

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

PRELUDE

Give Me Jesus

arr. Richard Billingham

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING 450–853

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 32

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

ELLACOMBE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read responsively*

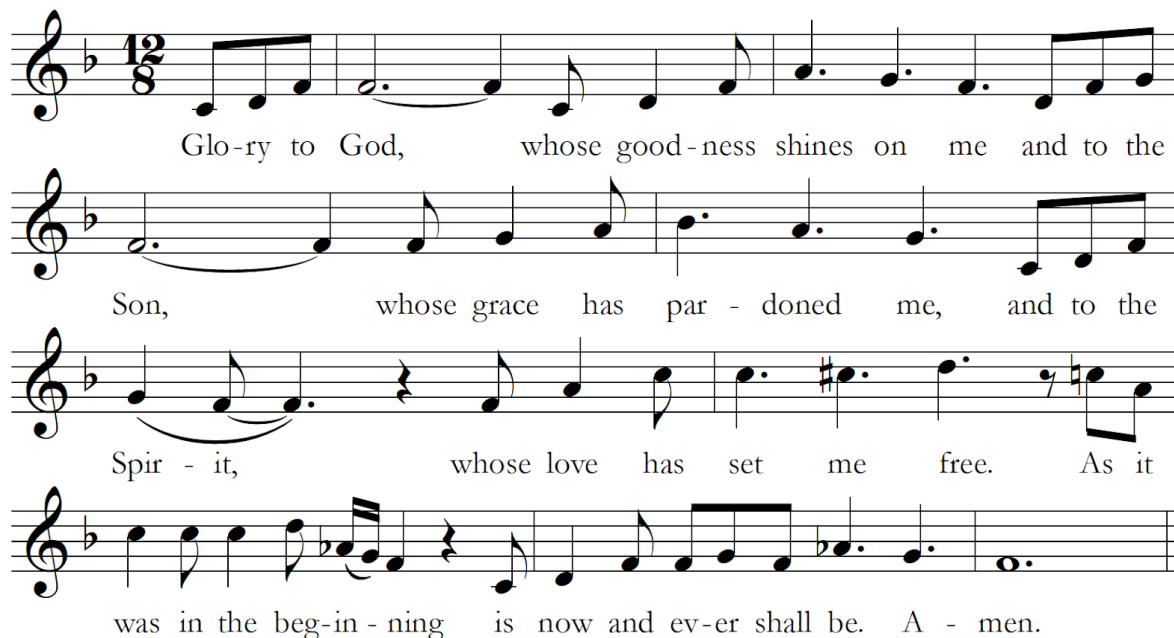
God who knows every heart, you give us new vision that goes deeper than outward appearance. Yet so often we remain blind, relying instead on society's signs of right or wrong, success or failure. We confess we often resist the change you desire. We form opinions about everything—and cling to them. We fear new insights and new directions. Forgive us when we think we already know enough. Become our vision as we keep learning to walk by faith. Grant us faith like a tiny seed, able to grow with your blessing to become a mighty sign of your kingdom among us.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...With joy in our hearts, let us celebrate this very Good News:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! 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.



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

Psalm 92:1–4, 12–15

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

SECOND READING

Mark 4:26–34

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

SERMON

Sowing a Seed (Love, Mission, Justice, Faith, Hope) Rev. Wayne Steele

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.
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ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. Thank you!*



