles' Creed

John Rutter

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Communion of the People

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION ⁺O Holy Night Adolphe Adam Christina Bouras Recktenwald, soprano; Louisa Woodson, harp

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

To light, please tilt your unlit candle toward the lit candle of the person next to you.



The Sending

*BLESSING & DISMISSAL

We are called to go out from our worship to share the light of Christ's coming & the grace of God with one another and the world around us.

In Worship Joday

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in memory of Charles & Jerry Pence by their daughter Sallye.

USHERS

Diana Jester, Crystal Kannapell, Carter Ann Kannapell, Rosemay Palmer-Ball, Lawrence Palmer-Ball

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin & Rev. Rich Gianzero, liturgists; Patty Dailey, Lawrence Palmer-Ball, lay readers

- The Sanctuary Choir and Octet*: Laura Atkinson*, Mary Ayers, Adrianne Blair, Ricky Case*, Lamoine Cash, Terry Cissell, Dick Clay, Jane Cleary, Jeanne Curtis, Patty Dailey, Kit Davis, Stan deVoogd, Russ Dunlap*, Chris Ellis, Richard Ellis, Jill Felkins*, Ann Grissom, Karen Hadley, Krista Heckmann*, Jean Herp, Carol Hull, Lindsey Hundley, Clay Kannapell, David McCandless, Bill McDowell, Susan McDowell, Trey McDowell, Kenneth Oeth*, Harrison Palmer-Ball, Christina Bouras Recktenwald*, Isabella Recktenwald, Janet Rittenhouse, Deborah Skaggs, Martha Spencer, Jason Steigerwalt*, Camille Williams-Neal, Jesse Wright.
- The Chamber Ensemble: *violin:* Andrea Daigle, Heather Thomas; *viola:* Laura de St. Croix-Vicic; *cello*: Alan Ohkubo; *flute:* Charlotte Roth; *harp:* Louisa Woodson

Conductor: Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Worship & Music Ministries

Organist: Samuel Libra

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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A big thank you to all the volunteers who helped decorate for the Advent/Christmas season. Chapel: Bonnie and Larry Boram, Nancy Hubbard, and Sallye Pence; Reception/Office Area: Kenneth Oeth and Linda Dukes. Sanctuary: Mary Ayers, Cheeky Bahe, Dixie Baird, Bonnie Boram, Anne Fleming, Nancy Hubbard, Diana and Steve Jester, Susan and Eric Lehmann, Carol McCarty, Sudee Mosley, Kenneth Oeth, Sallye Pence, Jennifer Scott, Sunny Seale, Chip Snyder, Henry Snyder, Susan Snyder, and John and Bonnie Stone. We are grateful to some special folks who have donated a lasting treasure! Because of a generous gift from members who wish to remain anonymous, we are now able to enjoy hearing our carillons each day. In the last couple of years, our digitized system and display had been faltering, but we now have a new system with new speakers installed. Each Monday through Saturday at 12 p.m. and 6 p.m. our neighboring community will be able to hear the Westminster chimes and the chiming of the hour followed by two short seasonal hymns. On Sunday, instead of the noon peal, you will hear the tolling of the hour at 10:55 ahead of our regular 11 a.m. service, and then our normal scheduling at 6 p.m. Stay tuned for more on how we will program the use of this beautiful way to share grace! And THANK YOU to our generous friends.

We Lift Up in Prayer

The Palmer-Ball family, especially Lawrence, Elizabeth, Helen, Virginia, Connie, and Chris, on the death of their mother, Helen, 12/11/22.

Charlie Castner and his family on the death of his step-sister, Iva Gillet. Scott Carothers and his family on the death of his mother, Dorothy, 12/9/22. Ron Suter and his family on the death of his sister, Martha Dorsey, 12/6/2022. John Y. Brown III and his family on the death of his father, John Y. Jr., 11/28/22. The family of Carolyn Allen on her death, 11/22/22. Louise & Wallace Horine and their family on the death of their daughter, Margaret Lynn Adair,

11/14/2022.

