

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 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 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

P erhaps a jazz improvisation says
E xactly what is thinkable about
N ew life, fresh breath...the Holy Spirit. Has
T here ever been a music without doubt
E xcept jazz? Faith, improvisation cause
C ircles of sound to rise and fly throughout
O ur cosmos. Tongues of flame are seen on heads
S inging or playing solos. Then without
T ime passing—a new language: Jesus! Jazz!

The Gathering

PRELUDE Harry Pickens Trio; Christina Recktenwald, soprano

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *I'm Gonna Sing 'til the Spirit Moves in My Heart* Moses Hogan
The Sanctuary Choir; Ricky Case, soloist

I'm gonna sing 'til the spirit moves in my heart I'm gonna sing 'til Jesus comes!
It was grace that brought me, it was grace that taught me, it was grace that kept me,
And it's grace that will lead me home. Hallelu!

I'm gonna pray 'til the spirit moves in my heart I'm gonna pray 'til Jesus comes.
Can't you feel the spirit movin'?

*I'm gonna shout 'til the spirit moves in my heart ... I'm gonna shout 'til Jesus comes.
I'm gonna sing 'til my Jesus .. 'til he comes.

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* HYFRYDOL
vss. 1–3

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

God of mystery and mercy, we confess we do not always pay attention to your Spirit's urging to follow your will and your way. Too often we claim to belong to Jesus, yet we ignore his teachings. You call us to act boldly, but our fear keeps us from following your way. You call us to love one another, but we resist loving those who are different. Forgive us, O God. Stir our hearts by your Holy Spirit. Transform who we are, and guide who we will become, through Christ's redeeming love.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*RESPONSE HYMN 366 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, vs. 4*

HYFRYDOL

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

**Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee:
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

HYMN 288

Spirit of the Living God

LIVING GOD

FIRST READING

Romans 8:22-27

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

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1-21

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

SERMON

The Inscrutable Spirit

Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

THE CONFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

PRESENTATION OF THE CONFIRMANDS

Morgan Fellon

Jude Raymond

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison* *adapted from our Confirmands' faith statements*

I believe that all love is God, and God is all love.

I believe that God is a forgiving God. I believe in Heaven and Hell, good and evil, love and hatred. I do not believe that any person is too far gone to repent of their sins and accept the grace of God.

God loves and forgives everyone and everything equally and unconditionally. He knows my thoughts, words, and feelings before I do and understands them better than I do. I believe God answers my prayers even if the answer is not always "yes". He may say "maybe", "not right now", or "no". He will always do what is best for me.

I believe that God came down from Heaven to Earth, in human form as the son, Jesus Christ. Jesus was crucified to relieve me of my sins forever and then rose on the third day. He loves and cares about me, and never did not love. I believe that Jesus knocks at the door in our lives, but it is our job to open it and welcome him in. Jesus calls me to spread the gospel.

The Holy Spirit supports me every day, on good days and bad days, and gives me the strength I need to overcome every obstacle with God. The Holy Spirit is never absent from any place.

The church is a community of people who want to learn about God together. I believe it is our duty to serve others the same way that Christ has served us. The church can always help others, no matter its size, and everyone should be welcomed with no exceptions. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE RENEWING THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

WELCOME *read responsively*

By their baptism and profession of faith... We welcome Morgan and Jude to this ministry. **With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.**

The confirmands are invited to return to their seats. The congregation will greet the confirmands after the blessing and postlude.

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

Praise His Holy Name! Keith Hampton

The Sanctuary Choir; Harry Pickens and Trio

Sing 'til the power of the Lord come down. Shout Hallelujah!
Praise his holy name! Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me, I once was lost but now am found; was blind, but now I see.
Jesus, Jesus, how I love him! Shout Hallelujah, praise his holy name.
Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for everyone, and there's a cross for me.
Holy Jesus, praise his name! O Hallelujah, praise his holy name.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *read responsively with the response:*

Spirit of the Living God, **fall afresh on us.**

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 853

We Are Marching in the Light of God

SIYAHAMBA

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Harry Pickens Trio

*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 Kathleen (Kathy) Penna von Roenn by Joan and La Mar Gaston.

USHERS

Barker Price, Joan Price, Kent Oyler, Kathy Oyler, Todd Lyles, Becky Lyles, Bill Creason

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin, Rev. Andrew Bowman, Confirmands
Morgan Fellon & Jude Raymond, liturgists.

The Sanctuary Choir ; Jim Rittenhouse, Director;

Harry Pickens, guest pianist; Chris Fitzgerald, bass; Gary Claude, drums

Evan Vivic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vivic, camera

We are honored to have leading our music Harry Pickens, a longtime friend of Second Presbyterian, admirer and friend of Pastor Steve Jester. Harry is a renowned jazz pianist, speaker, educator, and consultant, and lives with wife Rebecca Sturgeon in Illinois.

"*Perhaps a jazz...*" poem was dedicated to Charles Reynolds, retired Organist at the McKinley Church at the University of Illinois and written by its Senior Pastor, Rev. Steve Shoemaker, Urbana, IL. Used by permission.

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We Lift Up in Prayer

The family and friends of Suzanne Whaley on her death, 5/15/24.

Jordan Gilford died unexpectedly last Sunday, May 12. Be in prayer for mother Stephanie Renner, father Carl Gilford, brother Trevor Gilford, and grandmother Sara Gilford.

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 and 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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366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

GATHERING

408 There's a Sweet, Sweet Spirit

1 There's a sweet, sweet Spir - it in this place, and I
2 There are bless - ings you can - not re - ceive till you

know that it's the Spir - it of the Lord; there are
know him in his full - ness and be - lieve; you're the

sweet ex - pres - sions on each face, and I
one to prof - it when you say, "I am

know they feel the pres - ence of the Lord.
going to walk with Je - sus all the way."

This gospel hymn grew out of this African American author and composer's intense experience of prayer with her interracial choir in Los Angeles one Sunday morning before worship. She recalled that sense of "a sweet, sweet Spirit" when she sat down at her piano the next day.

GATHERING

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.

853 We Are Marching in the Light of God

Siyahamba

We are march-ing in the light of God; we are march-ing in the
Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos', si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha -

light of God. We are march - ing in the light of God;
nyen' kwen - khos'. Si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos',
we are march-ing in the light of God.

si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of, the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen-, kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.
we are march-ing in the light of God.
si - ya - hamb' e - ku - kha - nyen' kwen - khos'.

This lively Zulu/Xhosa freedom song originated in a Methodist young men's group in South Africa and has gone on to become popular in many other languages around the globe. Some additional stanzas are suggested, but others may be improvised as appropriate to the occasion.

GATHERING

Refrain

Sweet Ho - ly Spir - it, sweet heav - en - ly Dove, stay right here

with us, fill - ing us with your love; and for these bless - ings we

lift our hearts in praise; with - out a doubt we'll know that we have

been re - vived when we shall leave this place.