

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.*

To our visitors: please help us get to know you better by filling out an information card (found in the pew pockets). If you'll hand the card to a pastor in the Narthex after the service, we would be honored to give you a small welcome gift.

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 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

Children and their families are invited to gather in the Narthex for our procession with palms.

The Gathering

PRELUDE

Ride On, King Jesus

trad. spiritual,

Christina Bouras Recktenwald, soprano

arr. Harry T. Burleigh

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 21:1–11

PROCESSION WITH PALMS

Hosanna!

M.R. Holland, arr. V.H. Wright

The congregation is invited to sing the refrain after each of the bell tolls.

bells

Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na! Let all the peo - ple sing: Ho -
san - na! Ho - san - na! Ho - san - na to our King!

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 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Children and families are invited to return to their seats as the organ begins playing.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison* *after a prayer of Howard Thurman*

God of mercy, in your presence our words seem so vain, so futile.
Stand with us behind all the pretensions of our lives—the prides, the
boasting, the arrogances—all the ways we seek security for ourselves.
Forgive us our sin that looms so large in the quietness. Remember
your mercy as we remember our failures. We still ourselves in your
presence as we wait for your blessing.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE *Sing Glad Hosannas* Mark Patterson

Carol Choir, Chapel Choir, & Worship Arts

*Children ages 3 through 3rd graders are welcome to come forward
and be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.*

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

The peace of Christ be with you all. **And also with you.**

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 50:4–9

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 2:5–11

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

SERMON

Downward Mobility

Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

Philippians 2:5–11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard
equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being

found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! 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

Solus ad victimam

Kenneth Leighton

Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord,
giving thyself to Death whom thou hast slain.
For us thy wretched folk is any word?
Who know that for our sins this is thy pain?
For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds, our deeds.
Why must thou suffer torture for our sin?
Let our hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord,
that very suffering may thy mercy win.
This is the night of tears, the three days' space,
sorrow abiding of the eventide,
Until the day break with the risen Christ,
and hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied.
So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord,
that they may sharers of thy glory be;
Heavy with weeping may the three days pass,
to win the laughter of thine Easter Day.

Peter Abelard, 12th century; trans. Helen Waddell

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

*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 213

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

RATHBUN

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Toccata from Symphony IV in F-minor

Charles-Marie Widor

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 PALMS are given...

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

In memory of Clinton Glasscock, by Ed & Carolyn Lewis, Edwin Lewis and family.

In loving memory of Frederick C. Ehrman, M.D. by his family.

In honor of Samuel Tinsley Campbell and Elizabeth Tinsley Campbell Hoge, by
Elizabeth Rightmyer.

In honor of Steve Jester and the staff at 2nd Pres., by Tom & Karen Sweets.

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

In honor of Briggs Tyler, by Sandall & Tom Tyrrell.

In memory of Caroline & Jim Mapother by their family.

In memory of our departed loved ones by the Shishmanian family.

In memory of Carolyn & Dave Harper by Teresa Cissell.

In honor of Jesus, to the glory of God, and in memory of our precious loved ones in heaven, by Cheryl & Dan Russell.

USHERS

Henry Kelsey, Debbie Kelsey, Sallye Pence, Patty West, Jennifer Scott, Sarah Middleton,
Linda Watson, Edie Wells

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin & Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgists;
Deb Vetter, lay reader

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Dr. Samuel Libra, Organist

Carol Choir; Krista Mueller, Director

*Amelia Beck, Ellis Bowman, Sam Bryant, Ellis Clark, Ellie Farnsley, Piper Farnsley,
Isabelle Hayden, Theo Hayden, Teddy Mayer,*

Chapel Choir; Dr. Samuel Libra, Director

*Elizabeth Arton, Joshua Cook, Bebe Davis, Una Donan, Lucy Farnsley, Harper Hubbard,
McClain Watkins, Miriam Ransan, Ava Grace Wright*

Worship Arts & Youth Worship Arts; Ricky Case, Director; Lindsay Cook, assistant
Morgan Fallon, Avery Summer, Briggs Tyler, William Wright

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.

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re-deem-er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
 our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
 to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
 who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

to Refrain

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

In the Cross of Christ I Glory 213

1 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing
 2 When the woes of life o'er - take me, hopes de -
 3 When the sun of bliss is beam - ing light and
 4 Bane and bless - ing, pain and plea - sure, by the
 5 In the cross of Christ I glo - ry, tower - ing

o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred
 ceive, and fears an - noy, nev - er shall the cross for -
 love up - on my way, from the cross the ra - diance
 cross are sanc - ti - fied; peace is there that knows no
 o'er the wrecks of time; all the light of sa - cred

sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.
 sake me; lo, it glows with peace and joy.
 stream - ing adds more lus - ter to the day.
 mea - sure, joys that through all time a - bide.
 sto - ry gath - ers round its head sub - lime.

Like Isaac Watts's "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" (nos. 223, 224), this hymn is a reflection on Galatians 6:14, but this text is more abstract and devotes no attention to the person hanging on the cross. The tune is named for a soloist in the composer's Connecticut choir.