

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

The Gathering

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

MELITA

**Eternal Father, strong to save,
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,
Who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

O Beautiful for Spacious Skies

MATERNA

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!
O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw;
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!**

This Is My Song

FINLANDIA

**This is our prayer, O Lord of all earth's kingdoms,
your kingdom come, on earth your will be done.
Let Christ be lifted up till all shall serve him,
and hearts united learn to live as one.
So hear our prayer, O God of all the nations:
our lives we give you, let your will be done.**

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 1

Holy, Holy, Holy

NICAEA

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name.

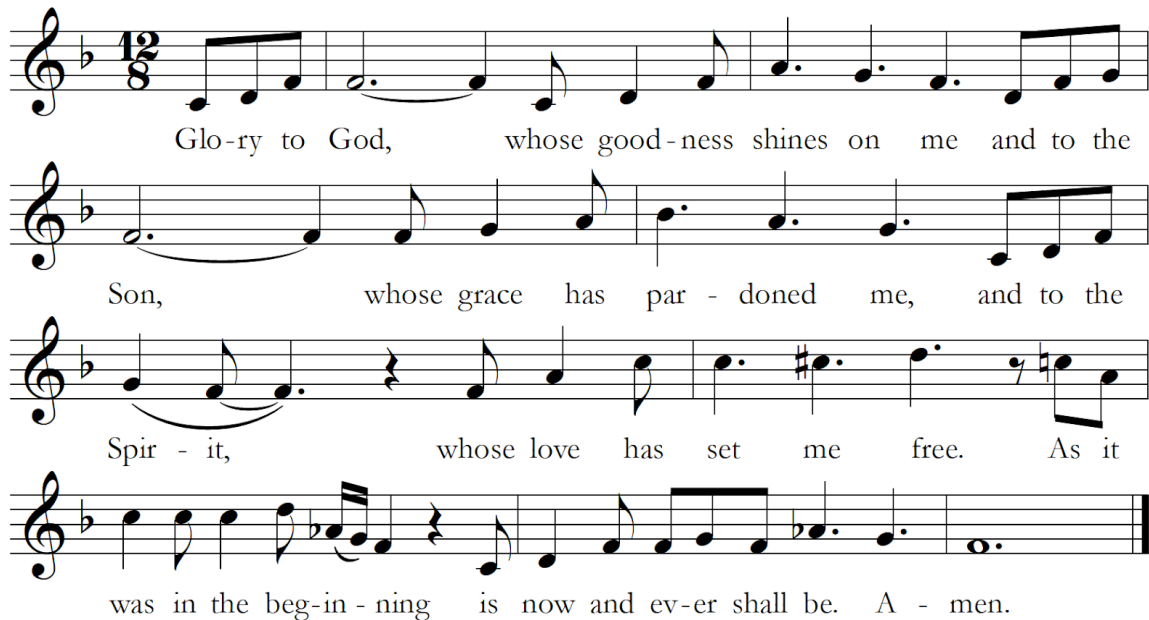
Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE HYMN 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD
*Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward (VASILE)
and be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.*



The musical score is written on four staves in a single system. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 12/8. The melody is simple and suitable for children. The lyrics are: "Glo-ry to God, whose good-ness shines on me and to the Son, whose grace has par - doned me, and to the Spir - it, whose love has set me free. As it was in the beg-in - ning is now and ev-er shall be. A - men."

*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

Hosea 11:1–9

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

SECOND READING

John 13:1–11

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

SERMON

Will You Let God Love You?

Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

from the Iona Community

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. 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

Distant Land

John Rutter

I see a distant land: it shines so clear.
Sometimes it seems so far, sometimes so near.
Come, join together, take the dusty road;
Help one another: share the heavy load.
The journey may be long: no end in sight:
There may be hills to climb, or giants to fight:
But if you'll take my hand,
We'll walk together toward the land
Of freedom, freedom, freedom.

I hear a distant song: it fills the air.
I hear it, deep and strong, rise up in prayer:
'O Lord, we are many; help us to be one.
Heal our divisions: let thy will be done.'
I know the time will come when war must cease:
A time of truth and love, a time of peace.
The people cry, 'How long?
Till all our world can join the song
Of freedom, freedom.'

I touch a distant hand and feel its glow,
 The hand I hoped was there: at last I know.
 Swords into ploughshares: can it all be true?
 Friends out of strangers: start with me and you.
 I see another time, another place
 Where we can all be one, one human race.
 The walls will melt away,
 We'll come together on the day
 Of freedom, freedom, freedom.

John Rutter

*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 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 802

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

ST. COLUMBA

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fugue in E-flat, BWV 552b

J.S. Bach

*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 honor of the men and women who have served and are serving in the United States armed services, and in memory of those who have given their lives in their service. The Single yellow rose is in honor of the families who still wait for their loved one to be returned home.

USHERS

Emily Lawrence, Beth Blythe, Roy Bowling, Ann Bowling, Jennifer Scott, John Bahe, Cheeky Bahe

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin, & Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgists;

Dixie Baird, lay reader

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

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

A NOTE ABOUT THE MUSIC TODAY

John Rutter's beautiful *Distant Land* was composed in 1990 following the fall of the Berlin Wall and Nelson Mandela's release from prison. Although each stanza echoes "freedom," the poem reveals a longing for a deeper freedom found in peace and unity through recognition that, though we are many, we strive for a future in which we can all be one, as fellow children of God.

The postlude echoes a similar theme and is J.S. Bach's homage to the Trinity. Within the work, there are three separate sections that represent the three persons of God: the stately Father in heaven, the striding Son in ministry on earth, and ethereal Spirit, tying them together into one unified whole.

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Michael, Claire, Wilson, Lachlan, and Sylvia Masick on the death of Michael's father, John Joseph Masick, 5/21/24.

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

Carl Gilford and Stephanie Renner, and Trevor and Sara Gilford, on the death of son, brother, and grandson, Jordan Gilford, 5/12/24.

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.

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1 Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
 2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! all the saints a - dore thee,
 3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! though the dark - ness hide thee,
 4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
 cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
 though the eye of sin - ful - ness thy glo - ry may not see,
 All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!
 cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
 on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
 who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.
 per - fect in power, in love and pu - ri - ty.
 God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Much of the imagery of this hymn comes from Revelation 4:2-11, which its author, an Anglican bishop, knew as a reading appointed for Trinity Sunday. The tune, written specifically for this text, reinforces the Trinitarian theme by strong dependence on the D-major triad.

802 The King of Love My Shepherd Is

(Psalm 23)

1 The King of love my shep-herd is, whose good - ness
 2 Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow my ran - somed
 3 Per - verse and fool - ish oft I strayed, but yet in
 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee, dear

fail - eth nev - er; I noth - ing lack if
 soul he lead - eth, and where the ver - dant
 love he sought me, and on his shoul - der
 Lord, be - side me; thy rod and staff my

I am his and he is mine for - ev - er.
 pas - tures grow, with food ce - les - tial feed - eth.
 gent - ly laid, and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 com - fort still, thy cross be - fore to guide me.

- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
 thy unction grace bestoweth;
 and O what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
 thy goodness faileth never;
 Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house forever.

Since its creation in the mid-19th century, this text has been one of the favorite paraphrases of Psalm 23 in the English-speaking world. That popularity increased in the early 20th century when *The English Hymnal*, 1906, first joined these words to this flowing Irish melody.