

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 11:00 a.m. 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 11:00 a.m. 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

The Gathering

WELCOME

PRELUDE *Now Sing We Joyfully Unto God* Gordon Young, arr. Ovid Young
Ricky Case, tenor; Jim Rittenhouse, baritone; Samuel Libra, piano

11:00 CALL TO WORSHIP *read responsively*

Christ is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 611 *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* HYMN TO JOY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

You are a joyful God, and you invite us to share in your joy. Forgive us, Jesus, for we have preferred sorrow. Forgive us for focusing on our failures, the things we don't have, the things that have not gone as we wanted or expected, and for failing to recognize your blessing. Forgive us for seeking individual happiness over and above the joy we find only in you, and in the community you have formed for us. Thank you for the great gift of your Son, for his life, for his offer to share in his joy through the power of the Spirit and in concert with his church. Teach us how to live fully within the joy of Christ. Help us to enjoy each other and your good creation, as you intended us to.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...Let yourself live and believe this good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE HYMN 265 *Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun, vs. 5*

DUKE STREET

11:00 *Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward
and be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.*

**Let every creature rise and bring the highest honors to our King,
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen.**

11:00 RECOGNITION OF FAITH FORMATION TEACHERS

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 35

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

SECOND READING

John 16:16–24

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

SERMON

Unfettered Joy

Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

from The Iona Community

We believe in Jesus Christ, son of the one God, maker and sustainer of earth, sea, and sky. Born of Mary's womb, faithful to the God of Abraham and Sarah, Jesus healed the sick, served the poor, and proclaimed heaven on earth. Condemned by the religious, crucified by the state, he died but transformed even death and rose to life everlasting. He blessed the disciples with his Holy Spirit and sent them forth, east and west, north, and south. We commit ourselves to Jesus, to one another as brothers and sisters, and to his mission in the world in the grace of the Holy Spirit. 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

Awake, Arise!

Howard Helvey

Sanctuary Choir

Awake, arise! Lift up thy voice, which as a trumpet swell! Rejoice in Christ!
Again, rejoice, and on his praises dwell!
Let us not doubt, as doubted some, when first the Lord appeared;
but full of faith and reverence come, what this his voice is heard.
And e'en as John, who ran so well, confess upon our knees
the Prince who locks up death and hell, and has himself the keys.
And this through gladness and surprise the saints their Savior treat;
nor will they trust their ears and eyes but by his hands and feet;
those hand of lib'ral love indeed in infinite degree, those feet still frank
to move and bleed for millions and for me.
O Dead, arise! O Friendless, stand by seraphim adored!
O Solitude, again command thy host from heav'n restored!

Christopher Smart

*DOXOLOGY

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 Spi-rit ev - er - more; Praise Tri-une God whom we a - dore!

*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 804

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

MARION

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Prelude & Chaconne in C-major

Dieterich Buxtehude

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 family and friends who have gone before us, by Odetta and Walter Tucker.

USHERS

8:30 Brian Houghlin, Lisa Houghlin

11:00 Brad Hume, Glen Hume, Philip Anderton, Austin Anderton,
Mary Sterling Anderton, Jack Anderton

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin (11:00), & Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgists;
Scott Carothers (8:30), Phil Anderton (11:00), lay readers

The Octet (8:30), The Sanctuary Choir (11:00); Jim Rittenhouse, Director;
Dr. Samuel Libra, Organist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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We Lift Up in Prayer

The family and friends of Sarah Hughes on her death, 5/7/24.

Lynn Gant and her family on the death of husband, Gene March, 5/2/24.

Carol Gray and her family on the death of her brother, John Belton Taylor, 4/18/24.

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.