ANTHEM

How Firm a Foundation

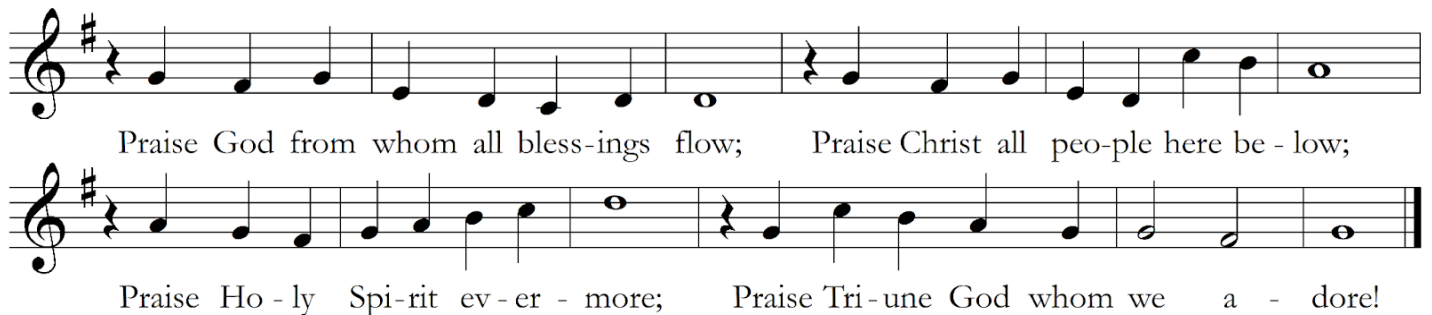
FOUNDATION, arr. Tom Trenney

Text can be found at #463 in the Glory to God hymnal.

*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

REFLECTIONS FROM OUR MONTREAT YOUTH

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 714

God of the Fertile Fields

ITALIAN HYMN

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Jubilate

Fela Sowande

We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.

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 celebration of the wedding of Mary Lane Penner and Dylan Gentry which took place last night. Mary Lane is the daughter of Lane Blevins Penner and the granddaughter of Linda and Harold Blevins

USHERS

Henry Kelsey, Pamela Ford, Patrice Paton, John Bahe, Cheeky Bahe, Kit Davis

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Wayne Steele, guest preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, Rev. Jordan Akin, Elizabeth Clay, and Montreat Youth, liturgists: Karen Hadley, lay reader

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

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY is the Rev. Wayne Steele, who retired last June as pastor of Peace Presbyterian Church in the Newburg community of Louisville. In his more than 23 years of service there, he brought joy and boundless energy to the congregation, and tirelessly encouraged them to address matters of justice and peace. Second has a long and fruitful history of collaboration with Peace Presbyterian and Rev. Steele, and we are glad to welcome him to our pulpit this morning.

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Stan and Jeanne Curtis on the death of his brother, Greg, 6/10/2024.

Sarah Middleton, Brian Lewis, Margaret Witt, and their families on the death of mother-in-law and grandmother, Anne Lewis, 6/8/24.

Ricky Case and his family on the death of his grandmother, Nora M. Barnes, 6/5/24.

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.

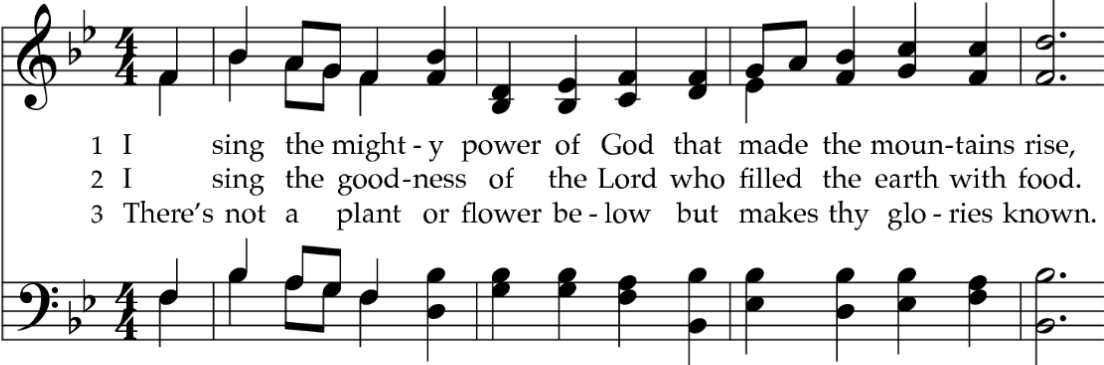
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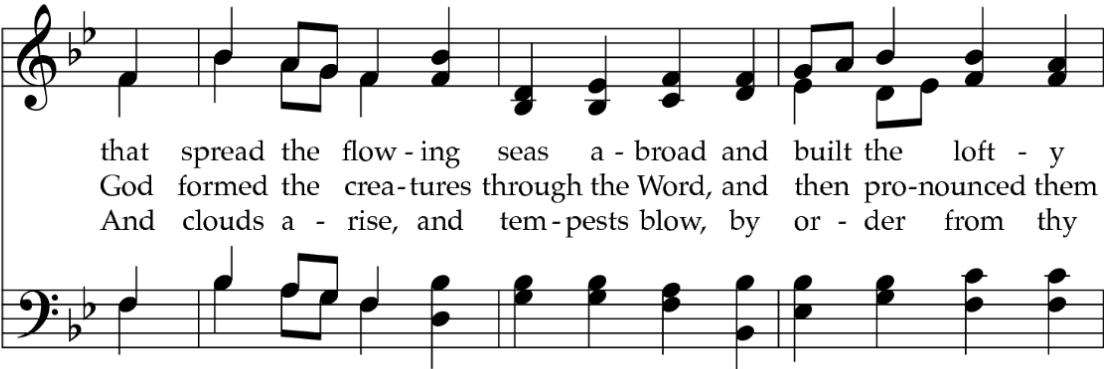


