

# 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](http://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

*Meditation on Deep River*  
Kathy Collier, piano; Samuel Libra, organ

Percy MacDonald

WELCOME

HYMN SING 1-449

INTROIT

*We'll Shout and Give Him Glory*  
The Men of Summer Choir; Kathy Collier & Samuel Libra, piano

arr. Mack Wilberg

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *read responsively*

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it;  
**for he founded it upon the seas and established it upon the waters.**

Who may ascend the hill of the Lord? Who may stand in his holy place?

**He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his  
soul to an idol or swear by what is false.**

He will receive blessing from the Lord and vindication from God his Savior.

**Such is the generation of those who seek him, who seek your face,  
O God of Jacob.**

Lift up your heads, O you gates;

**be lifted up, you ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is this King of glory?

**The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle.**

Lift up your heads, O you gates; lift them up, you ancient doors,

**that the King of glory may come in.**

Who is he, this King of glory?

**The Lord Almighty—he is the King of glory.**

\*HYMN 93

*Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates*

TRURO

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Good and gracious God, we confess that we run ourselves ragged. We are busy and preoccupied with so many things. We neglect to be still and know that you are God. Even our sabbath time can be filled with “busy-ness.” Forgive us, Lord, for not accepting your gift and guidance of rest and restoration. Help us to put on the yoke of Jesus and walk in the way he models for us, mindful of our spiritual health and responding with compassion to the needs of our neighbors. Loving God, thank you for Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, who makes us complete in everything good so that we may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight. We pray through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...it is the gift of God.

**Thanks be to God! For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. 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

HYMN 286

*Breathe on Me, Breath of God*  
*vss. 1&2*

TRENTHAM

## FIRST READING

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

2 Samuel 6:1–5

## SECOND READING

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

Ephesians 1:3–14

## SERMON

*Surviving in an Unfair World*

Rev. Dr. Tom Sweets

# 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

*Bound for the Promised Land*

arr. Mack Wilberg

The Summer Choir; Kathy Collier & Samuel Libra, piano

On Jordan's stormy banks I stand, And cast a wishful eye  
To Canaan's fair and happy land, Where my possessions lie.

*Refrain:* I am bound for the promised land,  
I am bound for the promised land;  
Oh who will come and go with me?  
I am bound for the promised land.

O the transporting, rapturous scene, That rises to my sight!  
Sweet fields arrayed in living green, And rivers of delight!...*refrain*

There generous fruits that never fail, On trees immortal grow;  
There rocks and hills, and brooks and vales, With milk and honey flow...*refrain*

O'er all those wide extended plains Shines one eternal day;  
There God the Son forever reigns, And scatters night away...*refrain*

No chilling winds or poisonous breath Can reach that healthful shore;  
 Sickness and sorrow, pain and death, Are felt and feared no more...*refrain*  
 When I shall reach that happy place, I'll be forever blest,  
 For I shall see my Father's face, And in His bosom rest...*refrain*  
 Filled with delight my raptured soul Would here no longer stay;  
 Though Jordan's waves around me roll, Fearless I'd launch away...*refrain*  
*Samuel Stennett*

\*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 720

*Jesus Calls Us*

GALILEE

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Trumpet Tune on TRURO*

J. Wayne Kerr

*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*

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in memory of Anne Canaday Sloan—beloved wife, mother, and daughter, 1945-2015—by Larry Sloan.

### USHERS

Brian Houghlin, Lisa Houghlin, Rosemay Palmer-Ball, Lawrence Palmer-Ball,  
Bruce Dudley, Joan Dudley

### OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Tom Sweets, guest preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin, Lorie Williamson,  
Jim Rittenhouse, liturgists

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

We are grateful to have Kathy Collier joining us on piano today. She is a former teacher in the Weekday School, most recently retired as Minister of Music at Highland Baptist Church.

OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY is the Rev. Dr. Tom Sweets, who was born and raised in Louisville, Kentucky, the son of Martin Sweets and Amelia Payne Sweets. He has one sister, Meme Sweets Runyon Griffith. Tom studied at UNC-CH then worked for his father in the manufacturing of polyurethane foam equipment. Tom and his wife, Joan, left for Boston in 1978 where he earned his M.Div. at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary. He pastored churches in North Carolina before the family returned to Louisville to run a non-profit, The Friends of the Family. In 1989 Tom received a call to serve the Madeira Presbyterian Church until his honorable retirement in 2021. In 2010 his wife Joan passed away from cancer. Their two children, Tommy and Henry, live in Tennessee and Maine. Tom and Karen Veith met through members at Madeira Presbyterian and were married in 2015. Together they have 7 children: Allie, Nathan, Hannah, Patrick, and Matthew; and 13 grandchildren. At Second, Tom teaches a Sunday morning Bible Study called “Raising Your Faith.”

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## *We Lift Up in Prayer*

Betsy Helm and her family on the death of her mother, Kay Hampton Helm, 6/15/2024.

Stan and Jeanne Curtis on the death of his brother, Greg, 6/10/24.

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.

