

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 *Andante tranquillo* from *Sonata III* Felix Mendelssohn

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING 1-449

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 839 *Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!* ASSURANCE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

We look for you in all the wrong places, God of the lost, and wonder why we cannot find you. We wander the corridors of power, while you are on the sidewalks, beside the homeless. We sit at the head tables of the world, while you are handing out soup to the hungry at the kitchen's backdoor. We applaud those who win the race, while you are cheering on those in last place.

In forgiving us, God of new life, you would transform our cold hearts into those melted in service to others. In granting us mercy, you challenge us to think of all those we have ignored. In gifting us with grace, you enable us to proclaim Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, as the hope, the joy, the peace the world seeks.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

By God's mercy, we are forgiven; by God's mercy, we are made whole; by
God's mercy, we are equipped to serve others.

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

Psalms 26:1–8

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

SECOND READING

Matthew 16:13–25

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

SERMON

Clarity and Certainty

Rev. Dr. John Odom

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

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

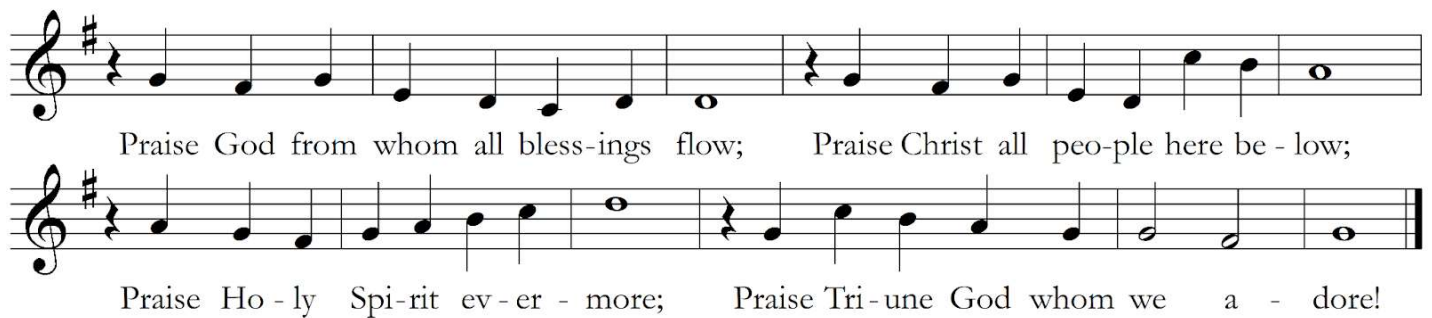
Mark Hayes

Text can be found at #620 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

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.

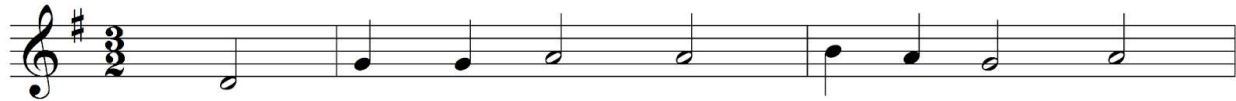
**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
Amen.**

The Sending

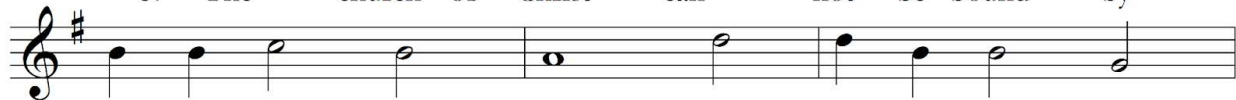
*HYMN 766

The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

AZMON



1. The Church of Christ can - not be bound by
2. True faith will op - en up the door and
3. True love will not sit id - ly by when
4. If what we have, we free - ly share to
5. The church of Christ can - not be bound by



walls of wood or stone. Where cha - ri - ty and
step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the
walls of wood or stone. Where cha - ri - ty and



love are found, there can the church be known.
out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
home-less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
Spi - rit's care through ev - 'ry self - less deed.
love are found, there can the church be known.

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Allegro maestoso from *Sonata II*

Felix Mendelssohn

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 grandchildren Silas, Gate and Alden,
by Evie and Charlie Edinger.

USHERS

Brad Hume, Glen Hume, Elizabeth Scinta, Jim Carneal, Penny Carneal,
Ernie Dreher, Valerie Dreher

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. John Odom, guest preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin, Rev. Andrew Bowman,
Lorie Williamson, liturgists; Susan Snyder, lay reader

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Dr. Samuel Libra, Organist
Evan Vivic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vivic, camera

OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY is the Rev. Dr. John Odom, who began his call as
General Presbyter of Mid-Kentucky Presbytery in 2015 after 25 years as a pastor in a
variety of congregational settings in New York and North Carolina. He is a graduate
of Davidson College, Union Theological Seminary, and Columbia Theological
Seminary. John is married to Rev. Emily Enders Odom, Associate Director of
Mission Communications for PC(USA.). They have two grown children,
Nathaniel—an IT specialist with Bank of America in Charlotte—and Elizabeth—a
social worker with the deaf and hard of hearing in Greensboro with her spouse, Ryan.

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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.

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839 Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine! O what a
 2 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light, vi - sions of
 3 Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest; I in my

fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine! Heir of sal - va - tion,
 rap - ture now burst on my sight; an - gels de - scend - ing,
 Sav - ior am hap - py and blest, watch - ing and wait - ing,

pur - chase of God, born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.
 bring from a - bove ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.
 look - ing a - bove, filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

Refrain

This is my sto - ry; this is my song, prais - ing my Sav - ior

all the day long; this is my sto - ry; this is my

song, prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long.

Sometimes this prolific 19th-century hymnwriter wrote texts for others to set, and sometimes she created words for tunes others had composed. This text was of the second kind, and the resulting close fit between words and music has made them both popular and inseparable.