

# 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](http://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. worshippers 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 *Voluntary for Double Organ* Henry Purcell

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *From All That Dwell Below the Skies* Gordon Young

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

\*HYMN 260 *Alleluia! Sing to Jesus* HYFRYDOL

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Forgive us, O God, when we fail to live out the commandments that help us to serve together, to walk beside one another and to dwell in community. Have mercy on us when we have the audacity to think that we can make a go of this life all on our own. Soften the hardened hearts that cause us to treat our neighbors as anything less than beloved children of God. Guide and lead us in the way you would have us live and help us to become the people you always intended us to be.

*Time for silent prayer*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE HYMN 240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks* ALLELUIA No. 1

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*11:00 a.m. Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward and be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.*

## *The Word*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

11:00 a.m. FIRST READING

Acts 17:22–31

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

SECOND READING

John 14:15–21

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

SERMON

*Do You Love Jesus?*

Rev. Steve Jester

## *The Response*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

*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.

### 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

*If Ye Love Me*

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments.  
And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you  
another comforter, that he may abide with you forever;  
E'en the spirit of truth  
*John 14:15-17, KJV*

*O Love*

Elaine Hagenberg

O Love, that will not let me go,  
I rest my weary soul in thee;  
I give thee back the life I owe,  
That in thy ocean depths its flow  
May richer, fuller be.

O Joy, that seeks me through the pain,  
I cannot close my heart to thee;  
I trace the rainbow through the rain,  
And feel the promise is not vain,  
That morn shall tearless be.

*George Matheson*

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**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!**

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING GRACE

RECOGNITION OF BEV WAHL

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *read in unison*

*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 366

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

BEACH SPRING

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling;  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesus, thou art all compassion;  
pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation;  
enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit  
into every troubled breast;  
let us all in thee inherit;  
let us find the promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning;  
Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning,  
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver;  
let us all thy life receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
nevermore thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation;  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee:  
changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Voluntary on HYFRYDOL*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

*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 loving memory of Kathleen Penna von Roenn  
by Joan and LaMar Gaston

### USHERS

8:30 a.m. John Bahe, Cheeky Bahe

11:00 a.m. John Hubbard, Nancy Hubbard, John Stone, Bonnie Stone, Patrice Paton,  
Linda Watson

### OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin & Lorie Williamson, liturgists;  
Emily Lawrence, lay reader (11:00 a.m.)

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

Evan Vivic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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## *We Lift Up in Prayer*

Cathy Martin, Lindsey Cook, and their family on the death of mother and grandmother,  
Susan McCrea, 5/10/23.

Wallace Horine, Margaret Flowers, and their families, on the death of wife and sister,  
Louise Horine, 5/9/23.

The family and friends of Joe Grimes on his death, 4/25/23.

Larry and Bonnie Boram and family on the death of Larry's sister, Jane Boram Hinkel,  
4/19/23.

Jean Groskreutz and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Roger, 4/9/23.

Edith Huber and her family on the death of her brother, Mack Justice, 3/23/23.

Virginia "Sister" Stites, Bill & Mimi Stites, Elizabeth Stites, and Amy Wombwell and their  
families on the death of husband, brother, and uncle, Bodley Stites, 3/20/23

# *The Ministry Team*

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# 260 Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we

throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -  
 now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lies nor  
 stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from  
 own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,

ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on  
 ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,  
 day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,  
 heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,

The author regarded this text as a communion hymn, a theme that seems eclipsed by the attention to Christ's exaltation, but a helpful reminder that such hymns are not always quiet and meek. This text is sung to various tunes, but this rousing Welsh one is a favorite choice.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -  
earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of  
robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both

ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"?  
all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.