

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, we have the T-Coil system available. If you have the T-coil feature on your hearing device, you simply need to switch it to that setting. We also have individual audio units available for personal use. If you would like to use one, please inform an usher.

** 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 "I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"* HOUSTON
arr. S. Libra

WELCOME

INTROIT HYMN 388 *Come, All You People* UYAI MOSE
Bryce Pomerville, percussion

Choir sings first; congregation sings when invited.

Come all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er;
come all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er;
come all you peo - ple, come and praise your Mak - er;
come now and wor - ship the Lord.

CALL TO WORSHIP *read responsively*

Jesus, Light of the World, we open the windows of our hearts:
Fill this house with the light of your grace!

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 805 *Come Sing to God* ELLACOMBE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Holy God, although we honor you with our words and worship, our hearts are often far from you. We confess that we do not serve you fully. We chase our own desires before heeding your call. We are quick to judge, quick to exclude, quick to put others down instead of building them up. Forgive us, God. Forgive our hardened hearts and closed minds. Help us to change our ways. Help us to embrace the inclusive love you offer us, and teach us to offer it to others.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...Believe the good news of the gospel:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE HYMN 620 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven, vs. 1* LAUDA ANIMA

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

**Praise, my soul, the King of heaven; to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, evermore his praises sing:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise the everlasting King.**

*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

Isaiah 35:4–7a

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

SECOND READING

Mark 7:24–34

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

SERMON

Much More Than We Imagine

Rev. Dr. Glen Bell

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

A New Creed
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'll Praise My Maker

OLD 113TH, arr. Lloyd Pfautsch

I'll praise my Maker while I've breath;
And when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past
While life, and thought, and being last,
Or immortality endures.

Happy the one whose hopes rely
On Israel's God, he made the sky,
And earth and seas with all their train.
His truth for ever stands secure,
He saves the oppressed, he feeds the poor,
And none shall find his promise vain.

The Lord pours eyesight on the blind;
The Lord supports the fainting mind
He send the laboring conscience peace.
He helps the stranger in distress,
The widowed and the fatherless,
And grants the prisoner sweet release.

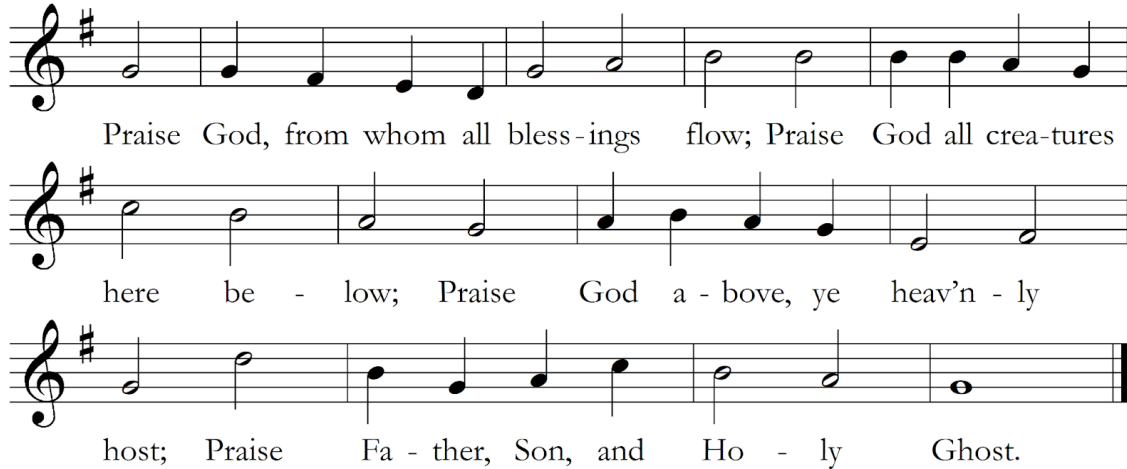
I'll praise God while he lends me breath;
And when my voice is lost in death,
Praise shall employ my nobler powers.
My days of praise shall ne'er be past
While life and thought and being last,
Or immortality endures.

Isaac Watts, adapt. John Wesley

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH



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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING GRACE

MINUTE FOR MISSION: Dr. Greg Ross, West End School

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 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Tuba Tune on HYFRYDOL

S. Libra

*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 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 Courtney and in celebration of Cate's 21st birthday by Cheryl Cooper.

A CORRECTION: The Chancel Flowers last week were given in loving memory of Bill and May Ann Mathis by Kitty and Stan deVoogd.

