



SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Twenty Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

November 15, 2020 – 11:00 a.m.

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

Peace
Craig Wagner, guitar

Horace Silver

WELCOME

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 37

Let All Things Now Living
Hymn can be found on page 5

ASH GROVE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Read in unison)*

Almighty God, you have shown us the ways of justice and nurtured us with love. Even so, we have not lived according to your will. When we are unjustly accused or forgotten, we cling to fear and forget to trust in your deliverance. When we have power, we often hold tight to our privilege forgetting about others and you. Have mercy on us, Lord, for we are weak and prone to disobedience. Hear our confession and respond to us with kindness, that we might turn to you again, walk in the light, and live in equity and peace.

(Time for silent prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE

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. Amen.**

THE WORD

LESSON FOR CHILDREN

Lorie Williamson

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE READING

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11

MUSICAL REFLECTION

What Grace Is Mine

Trad., arr. Getty

Craig Wagner, guitar; Guy Younce, piano

So I will go wherever God is calling me; I lose my life to find my life in him.

I give my all and know the hope that never dies; I bow my heart, take up my cross and follow him.

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:14-30

SERMON

"Beyond Obligation"

Rev. Steve Jester

THE RESPONSE

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Phil. 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.

ANTHEM

I Want to Thank You, Lord

Moses Hogan, arr. Harlan

The Octet; Christina Recktenwald, soloist

RESPONDING IN GRATITUDE *(Read responsively)*

The earth is the Lord's, and all that is in it,

the world and those who live in it.

Heaven and earth are yours, O Lord,

and of your own we give you.

Great God every blessing, of faithful loving care,
you are the fount of goodness, the daily bread we share.

How can we hope to thank you?

Our praise is but a start:

sincerely and completely we offer you our hearts.

ANTHEM

I Give All to You
Jim Rittenhouse, soloist

L. Harris

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *(Read responsively)*

“God of grace, **hear our prayer...**”

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 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending
Hymn can be found on page 6

BEACH SPRING

*BENEDICTION

IN WORSHIP TODAY

SHARING GRACE THROUGH GIVING: We welcome you to visit our Giving page on our website, www.2ndpreslou.org/giving to fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. You can also give toward the COVID-19 Relief Fund. Giving by text message is also available: Text 844-584-2059 and enter the amount you wish to donate. Thank you for your faithful support!

OUR MUSIC AND PRODUCTION

The Octet of the Sanctuary Choir; Guy Younce, organist; Craig Wagner, guitarist
Evan Vicic, audio/video technician; Elder Nick Maloney, video
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WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Georgia and Ruth Fitzwater on the death of daughter-in-law (Georgia)/sister-in-law (Ruth), Anne Marie Fitzwater, 11/9/20.

Ellen Rudd Prohaska and her family on the death of her spouse, Carl Prohaska, 11/8/20.

The family of former member Hal Hughes on his death, 10/27/2020.

Chuck Nesbitt and his family on the death of his mother, Gerry Nesbitt, 10/9/20.

Former Second Presbyterian associate pastor Harry Daniel on the death of his wife of 51 years, Betty Daniel, 10/7/20.*

Nina Hilbert on the death of her husband, Steve Hilbert, 10/6/20.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of November 15

THE CONGREGATION IS CALLED TO MEET TODAY - November 15, 2020, at 1 p.m., via Zoom. The purpose of this meeting is to elect ruling elders, deacons, trustees, and the 2021 Church Nominating Committee. In order to reach a quorum, we need 115 voting members of our congregation to attend. The link was sent out November 13, 2020, via Seconds to Go, and will be sent again this morning.

The Lord Is My Refuge: Reflections on Covid: This evening, November 15, 2020, 7 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. on Zoom. You are invited to join together for an evening of sharing where God's Spirit was present in the midst of the current pandemic and how God can be our 'refuge and strength' in times of trouble. We will hear from members of our congregation who are survivors of the virus and essential health care workers about where they saw God and how their experience with Covid-19 has and is still shaping their faith. The link will be sent out that evening before the event.

The Concert Series will present **Kaleidoscope** next **Sunday, November 22, 2020 at 3 p.m via YouTube Channel: 2ndpreslou.** Our Octet and special guest artists and collaborators present an array of vocal and instrumental works from Bach to Broadway. The program will include the quintessential operatic quartet from Verdi's *Rigoletto*, cabaret and Broadway selections, and the stunning *Bachianas Brasileiras* by Villa-Lobos. A pre-concert lecture will be available at 2:45 p.m. on the YouTube channel. Daniel Gilliam, program director and afternoon host at WUOL and a friend of great music in Louisville will present. The Concert is free. In our continuing spotlight on mission partners, a freewill offering will be taken to support The Hildegard House, Kentucky's first and only comfort care facility providing end-of-life care for those who have no home or loved ones to care for them so they may die with dignity. More info and how to give: hildegardhouse.org.

Sunday School – “Who does God call you to be?” Children's Sunday School for the month of November is based on the Disney/Pixar movie Coco. In last month's Sunday school, based on the movie Moana, we learned who we are: a beloved child of God. Through the month of November, with the movie Coco, we will learn who God calls us to be. Each Sunday we will answer one of four questions: Can children be called by God? How can I recognize that call? Does God have a plan for me? How do I live out that plan? I hope you will have your child participate as we try to answer these big questions in simple ways. Coco Sunday School bags are available for pick-up through the end of the month under the portico during office hours, Monday-Friday, 9-4. The bags contain materials that relate to a video lesson that will go out each Sunday morning via 2PK and will be posted on the church's website under resources.

Family movie night - Be sure to join us for a “Drive in Family Movie Night” on November 20th at 7:00 p.m. as we watch The Grinch. The Grinch Sunday School bags will be available at that time. “Family Movie Night” will be cancelled in the event of inclement weather.

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor
Rev. Nathan Sautter, Assoc. Pastor for Community Life
Rev. Jordan Akin, Assoc. Pastor for Youth
Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Music Ministries
Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's Ministries
Hayley Abell, Director of Weekday School
Christina Recktenwald, Children's Choirs Coord.
Ricky Case, Children's Choirs Coord.
Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate
Guy Younce, Interim Organist
Paula S. Roberts, Organist Emerita
Rev. Samuel Oboamah Asiedu, Seminary Intern

37 Let All Things Now Living

G D G Am D

1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks-giv - ing
 2 By law God en - forc - es, the stars in their cours - es,

G C G D G

to God our Cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise;
 the sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;

G D G Am D

who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us,
 the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains,

G C G D G

by guid - ing us on to the end of our days.
 the depths of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.

Harmony G E Am D

God's ban - ners are o'er us; pure light goes be - fore us,
 We too should be voic - ing our love and re - joic - ing;

G Em D A7 D

a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night:
 with glad ad - o - ra - tion, a song let us raise,

Written for an easy-to-sing folk melody familiar in England as well as Wales, this 20th-century North American text bears many resemblances to both Psalm 148 and the traditional canticle *Benedicite, omnia opera Domini* (Bless the Lord, all you works of the Lord).

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) (Bm) (G)
F Dm B \flat

1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) (Bm)
F Dm

end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) (D) (A)
B \flat F C

cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) (F \sharp m) (Bm) (G) (A) (D)
Dm Am Dm B \flat C F

to you, of - fering up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) (G) (D)
Dm B \flat F

rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.