

# *Service for the Lord's Day*

## *The Gathering*

PRELUDE *The Good Shepherd* G.F. Handel, arr. E.P. Biggs

WELCOME

INTROIT *I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say* Thomas Tallis

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light:  
look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk till traveling days are done.  
*Horatio Bonar*

CALL TO WORSHIP *read responsively*

Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

\*HYMN 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA  
*vss. 1 & 2*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**God of living water, we confess the dryness of our lives: the brittle words we have thought and spoken, the relationships that are crumbling, the arid perspective that centers on self, the cracked and jagged edges of our world.**

**Hear our confession, O Christ. Remind us to turn our ways back to you, your call, your path, and rain down your mercy upon us.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

Come, all you who are thirsty. If you take the first step, if you are willing to plunge once again into the waters and emerge into new life, you will receive a love beyond all you can envision.

**We turn our hearts to God and by grace our hungers are satisfied, our thirsts are sated; through Christ we are made whole; by the Spirit we are led forth as God's people. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE HYMN 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, vs. 3*

CWM RHONDDA

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

**When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside.  
Death of death, and hell's destruction, land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee; I will ever give to thee.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Keaton Lee Hunt Mayer *daughter of Sasha Bjork-Mayer & Brooks Mayer*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison when invited*

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.**

BAPTISM HYMN

*Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Dear*

TALLIS CANON



Lord Je-sus Christ, our Lord most dear, as you were once an in-fant here, so



give this child of yours, we pray, your grace and bless-ing ev-ery day.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

## *The Word*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *Speak, O Lord*

K. Getty & S. Townend

Jim Rittenhouse, soloist

arr. John Ferguson

Speak, O Lord, as we come to You  
To receive the food of Your holy Word.  
Take Your truth, plant it deep in us,  
Shape and fashion us in Your likeness,  
That the light of Christ might be seen today  
In our acts of love and our deeds of faith.  
Speak, O Lord, and fulfill in us  
All Your purposes for Your glory.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 55:1–7

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

SECOND READING

John 4:1–30

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

SERMON

*Can You Hear Me Now?*

Rev. Steve Jester

# The Response

## 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

*Let Me Listen*

Dan Forrest

We come from different places, You and I,  
on different paths we journey; let me walk beside you for a while—let me listen.  
So briefly do our lonely paths converge, Yours and mine,  
along this human journey; what hollow loss to never hear your song—let me listen.  
Let me listen, let me listen as you tell your story:  
Your triumphs and your tears, Your trials and your fears.  
Your story never has been mine to tell—so let me listen.  
And if a silence is your choice to keep, then I will keep it with you;  
as long as we walk together, You and I, I will listen.  
Too long you've waited, too long, to share your journey, your song—so let me listen.  
*Charles Anthony Silvestri, 2022*

\*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

### RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

Glen Chaney

Jack Feist

Ali Scinta

Sally Chaney

Ken Harrington

Lori Williams

Henrietta Connor

Remy Lamphere

Brad Williams

Dennis Dolan

Gil Lamphere

Lorie Williamson

Hannah Feist

David Rummler

Kathryn Wright

## 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 761

*Called as Partners In Christ's Service*

NETTLETON

Called as partners in Christ's service, called to ministries of grace,  
we respond with deep commitment fresh new lines of faith to trace.  
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend,  
equal partners in our caring to fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,  
let us follow, never falt'ring, reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer, all God's people, young and old,  
blending human skills together gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, in a small or global sense,  
help us bear each other's burdens, breaking down each wall or fence.  
Words of comfort, words of vision, words of challenge, said with care,  
bring new pow'r and strength for action, make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow ways to order human life  
that surround each person's sorrow with a calm that conquers strife.  
Make us partners in our living, our compassion to increase,  
messengers of faith, thus giving hope and confidence and peace.

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Concerto Real*

Antonio Soler, arr. E.P. Biggs

*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 honor of my wonderful husband Gene Smith, as we celebrate 31 years together, 26 in marriage on Thursday April 25, by Connie Smith.

### USHERS

Brad Hume, Glen Hume, Sandy Bailey, Roy Bowling, Ann Bowling, Sharon Clark

### OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin, Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgists;  
Susan McDowell, lay reader

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

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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## *We Lift Up in Prayer*

Jennifer & Stuart Ferguson, and their children, Anabelle, Beau, and Elise, on the death of Jennifer's mother, Joyce Kneisley, 4/3/24.

Jean O'Brien and her family on the death of husband, John, 3/30/24.

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.

Dee Dee Davis and her family on the death of her husband, Scott, 2/10/24.

## *The Ministry Team*

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## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.