Texts & Translations

Geistliches Wiegenlied (Lullaby for the Christ Child)

Johannes Brahms

Die ihr schwebet	You who hover
Um diese Palmen	Around these palms
In Nacht und Wind,	In night and wind,
Ihr heilgen Engel,	You holy angels,
Stillet die Wipfel!	Silence the treetops,
Es schlummert mein Kind.	My child is sleeping.
Ihr Palmen von Bethlehem	You palms of Bethlehem
Im Windesbrausen,	In the roaring wind,
Wie mögt ihr heute	How can you today
So zornig sausen!	Bluster so angrily!
O rauscht nicht also!	O roar not so!
Schweiget, neiget	Be still, bow
Euch leis und lind;	Softly and gently;
Stillet die Wipfel!	Silence the treetops!
Es schlummert mein Kind.	My child is sleeping.
Der Himmelsknabe	The child of heaven
Duldet Beschwerde,	Endures the discomfort,
Ach, wie so müd er ward	Oh, how tired he has become
Vom Leid der Erde.	Of earthly sorrow.
Ach nun im Schlaf ihm	Oh, now in sleep,
Leise gesänftigt	Gently softened,
Die Qual zerrinnt,	His pain fades,
Stillet die Wipfel!	Silence the treetops!
Es schlummert mein Kind.	My child is sleeping.

Grimmige Kälte Sauset hernieder, Womit nur deck ich Des Kindleins Glieder! O all ihr Engel, Die ihr geflügelt Wandelt im Wind, Stillet die Wipfel! Es schlummert mein Kind. Emanuel von Geibel, based on Lope Felix de Vega Carpio

O Little One, Sweet

O little one sweet, O little one mild, Thy Father's purpose thou hast fulfilled; Thou cam'st from heaven upon thy birth, Equal to be with us on earth, O little one sweet, O little one mild. Fierce cold Comes rushing, How shall I cover The little child's limbs? O all you angels, You winged ones Wandering in the wind. Silence the treetops! My child is sleeping. *trans. Lawrence Snyder* & Rebecca Plack

Samuel Scheidt, arr. J.S. Bach

O little one sweet, O little one mild, With joy thou hast the whole world filled; Thou camest here from heaven's domain, To bring us comfort in our pain, O little one sweet, O little one mild.

O little one sweet, O little one mild, Help us to do as thou hast willed. Lo, all we have belongs to thee! Ah, keep us in our fealty! O little one sweet, O little one mild. *trad. German, trans. Percy Dearmer*

A Simple Gloria

Libby Larsen

And it was in a simple Gloria that quiet morn, And it was in a simple Gloria the Child was born. The angels sang a simple Gloria, That echoed gently through the stars. The shepherds heard the simple Gloria, Gloria in Excelsis Deo. Salvatore Mundi Est. Ergo nos cum Gaudio, Natus est Emmanuel. *M.K. Dean*

Midnight Clear

It came upon the midnight clear, That glorious song of old, From angels bending near the earth To touch their harps of gold; "Peace on the earth, good will to men From heaven's all-gracious King"— The world in solemn stillness lay To hear the angels sing.

Russell Schulz-Widmar

Still through the cloven skies they come With peaceful wings unfurled, And still their heavenly music floats O'er all the weary world; Above its sad and lowly plains They bend on hovering wing, And ever o'er its Babel-sounds The blessed angels sing. Yet with the woes of sin and strife The world has suffered long; Beneath the angel-strain have rolled Two thousand years of wrong; And man, at war with man, hears not The love-song which they bring;— Oh hush the noise, ye men of strife, And hear the angels sing! For lo! the days are hastening on By prophet bards foretold, When with the ever circling years Comes round the age of gold; When peace shall over all the earth Its ancient splendors fling, And the whole world give back the song Which now the angels sing. *Edmund Sears*

John Rutter

He is come in peace in the winter's stillness, Like a gentle snowfall in the gentle night; He is come in joy like the sun at morning Filling all the world with radiance and with light. He is come in love as the child of Mary; In a simple stable we have seen his birth: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels singing "Peace on earth."