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## Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates 93

1 Lift up your heads, ye might - y gates; be - hold the  
 2 Fling wide the por - tals of your heart; make it a  
 3 Re - deem - er, come! I o - pen wide my heart to

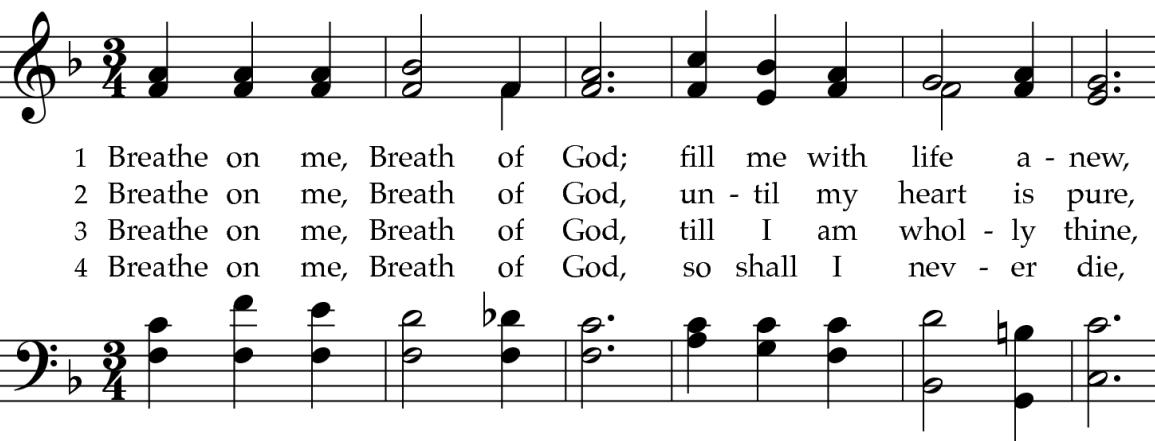
King of glo - ry waits; the King of kings is  
 tem - ple, set a - part from earth - ly use for  
 thee; here, Lord, a - bide. Let me thy in - ner

draw - ing near; the Sav - ior of the world is here.  
 heaven's em - ploy, a - dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
 pres - ence feel; thy grace and love in me re - veal.

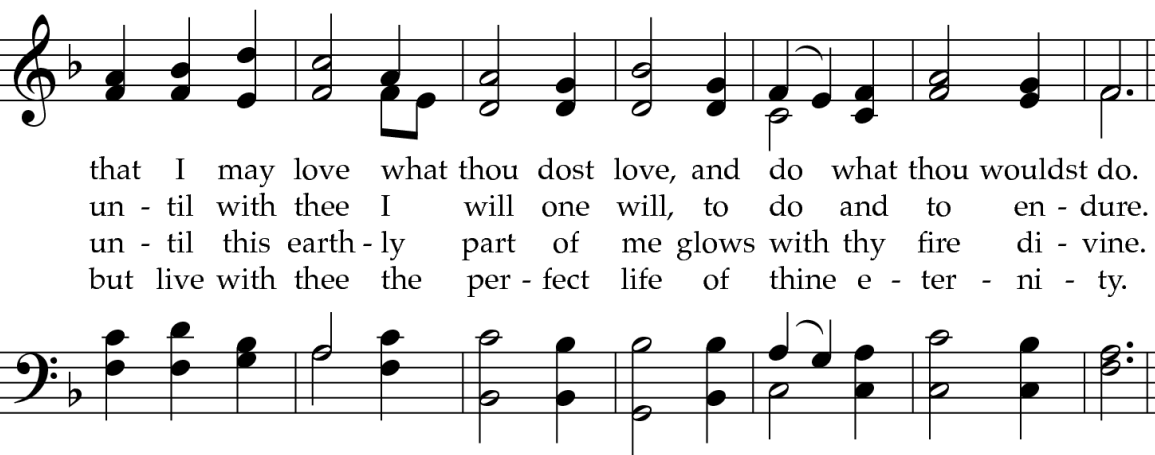
Beginning as a paraphrase of Psalm 24:7–10, this text then applies the door imagery to the singer's heart, and concludes with the individual's welcome of the approaching Savior. It is set to a very effective anonymous 18th-century English tune that has served many texts.



# Breathe on Me, Breath of God 286



1 Breathe on me, Breath of God; fill me with life a - new,  
2 Breathe on me, Breath of God, un - til my heart is pure,  
3 Breathe on me, Breath of God, till I am whol - ly thine,  
4 Breathe on me, Breath of God, so shall I nev - er die,



that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.  
un - til with thee I will one will, to do and to en - dure.  
un - til this earth - ly part of me glows with thy fire di - vine.  
but live with thee the per - fect life of thine e - ter - ni - ty.

In both Hebrew and Greek, the words for "spirit" can equally well be translated as "breath" or "wind," so it is very appropriate to address the Holy Spirit as the "Breath of God." This tune by an English organist has become the customary one in North American hymnals.

TEXT: Edwin Hatch, 1878  
MUSIC: Robert Jackson, 1888

TRENTHAM  
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## Jesus Calls Us

720

1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our  
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the  
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of  
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice  
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would  
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and  
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -

sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."  
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."  
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."  
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.