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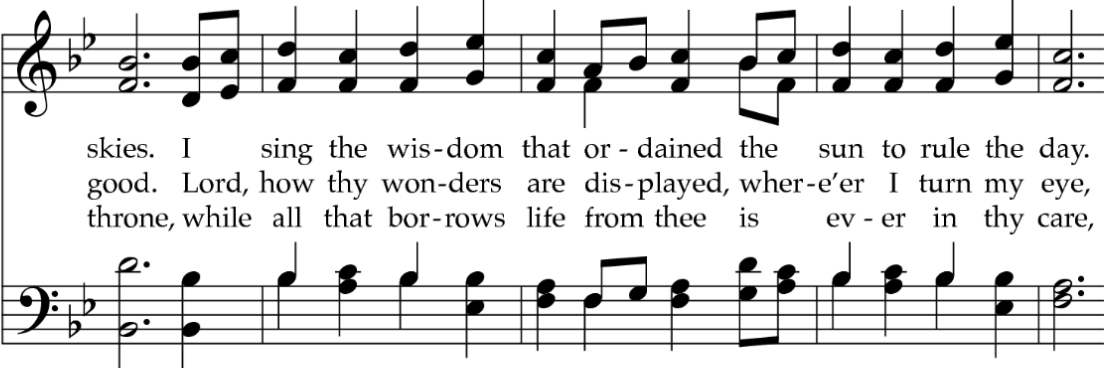
32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



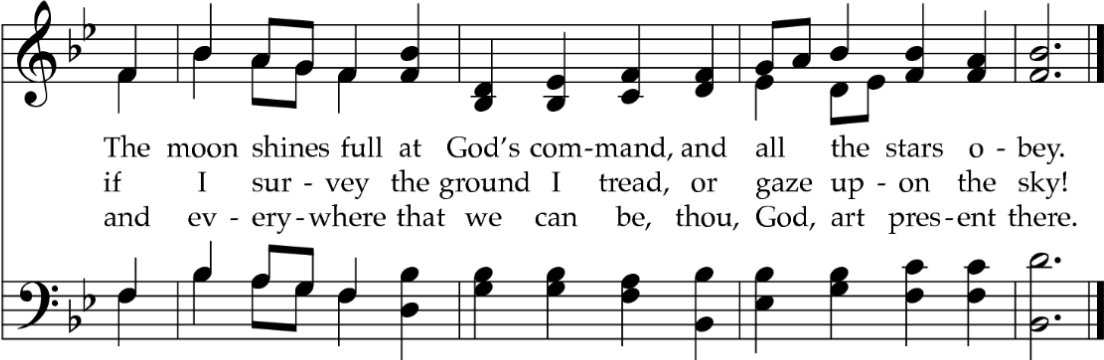
1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.



that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

God of the Fertile Fields 714

1 God of the fer - tile fields, shap - er of
 2 We would be stew - ards true, hold - ing in
 3 As grows the hid - den seed to fruit that
 4 God of the coun - try - side, dear to the

earth that yields our dai - ly bread: forth from your
 trust from you all that you give; help us in
 serves our need, so your reign grows. Let all our
 Christ who died to make us one: we pledge our

boun - teous hand come gifts your love has planned,
 love to share, teach us like you to care
 toil be used, no gift of yours a - bused,
 lives a - new in faith - ful love to you.

that all in ev - ery land be clothed and fed.
 for peo - ple ev - ery - where, that all may live.
 no hum - ble task re - fused your love be - stows.
 Guide all we say and do. Your will be done.

Greater awareness has enlarged Christian stewardship to develop new dimensions of concern for people in all parts of the world. Because we believe that it is God's will that the gifts we have received should be shared, this hymn concludes with that phrase from the Lord's Prayer.