He will bring new light to a world in darkness, Like a bright star shining in the skies above; He will bring new hope to the waiting nations When he comes to reign in purity and love. Let the earth rejoice at the Saviour's coming; Let the heavens answer with the joyful morn: Gloria in excelsis Deo! Hear the angels singing "Christ is born."

O Holy Night

O holy night! the stars are brightly shining; It is the night of the dear Savior's birth. Long lay the world in sin and error pining, Till He appeared and the soul felt its worth. A thrill of hope the weary world rejoices, For yonder breaks a new and glorious morn!

Fall on your knees! O hear the angel voices! O night divine, O night when Christ was born!

Adolphe Adam

Truly He taught us to love one another; His law is love and His gospel is peace. Chains shall He break, for the slave is our brother, And in His name all oppression shall cease, Sweet hymns of joy in grateful chorus raise we; Let all within us praise His holy name.

Christ is the Lord! O praise His name forever! His pow'r and glory evermore proclaim! *Placide Cappeau, trans. John Sullivan Dwight*

Angels' Carol

Have you heard the sound of the angel voices Ringing out so sweetly, ringing out so clear? Have you seen the star, shining out so brightly. As a sign from God that Christ the Lord is here? Have you heard the news that they bring from heav'n To the humble shepherds, who have waited long? Gloria in excelsis Deo!

Hear the angels sing their joyful song.

The flowers and wreaths are given to the glory of God and...

Poinsettias:



In loving memory of J.D. Angelina and Carletta Buckman by Ann Buckman.

In honor of our grandchildren—Eleanor and John Gleason, Rose, Josephine and Dorothy Conway—by Peter & Lorrie Conway.

In honor of our family near and far by Jeanne Curtis.

In honor of our children-Abby, Allison, & Scott-by John & Laura Davis.

In memory of our parents, Lester Key, Norma McCray, and Bill Dickman, and in honor of our daughters, Lillie and Maggie, by Cindy & Mike Dickman.

In memory of Charles and Brenda Shaneyfelt, "BeBe and Granddaddy," by Mark, Shannon, Henry, Louisa, and Charlie Doyle.

In honor of Grace Fellon; in honor of Sunny & Ronnie Seale; and in memory of Leonard Fellon by Stephanie, Drew, & Morgan Fellon.

In memory of Lucy & Gene Owen by Virginia, Rob, Caroline, Graham, & Olivia Foshee.

In honor of Jane Shewmaker with love from the Glasscock family.

In memory of Babs & Pryor Hancock by Jennifer & Chip Hancock, and James P. Hancock Jr.

In honor of our children and grandchildren by Nancy and John Hubbard.

In memory of Dr. Walter I. Hume, Jr. by Florence Hume, Brad and Glen Hume.

In memory of M. C. Hwang, Maria Niu, and Hedy Shao; and in memory of Henri Hou, M.D., John Church, and Eric Hwang by Evelyn Hwang.

In honor of Mary F. and Ed Glasscock by Mary Kirkpatrick.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hughes and Mr. and Mrs. Robert K. Lewis by Mr. and Mrs. W. Edwin Lewis.

In memory of Max Lyles by the Lyles family.

In memory of Patrick & Kelsey McGuire by Jayne, Shannon & Tim McGuire.

In honor of Anne A. Lewis and in memory of Kenneth N. Middleton by Sarah Lewis Middleton, Brian & Margaret Lewis.

In honor of Betty Kilgore Gibbs, by her son Jack Moss Jr., Susan Moss, and grandchildren Elliott, Wesley, and Rhodes.

In memory of George S. Gibbs (Pops) by his grandchildren, Elliott, Wesley, and Rhodes Moss.

In memory of William S. Elliott and Louise Elliott, by their daughter Susan Elliott Moss, Jack Moss, and grandchildren Elliott, Wesley, and Rhodes.





