

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

You can find more information about some of the music in our worship today after the fold in the bulletin.

PRELUDE	<i>A Festive Shout</i>	arr. Johnson/Norris
	Kentucky Brass	
	<i>Toccata on Amor Satis Est</i>	Paul Ayres
	Samuel Libra, organ	
	<i>Acclamation in G-minor</i>	Karen Thompson
	Austin Memorial Handbells	
	<i>Just a Closer Walk with Thee/When the Saints Go Marching In</i>	
	Kentucky Brass	arr. Johnson/Norris

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT	<i>Bless the Lord</i>	Allen Pote
	The Octet	
	O bless the Lord, O my soul, bless his name; I want to walk in the way, the way of the Lord. I want know and believe in Him. I want to walk in the light of the world to see. O bless the Lord my soul and bless his holy name; O bless the Lord my soul and all that is within me bless his name.	
	<i>Psalm 103, adapted</i>	

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."

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place:
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

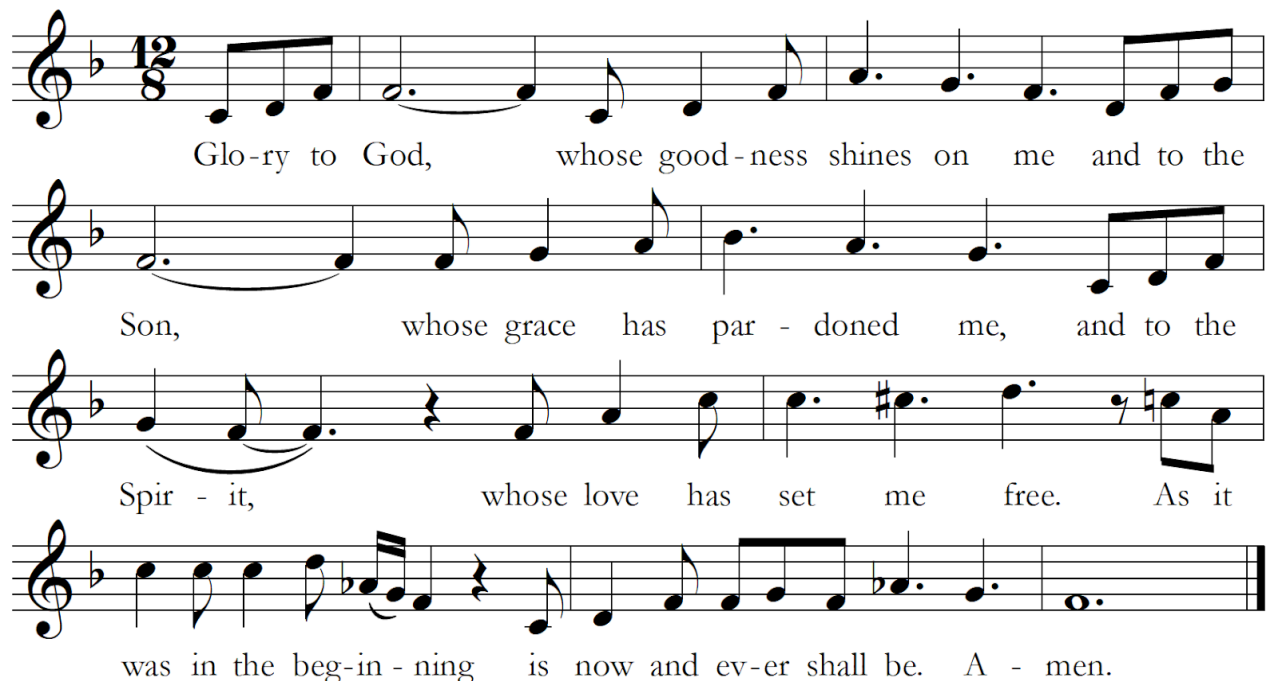
Merciful God, you know everything about us, even the things we'd rather hide. Yet still we believe we have it all figured out. Forgive our arrogance and misplaced pride. We confess it is easy to lose track of the joy you created us to share. When times are tough, we feel resentful. When someone else succeeds, jealousy creeps in. Forgive us when we forget that all people are your beloved children. Remind us that relationships are what sustain us. Draw us back, loving God, to your goodness and grace.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...Friends, may you find peace by trusting this very Good News: **Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*RESPONSE HYMN 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD
(VASILE)



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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 1:1–11

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

SERMON

What Really Matters

Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

Romans 8, *selected verses*

We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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

For the Beauty of the Earth
The Sanctuary Choir

John Rutter

For the beauty of the earth,
for the glory of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies.
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this, our joyful hymn of praise.

For the wonder of each hour
of the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this, our joyful hymn of praise.

For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild,
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this, our joyful hymn of praise.

For each perfect gift divine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine:
flowers of earth and buds of heaven.
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this, our joyful hymn of praise.

F.S. Pierpoint, adapted

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *read responsively*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In every time and every age...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HYMN 556

Holy, Holy, Holy

SANCTUS (ROBERTS)

Blessed are you, O God...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

HYMN 557

Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen

MEMORIAL ACCL. (ROBERTS)

Blessed are you, O Spirit...now and forever.

HYMN 558

Amen

AMEN (ROBERTS)

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All those who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to take part in the sacrament. A choice of red wine or white juice is offered. Gluten-free bread is available in cups on the plates. You are invited to say, as you pass the bread, "Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life" and as you pass the wine, "Jesus Christ, the Cup of Salvation."

