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 worshipers 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.

Service for the Lord's Day The Gathering

PRELUDE

Samuel Libra, organ

WELCOME

HYMN SING 450-853

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."

*CALL TO WORSHIP read responsively

Some of us are exhausted. We come to rest. Some of us are curious about Jesus. We come to learn. Some of us are hungry. We come to be fed. Some of us are disoriented. We come to pray. Some of us are broken. We come to be healed. We gather around you this morning, O Christ. Teach us, feed us, hear us, heal us. Grant us your peace

*HYMN 310

I Love Your Kingdom, Lord

ST. THOMAS

I love your kingdom, Lord, the house of your abode, the church our blest Redeemer saved with his own precious blood.

I love your church, O God. Her walls before thee stand, dear as the apple of your eye, and graven on your hand.

For her my tears shall fall; for her my prayers ascend;

to her my cares and toils be given, till toils and cares shall end. (continued)

Beyond my highest joy I prize her heavenly ways: her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise. Sure as your truth shall last, to Zion shall be given the brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heaven.

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION read in unison

Most gracious God, Giver of Life, who loves and forgives us, we confess we are burdened by excess baggage as we travel the roads you send us down. We are caught up in how others perceive us, rather than rejoicing in the life of the Spirit. We measure our worth by how productive and successful we are rather than how faithful we are. When we run from one need to the next, interrupt our busy-ness, and lead us to still waters, restore our souls, and free us to walk in right paths for your name's sake.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS read responsively

... Forgiveness and healing are yours in Christ Jesus. 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.



*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

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

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

SERMON

Prone to Wander

Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville

Mark 6:30–34, 53–56

Psalm 23

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH read in unison

from the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

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.

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 *I'm Goin' Up A'Yonder* Walter Hawkins, arr. M. Sirvatka The Summer Choir; Samuel Libra, pianist & conductor

*DOXOLOGY 608 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow PRAISE GOD (HOPSON)



*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 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Samuel Libra, organ

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 Bruce Q. Ballert by Miriam Ballert.
- THE ROSEBUDS IN THE SANCTUARY are in celebration of the births of Claire Louise Seiler, daughter of James & Allie Seiler, born 6/8/24, and Annie Louise Phelps, daughter of Maggie & Andrew Phelps, born 6/18/24.

USHERS

Emily Lawrence, John Davis, Laura Davis, Abby Davis, Allison Davis, Scott Davis

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville, guest preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, Rev. Jordan Akin, Lorie Williamson, liturgists; Ronnie Seale, lay reader

The Summer Choir; Dr. Samuel Libra, Organist and Conductor

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY is the Rev. Dr. Andrew Pomerville, President of Louisville (Presbyterian) Theological Seminary. Ordained in the Presbyterian Church (USA) in 2007, Andrew is a graduate of three Presbyterian schools: BA in history and religious studies, Alma College (2001) ; M.Div, Princeton Theological Seminary (2007), and the DMin from Pittsburgh Theological Seminary (2018), focused on Reformed theology in a joint program with University of Aberdeen. In addition to the ECRF, he holds certificates in Presidential Leadership Development from CREDO, and Adaptive Leadership from Michigan State University's College of Business. We are grateful that Andrew, his wife Rachell, and children Denali and Bryce have worshiped with Second in their time since moving to Louisville.

We Lift Up in Prayer

Lynn Dunbar and children Sergey and Allysa on the death of their mother and grandmother, Patricia Cieskiewicz, 6/29/24.

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.



One of the oldest American hymn texts in continuous use, this paraphrase of Psalm 137 was created by a president of Yale University while compiling a popular revision of Watts's *Psalms of David*. The arranger of the tune was the clerk of a Presbyterian church in London.

TEXT: Timothy Dwight, 1800

MUSIC: The Universal Psalmodist, 1763; adapt. Aaron Williams, 1770

ST. THOMAS SM



Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

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