In memory of Nicholas J. Ochs and Dr. Nick Ochs by Susan Ochs.

In memory of Barbara and George Dudley by their family.

In memory of Coach David Jones by Brooks Owen.

In loving memory of our parents, Alice Cary and Eugene Farmer, Leelia Reynolds Hill, and Douglas H. Owen by Elizabeth and Doug Owen.

In memory of Helen Palmer-Ball by Lawrence & Rosemay Palmer-Ball & family.

In honor of Jim Rittenhouse, and in memory of Thames Palmer-Ball, by Tom & Jeannette Pardue.

In memory of Thomas Dunbar, Wallace Dunbar, Evan Dunbar, Jonathan Dunbar by Sarah and Duane Parker.

In honor of wonderful grandparents and great grandparents—Margaret Flowers, Bob & Sylvia Clark, Cathy Flowers, Bill Flowers, David & Debbie Phelps—by Charlie Phelps.

In memory of my grandmother, Jane Ware, by Liz Ratliff Evans.

In memory of Jim Reuther by the Reuther family.

In honor of Madge & Gorman Roberts with love from their family.

In memory of Mary Ann & Duncan MacDonald and Laura & Rudy Ross by Ann and Ron Ross.

In celebration of the birth of granddaughter, Claire Blake Kosse, by Jane Roth.

In memory of our loved ones-forever in our hearts, forever loved-by Cheryl and Dan Russell.

In memory of Alexander and Eleanor Daunis, Jacques and Denise Sartor, W. Roberts and Katherine Wood, Melvin and Bessie Carter, by Patrick and Carter Wood Sartor.

In honor of our grandchildren, Morgan Fellon & Jackson Seale; and in honor of our 50th wedding anniversary by Ronnie & Sunny Seale.

In memory of Mr. & Mrs. John G. Seiler Jr. by Kelly, Joe, Campbell, and Elizabeth Seiler.

In honor of our children, Campbell & Elizabeth Seiler, by Kelly and Joe Seiler.

In memory of Charles Shishmanian and in memory of Ralph Harbold by the Shishmanian family.

In memory of our parents Mr. and Mrs. Mason Venner Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Lester J. Rausch by Gene & Connie Smith.



In memory of our parents by John and Bonnie Stone.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Charles L. Dade; in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald F. Tyrell; and in memory of Gerald G. Tyrell, by Sandall & Tom Tyrrell.

In honor of Edith Mapother Wells by Lindsey, Teaj, and Miles Anderson; Nathan and Caroline Dicken; and Joshua and Mary Peyton Kragenbring.

In memory of Caroline and Jim Mapother and Marion and Peyton Wells by their children and grandchildren.

In memory of Peyton Wells by his family.

In loving memory of Pat & Gordon Dabney by their family.

In loving memory of Bill West by their family.

In memory of Jeanie Wilson by Ed Wilson.

In memory of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Carter and Mr. and Mrs. W.R. Wood by Susan & David Wood and family.

In honor of their children & grandchildren: Dr. & Mrs. Andrew Wright, Ada and Harriet Wright, Laura and Mr. Ian McCray, Allison and Jesse McCray, by Jess and Susanne Wright.

In memory of our parents-Wyatts & Cunninghams-by Bill and Lynda Wyatt.

Wreaths:

In memory of Joan Muir by Prentice Brown, Kim Muir Graven and families.

In memory of Judy Brown and son Chip by Prentice Brown, Allison Duncan, Mark Brown, and families.

In memory of our parents George and Ruth Conway, Robert and Marilynn Smith, by Peter and Lorrie Conway.

In memory of Lucy & E.J. O'Brien III from Mary Scott & Mike Herrington, & Trina & Jay O'Brien, by Peter and Lorrie Conway

In loving memory of her parents Jack & Jane Duerson by Mrs. W.T. Scovil and family.

In memory of Mrs. Louise B. Seiler by Kelly, Joe, Campbell, & Elizabeth Seiler.





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