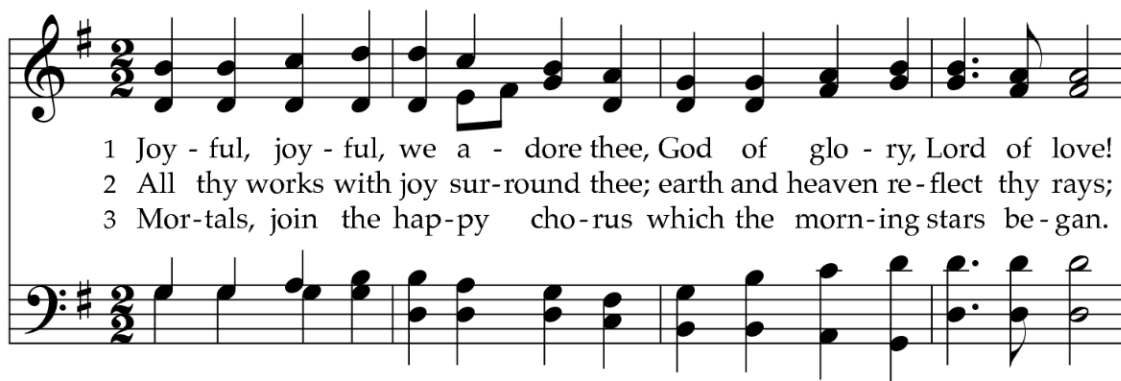
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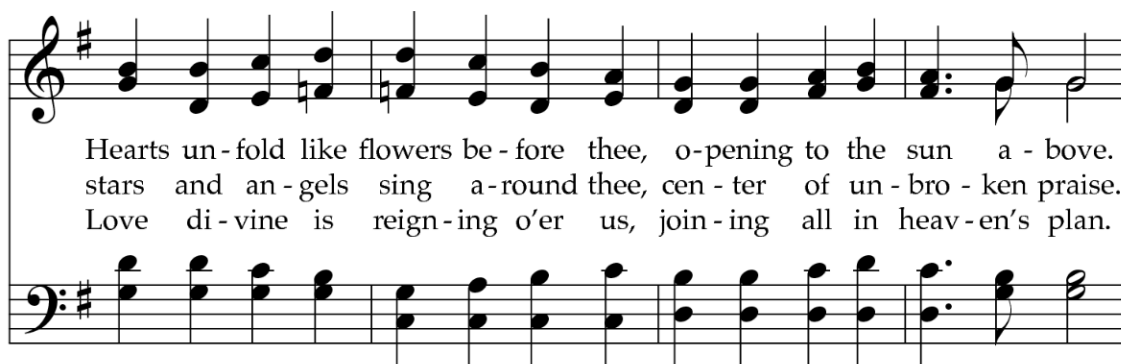


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611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



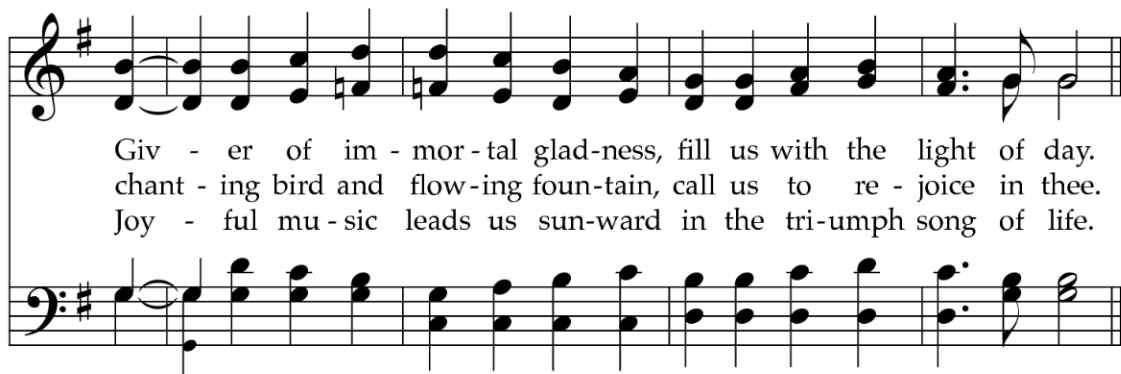
1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove.
stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.



Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!

1 Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's sur - ing praise,
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!

Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

Refrain

Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!
 Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce!

These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.