

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 *Toccata in E-minor, BWV 914* J.S. Bach
Samuel Libra, harpsichord

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING 1-449

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 634 *To God Be the Glory* TO GOD BE THE GLORY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Forgiving God, in Christ you promise us new life. Yet we cling to bitter disappointments, and let our anger hold us hostage for years. You call us to stand with the least and the last, but we grasp for power and privilege. We fail to follow where Christ leads, making excuses for ourselves, for our silence, for our lack of action. Forgive us, O God. Free us from old habits and resentments, and renew us to live according to your mercy.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...Dear friends, let us trust this Good News: **Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

*RESPONSE HYMN 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing, vs. 5* AZMON

Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward and be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.

**To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever given
By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.**

*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

Ephesians 4:25–5:2

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

SECOND READING

John 6:35, 41–51

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

SERMON

Into an Even Greater Beyond

Rev. Dr. Corey Miller

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison* *from A Brief Statement of Faith*

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in God, the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, that binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can 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

O God, Thou Art My God

Henry Purcell

O God, thou art my God: early will I seek thee.
My soul thirsteth for thee, my flesh also longeth after thee:
in a barren and dry land where no water is.
Thus have I looked for thee in holiness:
that I might behold thy power and glory.
For thy loving-kindness is better than the life itself:
my lips shall praise thee.
As long as I live will I magnify thee on this manner:
and lift up my hands in thy Name.
Because thou hast been my helper:
therefore under the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.
Hallelujah.

Psalm 63:1-5, 8; 1662 Book of Common Prayer

*DOXOLOGY 607

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise him, all crea-tures
here be - low; Praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly
host; Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

*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 394

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

WESTMINSTER ABBEY

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fugue from Toccata in E-minor, BWV 914

J.S. Bach

*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 memory of Dorothea Donley by Barker, Joan, Keaton, and Natalie Price.

USHERS

Joe Maloney, Nora Maloney, Chuck Dobbins, Joey Dobbins, David Dorsey, Lee Ann Dorsey

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Corey Miller, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, Elizabeth Clay,
Lorie Williamson, liturgists; Susanne Wright, lay reader

The Octet; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Dr. Samuel Libra, Organist

Evan Vivic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vivic, camera

OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY is the Rev. Dr. Corey Miller, Executive Director of the Cabbage Patch Settlement House, which he has served since 2020. Originally from North Carolina, his career has been focused within the public sector working in non-profit, church, and governmental organizations. He received his B.A. from Sewanee—The University of the South and received a Master’s in Public Administration from the University of Kentucky. He is an ordained United Methodist minister, receiving his Master’s in Divinity from Duke University and a Doctor of Ministry from Drew University. He worked in local congregations in North Carolina before moving into the human service non-profit sector.

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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.

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ADORATION

634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

This American gospel song became popular in England in the late 19th century, then returned to this country in the mid-20th century with the Billy Graham crusades. Its continuing popularity may well be due to the freedom from subjective considerations in its praise of God.

ADORATION

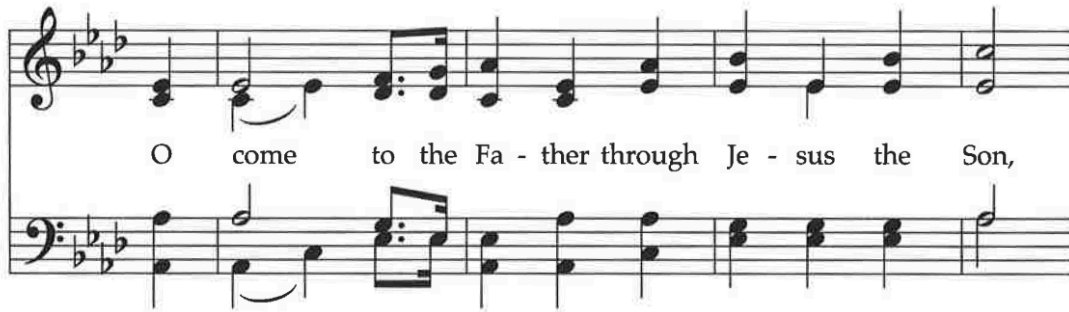
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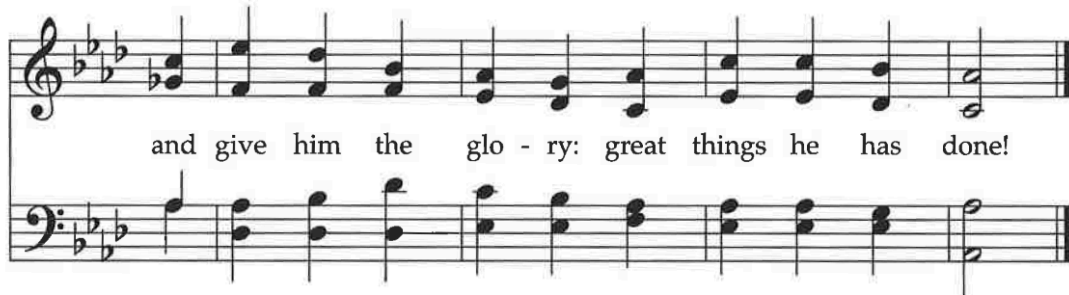
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!



O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,



and give him the glory: great things he has done!

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation 394



1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of
 3 Here be - stow on all your ser - vants what they seek from
 4 Laud and hon - or to the Fa - ther, laud and hon - or



cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious,
 hosts, and stay; come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness;
 you to gain; what they gain from you, for - ev - er
 to the Son, laud and hon - or to the Spir - it,



bind - ing all the church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 hear your peo - ple as we pray, and your full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain; and here - af - ter
 ev - er three and ev - er one: one in might and



help for - ev - er, and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
 in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
 one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Although this ancient text has often been used at church dedications, the first stanza clearly refers to the people of God and the second to the place where they meet. The stately and soaring tune is aptly named for the edifice where the composer served as organist and is buried.