USHERS

Barker Price, Joan Price, Leigh Parrot, Elizabeth Scinta, Linda Watson, Kit Davis

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Glen Bell, preacher; Elizabeth Clay, Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgists;
Johnny Burrice, lay reader

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Dr. Samuel Libra, Organist;
Bryce Pomerville, percussion

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

OUR GUEST PREACHER TODAY is the Rev. Dr. Glen Bell, senior vice president for development of the Presbyterian Foundation. A pastor for over thirty years, Glen serves on the board of trustees of Louisville Seminary. He also served previously on the board of *The Presbyterian Outlook* and NEXT Church. Glen is married to Anne, a pediatric nurse. They are the parents of four young adult children in Louisville, Indianapolis, Orlando, and New York City. They live in Douglass Hills.

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Laura Duane and her family on the death of her mother, Becky Lynn Kessler, 8/23/24.

Mary Miller and her family on the death of her sister, Sue Tarter, 8/23/24.

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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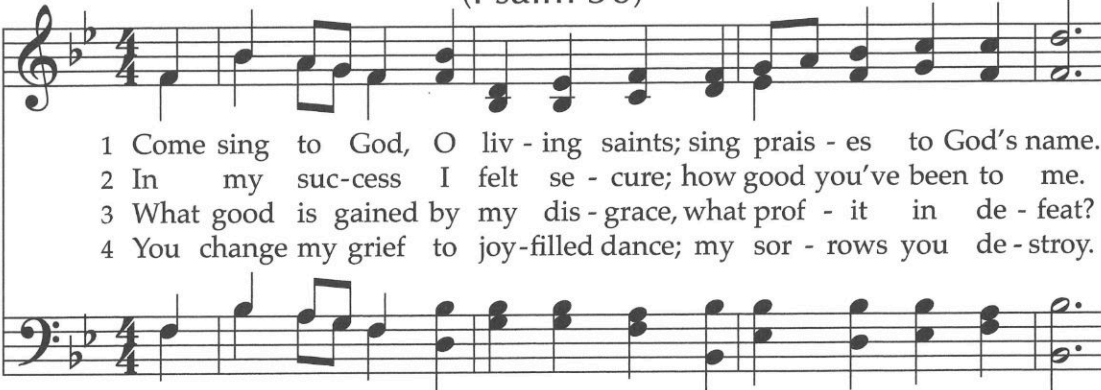
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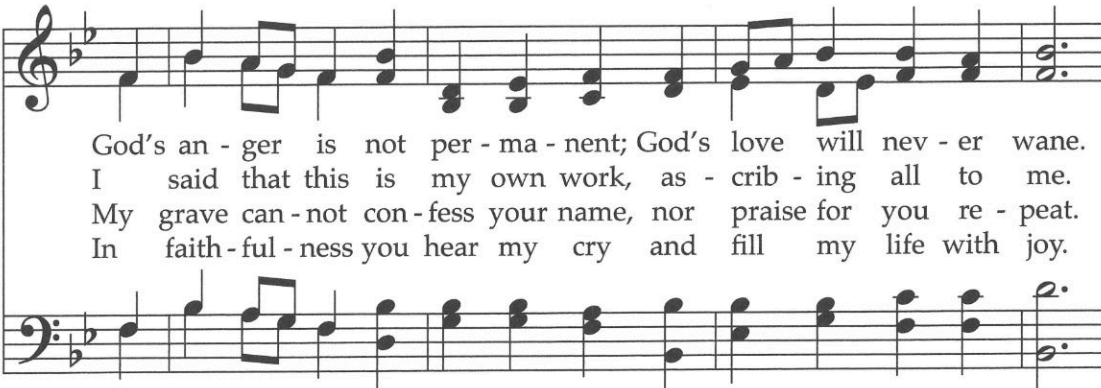
Come Sing to God

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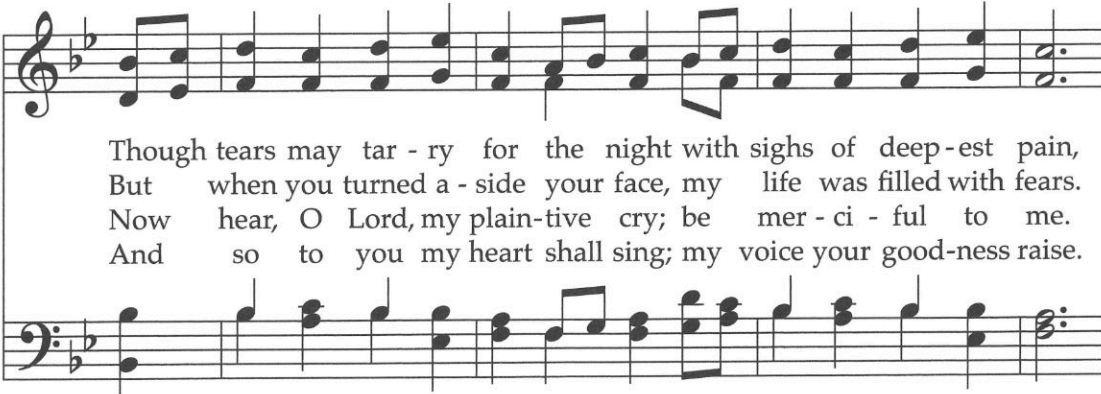
(Psalm 30)



