



WORSHIP AT
SECOND PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

THE TENTH
SUNDAY AFTER
PENTECOST

AUGUST 14, 2022

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 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.*

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING 1-449

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 327

From All That Dwell Below the Skies

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Loving Creator, with a gardener's tender touch, you planted your people to bear good fruit, but we bear wild grapes. With a welder's fierce fire, you fashioned your people to glorify you, but we are riddled with impurities. In your generous mercy, O God, regard the vine you planted: save and restore us. Reform the vessel you crafted: cleanse and refine us. Give us life, O God, that with our whole being, we may worship you rightly.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE HYMN 155

Raise a Song of Gladness

JUBILATE DEO

**Raise a song of gladness, people of the earth:
Christ is here bringing peace, joy to every heart.
Alleluia, Alleluia, joy to every heart!
Alleluia, Alleluia, joy to every heart!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Following the Peace, children who are entering kindergarten through rising third graders are dismissed through the side door for Faith Formation activities. Rising 4th and 5th graders may join the group as assistants to the adult leaders or stay in worship, if they prefer.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

The Earth Adorned

Waldemar Ahlen

The earth adorned in verdant robe
Sends praises upward surging,
While soft winds breathe on fragrant flowers
From winter now emerging.
The sun shines bright
Gives warmth and light
To budding blossoms tender,
Proclaiming summer's splendor.

O God, amid these joys of life,
Creation's glory beaming,
Grant us the grace to keep your word
And live in love redeeming.
All flesh is grass,
The flowers fade,
And time is fleeting ever;
God's word remains forever.

Carl David af Wirsén, trans. K. & C. Jennings

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 5:1–7

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:29–12:2

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

SERMON

In Focus

Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

Colossians 1:15–20

Jesus Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible. All things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn of the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross. 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!*



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

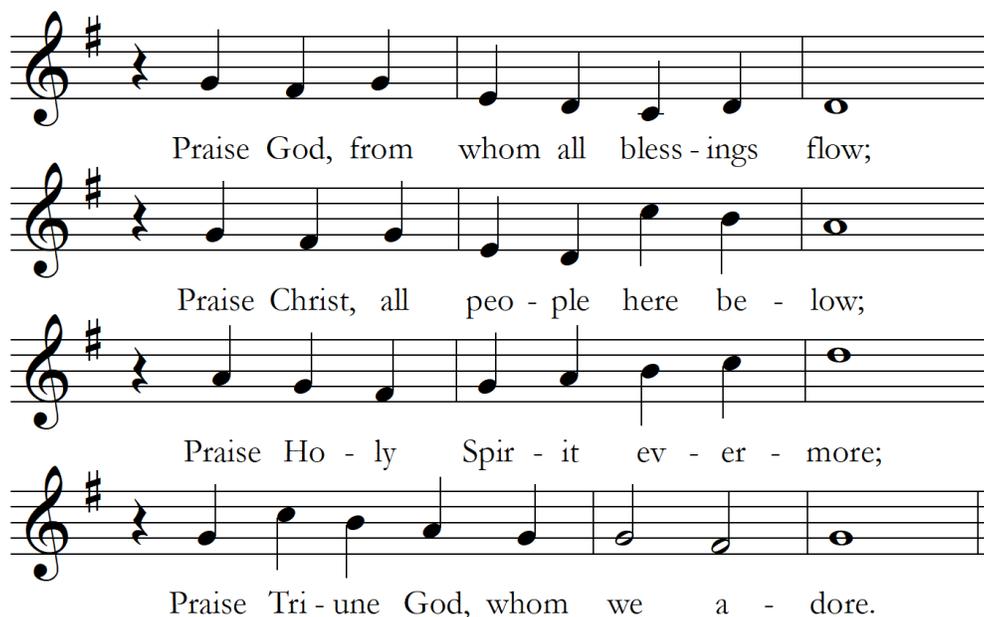
Zion's Walls

Aaron Copland

Come fathers and mothers,
Come sisters and brothers,
Come join us in singing the praises of Zion.
O fathers, don't you feel determined
To meet within the walls of Zion?
We'll shout and go round
The walls of Zion.

trad. American; pub. The Social Harp, 1855

*DOXOLOGY 608 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* PRAISE GOD (HOPSON)



Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow;
Praise Christ, all peo - ple here be - low;
Praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er - more;
Praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

.SHARING GRACE

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

God, You Gather Us for Worship

HOLY MANNA

**God, you gather us for worship, children of your matchless love;
bringing hopes and expectations, seeking wisdom from above.
Give us glimpses of your mercy, let your glory crown our days;
hearts made whole respond in gladness, silent tongues with songs of praise.**

**Word of God, alive and moving, in our calls to ministry,
speak to us through ageless prophets, teach us who we ought to be.
Show us by divine example justice borne in righteousness;
shed your light among the shadows, ever hold and ever bless.**

**May the God of grace be with us, guide our steps along the way;
may the loving Christ attend us in our work and in our play.
May the Holy Spirit fill us, boundless love to own, to share;
Three in One, now and forever, bless us here and everywhere. - Michael Morgan, alt.**

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune on LASST UNS ERFREUEN Rebecca Groom te Velde

*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 memory of Dorothea H. Donley by her son, Barker Price, and family.

USHERS

Tom Tyrrell, Mayhew Davis, Ellie Davis, Linda Watson, Jim Carneal, Penny Carneal

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Rich Gianzero & Rev. Jordan Akin, liturgists;
Jane Roth, lay reader

The Octet of the Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Samuel Libra, Organist
Jonathan Mueller, audio/video engineer; Brandon Hughes, camera; Elliott Nichols,
Technology Coordinator.

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We Lift Up in Prayer

George and David Wombwell, and their family, on the death of their wife and mother,
Edie, 8/9/2022.

Barbara Morrow and her family on the death of her husband, John, 7/29/22.

Mike Faurest and his family on the death of his mother, Ann, 7/18/22.

Carol McCarty and her family on the death of husband Arthur ("Mac"), 7/22/22.

Ken Fleming and his family on the death of his mother, Jo Ann Love Fleming,
7/4/22.

The family of Patricia "Patti" Strickler on her death, 7/3/22.

Isabella Bianconcini and her family on the death of her grandfather, Giampaolo,
7/3/22.

Ricky Case and his family on the death of his uncle, Bill Barnes, 7/2/22.

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