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

The Road Home

THE LONE WILD BIRD,

The Sanctuary Choir; Erin Shina, soloist

arr. Stephen Paulus

Tell me, where is the road

I can call my own,

That I left, that I lost,

So long ago?

All these years I have wandered,

Oh, when will I know

There's a way, there's a road

That will lead me home?

After wind, after rain,

When the dark is done.

As I wake from a dream

In the gold of day,

Through the air there's a calling

From far away,

There's a voice I can hear

That will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me,

Come away, is the call,

With the love in your heart

As the only song;

There is no such beauty

As where you belong;

Rise up, follow me,

I will lead you home.

Michael Dennis Browne

Please remain seated.

COMMUNION HYMN 39

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

PRESENTATIONS ON BEHALF OF THE CONGREGATION

LITANY OF FAREWELL

The Sending

*HYMN

All Creatures of Our God and King

LASST UNS ERFREUEN,
arr. Benedict Sheehan

**All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voices, let them ring,
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O burning sun with golden beam, and sister moon with softer gleam,
Sing praises! Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Dear mother earth, who day by day, unfoldest blessing on our way,
Sing praises! Alleluia!**

**The flow'rs and fruits that in thee grow, God's glory let them also show!
Sing praises! Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**O sisters, brothers, take your part, and worship God with humble heart.
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**All creatures, bless the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, Three in One!
Sing praises! Sing praises! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*BLESSING

*RESPONSE

The Lord Bless You and Keep You

Peter Lutkin

The congregation is invited to join in singing—the music can be found at the back of your bulletin.

POSTLUDE

When the Saints Go Marching In

arr. Johnson/Norris
Kentucky Brass

*After the Pastors and Choir recess, the congregation is invited to the Fellowship Hall
for a farewell reception for the Jesters.*

A Note about Our Music Today

In recognition of the significant leadership that Rev. Steve Jester has given to Second Presbyterian Church in worship, and to honor Diana Jester for her many contributions to our worship and faith formation, we are pleased to include some of their favorite hymns and music that have been a part of their ministry and life.

Prelude

The Austin Memorial Handbells are playing to honor Diana Jester for her many years of service in the ensemble.

Introit

Bless the Lord is part of an anthem that Steve learned in his early years at Mo-Ranch, a Presbyterian camp in Hunt, Texas.

Opening Hymn

Specially arranged by Samuel Libra for this, Pastor Steve's final Sunday leading worship at Second Presbyterian Church.

Closing Hymn

All Creatures of Our God and King is a commission by Austin Memorial Handbells by composer Benedict Sheehan, and bears the inscription "In honor of Rev. Steven Jester and Diana Jester as a celebration of their 15 years in ministry at Second Presbyterian Church."

Benediction Response

The congregation is invited to join the Sanctuary Choir in singing *The Lord Bless You and Keep You* by Peter Lutkin (music and words are in public domain.) This familiar blessing is to send out Steve and Diana to share grace in other ways and other places.

In Worship Today

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in thankfulness for our ministry at Second Presbyterian Church, by Steve, Diana, and David Jester.

THE ROSE IN THE CHANCEL is given in thanksgiving and celebration for the birth of John McLean Thompson, born on May 14, 2024, to parents Taylor and Elizabeth Thompson.

USHERS

Gene Smith, Connie Smith, Patrice Paton, John Bahe, Cheeky Bahe, Sandy Bailey, Linda Watson

ELDERS

Cheeky Bahe, Sandy Bailey, Scott Carothers, Cathy Flowers, Sarah Hunter, Lucy Kosse, Patrice Paton, Jane Roth, Connie Smith, Deb Vetter, Linda Watson, Edie Wells

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

- preacher* Rev. Steve Jester, Pastor & Head of Staff
- liturgists* Rev. Andrew Bowman, Associate Pastor for Community Life
Rev. Jordan Akin, Associate Pastor for Faith Formation & Mission
Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate
- guest liturgist* Rev. Jerry Van Marter, Stated Clerk, Mid-Kentucky Presbytery
- conductor* Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Worship & Music Ministry
- organist* Dr. Samuel Libra, Organist and Asst. Director of Worship & Music Ministry

Austin Memorial Handbells:

Bonnie Boram, Ricky Case, Terry Cissell, Elizabeth Clay, Kitty deVoogd, Steve Farris, Jean Herp, Portia Leatherman, Lindsay Martin, Sue Rogers, Carmen Sanders

Kentucky Brass: *Stacy Simpson, Erika Howard, trumpet; Scott Leger, horn; James Seymour, trombone; Stasi Fafalios, bass trombone*

The Sanctuary Choir (Octet*):

Laura Atkinson, Mary Ayers, Maryann Bell, Ricky Case*, Lamoine Cash, Terry Cissell, Dick Clay, Jane Cleary, Jeanne Curtis, Patty Dailey, Stan deVoogd, Linda Dukes, Russell Dunlap*, Richard Ellis, Chris Ellis, Sara Gilford, Ann Grissom, Jodie Goldberg, Karen Hadley, Krista Heckmann*, Jean Herp, Lindsey Hundley, Carol Hull, Emma James, Clay Kannapell, Molly Melahn*, Bill McDowell, Susan McDowell, Kenneth Oeth*, Harrison Palmer-Ball, Becky Peer, Christina Recktenwald*, Janet Rittenhouse, David Rummeler, Deborah Skaggs, Larry Sloan, Martha Spencer, Jason Steigermwalt*, Camille Williams-Neal, & Jesse Wright; Erin Shina, guest soloist.*

Evan Vicic, audiovisual engineer; William Vicic, camera

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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.