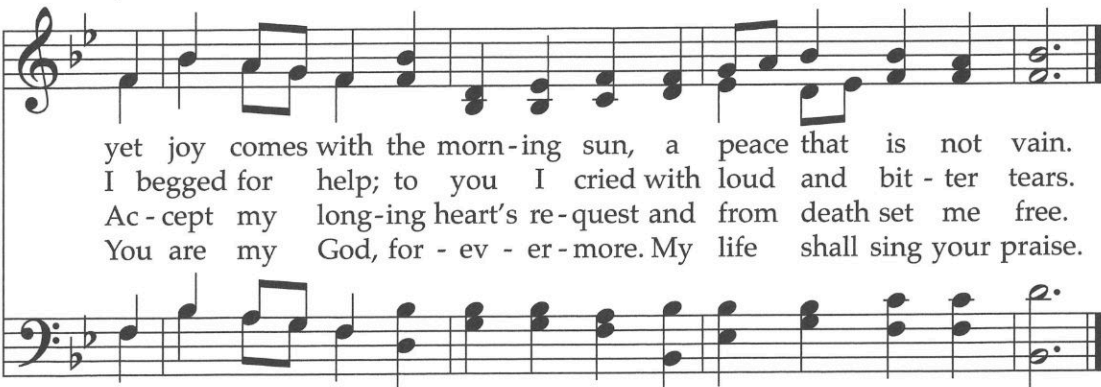
1 Come sing to God, O liv - ing saints; sing prais - es to God's name.
2 In my suc - cess I felt se - cure; how good you've been to me.
3 What good is gained by my dis - grace, what prof - it in de - feat?
4 You change my grief to joy - filled dance; my sor - rows you de - stroy.



God's an - ger is not per - ma - nent; God's love will nev - er wane.
I said that this is my own work, as - crib - ing all to me.
My grave can - not con - fess your name, nor praise for you re - peat.
In faith - ful - ness you hear my cry and fill my life with joy.



Though tears may tar - ry for the night with sighs of deep - est pain,
But when you turned a - side your face, my life was filled with fears.
Now hear, O Lord, my plain - tive cry; be mer - ci - ful to me.
And so to you my heart shall sing; my voice your good - ness raise.



yet joy comes with the morn - ing sun, a peace that is not vain.
I begged for help; to you I cried with loud and bit - ter tears.
Ac - cept my long - ing heart's re - quest and from death set me free.
You are my God, for - ev - er - more. My life shall sing your praise.

In effect, the first stanza of this paraphrase of Psalm 30 states the general truth that has been learned from the personal experience described in the last three stanzas. It is set to an 18th-century German tune brought into use with English hymnody in the 19th century.

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

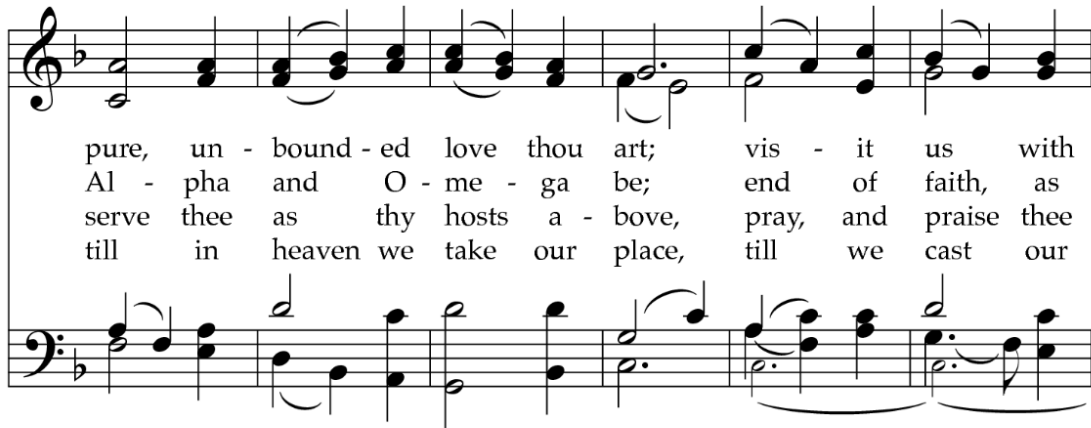
1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - mighty - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.