

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

Impromptu No. 2

Samuel Coleridge-Taylor

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING 450–853

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 625

O Lord My God

HOW GREAT THOU ART

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read responsively*

Almighty God, you sent Jesus Christ to bring us life from out of death, and promised your Spirit will be always with us. We confess that we have not trusted in the truth of that promise. We have not trusted you to enliven our hearts, to teach us the ways of justice, or to free us from fear. We have turned away from the gift of Christ's presence. Forgive us, and turn our hearts back to you. Make us your faithful and loving people, walking in the footsteps of your Son, who came to transform the world.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...Friends, hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

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 5:15–20

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

PSALM RESPONSE 520

Taste and See

Psalm 34:1, 8

Choir sings refrain first; congregation joins in singing when invited.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are: "Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. O taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord." The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of quarter and eighth notes. The piano accompaniment uses chords and simple rhythmic patterns to support the vocal line.

Soloist: I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall always be on my lips;
my soul shall glory in the Lord, for God has been so good to me.

SECOND READING

Esther 1:10–12; 8:1–7

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

SERMON

We Can Be Brave

Rev. Abbi Heimach-Snipes

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

The Call of Wisdom

Will Todd

Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy;
walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory.
Striving to attain the heights, turning in a new direction,
entering a lonely place, welcoming a friend or stranger.
I am here, I am with you. I have called: do you hear me?
Silver is of passing worth, gold is not of constant value,
jewels sparkle for a while; what you long for is not lasting.
Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom.
Those who know me know my love, those who seek me find their answer.
God the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit coeternal.
Glory be ascribed to you, now and to the end of ages.

Michael Hampel, based on Proverbs 8

*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 815

Give to the Winds Thy Fears
vs. 1-3

FESTAL SONG

*BLESSING

*RESPONSE HYMN 815 *Give to the Winds Thy Fears, vs. 4*

FESTAL SONG

**Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast truth declare,
and publish with our final breath thy love and guardian care.**

*All members, please remain for a brief congregational meeting immediately following worship.
We invite any visitors to please 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 loving memory of Dr. Dick Ochs by his wife Susan Ehrman Ochs.

USHERS

Patrick Kosse, Lucy Kosse, Ellie Davis, May Davis, Bebe Davis, Charlie Davis

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Abbi Heimach-Snipes, guest preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, Lorie Williamson, liturgists; Elizabeth Scinta, 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. Abbi Heimach-Snipes, pastor of Covenant Community Church, a PC(USA) congregation on Bardstown Road. Abbi has served as a pastor at Fourth Presbyterian Church in Chicago, IL, St. Christopher's Episcopal Church in Oak Park, IL, and at The First Presbyterian Church of LaPorte, IN, and has worked with Crossroads Antiracism Organizing and Training as an organizer and trainer. She holds degrees from the College of Wooster and McCormick Theological Seminary, and is also an interfaith/interspiritual certified spiritual companion. She enjoys gardening and composting with her spouse Ben and two young children. She can be reached at rev.abbi.ccc@gmail.com.

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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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815 Give to the Winds Thy Fears

1 Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be
 2 Through waves and clouds and storms God gent - ly
 3 Leave to God's sov - erign sway to choose and
 4 Let us in life, in death, thy stead - fast

un - dis - mayed. God hears thy sighs and
 clears the way. Wait pa - tient - ly; so
 to com - mand. So shalt thou, won - dering,
 truth de - clare, and pub - lish with our

counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.
 shall this night soon end in joy - ous day.
 own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!
 fi - nal breath thy love and guard - ian care.

This text uses selected stanzas from sixteen four-line English stanzas based on the original German text, which was twice as long. The German hymn was constructed as an acrostic on Martin Luther's translation of Psalm 37:5, and much of the spirit of that psalm is retained here.