

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.*

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 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

PRELUDE "Andante" from *Highland Concerto* Hans-André Stamm
Nicholas & Jim Recktenwald, trumpet; Samuel Libra, organ

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 620 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA, arr. S. Libra

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Merciful God, even when we see your justice transfigured before us, we cower in fear of following your way in our world. We wonder what it might cost us to walk in the way of Jesus. Help us to listen. Empower us to be formed by the life of Jesus Christ. Restore in us the confidence to be disciples of Christ.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE HYMN 172 *Blest Are They, refrain* BLEST ARE THEY

Re - joice and be glad! Bless-ed are you,
ho - ly are you. Re - joice and be glad!
Yours is the king - dom of God.

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the hymn: 'Re - joice and be glad! Bless-ed are you,'. The second staff continues with 'ho - ly are you. Re - joice and be glad!'. The third staff concludes with 'Yours is the king - dom of God.' The notes are primarily quarter and eighth notes, with some half notes and rests. The lyrics are printed below the corresponding notes.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*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

FIRST READING

Exodus 24:12–18

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

SECOND READING

Matthew 17:1–9

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

SERMON

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

This Glimpse of Glory

David Ashley White

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim & Nicholas Recktenwald, trumpet

We have come at Christ's own bidding Light breaks in upon our darkness,
to this high and holy place, splendor bathes the flesh-joined Word,
where we wait with hope and longing Moses and Elijah marvel
for some token of God's grace. as the heavenly voice is heard.
Here we pray for new assurance Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
that our faith is not in vain, how the Law and Prophets meet:
searching like those first disciples Christ, with garments drenched in brightness,
for a sign both clear and plain. stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we like Peter find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us
people of the God we bless.

Carl P. Daw Jr.

*DOXOLOGY 609 *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

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 33

Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show
vs. 1 & 2

LLANFAIR, arr. J. Bankson

*BLESSING

*RESPONSE HYMN 33 *Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show, vs. 3*

Strings and voices, hands and hearts, Alleluia!
in the concert, bear your parts, Alleluia!
All that breathes, your Lord adore, Alleluia!
singing praise forevermore, Alleluia!

*Members, please remain in your pews for the congregational meeting
immediately following worship.*

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 amazing husband Dick Anderson by his wife Terry Wells.

THE ROSE in the chancel is given in honor of the birth of Harrison "Harry" Abraham Hahn, born on February 7 to Elisa and Jason Hahn.

USHERS

Joe Moloney, Nora Moloney, David Dorsey, Lee Ann Dorsey, James Carneal,
Penny Carneal

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin, & Rev. Rich Gianzero, liturgists;
Ricky Case, lay reader

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

Jim Recktenwald, Nicholas Recktenwald, trumpet

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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We Lift Up in Prayer

The family and friends of Alice Virginia Dodd on her death, 2/6/23.

Cathy Cole Irvin, Cole Irvin, Brittany Cartwright, and Bill Cole on the death of her daughter, their sister, and his niece, Shelley Louise Irvin, 1/12/2022.

Bob Nast and Laura Hood and their family on the death of wife and mother,
Jane Nast, 1/11/23.

Bob Horton and his family on the death of his wife, Rae, 1/11/23.

Heather Campbell and her family on the death of her husband, Chris, 1/9/23.

Becky Lyles and her family on the death of her mother, Martha Sanderson Bryant,
12/30/22.

The family and friends of Jane McAdoo on her death, 12/24/22.

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Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show 33

(Psalm 150)

1 Praise the Lord! God's glo - ries show,
 2 Earth to heaven ex - alt the strain, Al - le - lu - ia!
 3 Strings and voic - es, hands and hearts,

saints with - in God's courts be - low,
 Send it, heaven, to earth a - gain, Al - le - lu - ia!
 in the con - cert, bear your parts,

an - gels round the throne a - bove,
 Age to age, God's mer - cies trace, Al - le - lu - ia!
 All that breathes, your Lord a - dore,

all who see and share God's love.
 Praise God's prov - i - dence and grace! Al - le - lu - ia!
 sing - ing praise for - ev - er - more,

Originally cast as two eight-line stanzas, this 19th-century paraphrase of Psalm 150 was slightly shortened when it was set to the present tune with recurring Alleluias. The Welsh tune is actually older than the text and bears a name meaning "the church of St. Mary."

ADORATION

620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his
 3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -

feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -
 peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as
 fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly
 hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -

giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!
 ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!
 bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!
 fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double "Alleluia!" before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune's highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.