

# Welcome to Second Presbyterian Church

*Sharing the grace of God with one another and the world around us. Thank you*



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!*

*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 *Passacaglia in C-minor, BWV 582* J.S. Bach  
Samuel Libra, organ

WELCOME

INTROIT *Jesus Shall Reign, st. 5* DUKE STREET, arr. Richard Powell  
Sanctuary Choir; Instrumental Ensemble; Organ

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 620 *Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven* LAUDA ANIMA, arr. S. Libra  
*vss. 1–3*

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**God of all things, each week we seek your forgiveness, but we confess we do not always forgive our neighbors so faithfully. We long for wisdom, but turn away from the ideas of others. We ignore the blessings that come from life together, and from relationship with you. Forgive us, loving God. Confront us with your mercy, and open our hearts to your redeeming power. Bring an end to our self-righteousness, and awaken us to the true wisdom that comes only from you. Teach us to walk in your ways and to hear your promises each day.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...Friends, each one of us has been given a new start, because of this very Good News: **Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**  
**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*HYMN 620

*Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven, vs. 4*

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.*

**Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face.  
Sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise with us the God of grace.**

\*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

Psalm 116:1–9

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

SECOND READING

Mark 8:27–38

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

SERMON

*Who We Are Because of Who He Is*

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton

## *The Response*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

*from A Declaration of Faith, 1977*

**Christ calls us to be disciples. In forming his people and sending them into the world, Jesus called individuals to be disciples. They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings, and to follow him in life and death. We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship. Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us. It is also God's demand upon every one of us. Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters, we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life. Jesus is Lord. He has been Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now he is Lord.**

## 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 Heavens Are Telling* from *The Creation* Franz Joseph Haydn

Sanctuary Choir; Christina Recktenwald, Ricky Case, and Jason Steigerwalt, soloists

The heavens are telling the glory of God;  
the firmament displays the wonder of his works. - *Psalm 19:1*

\*DOXOLOGY        *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*        OLD 100TH,  
arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

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

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

*O Jesus, I Have Promised*

LANCASHIRE, arr. S. Libra



1. O Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end; be  
2. O let me hear you speak - ing in ac - cents clear and still, a -  
3. O Je - sus, you have prom - ised to all who fol - low you that



now and al - ways near me, my Mas - ter and my friend; I  
bove the storms of pas - sion, the mur - murs of self - will; O  
where you are in glo - ry your ser - vant shall be too. And,



shall not fear the bat - tle if you are by my side, — nor  
speak to re - as - sure — me, to has - ten or con - trol; — O  
Je - sus, I have prom - ised to serve you to the end; — now



wan - der from the path - way if you will be my guide.  
speak, and make me lis - ten, true guar - dian of my soul.  
give me grace to fol - low, my Mas - ter and my friend.

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Paeon*

Percy Whitlock

*All are invited for a luncheon in Jester Fellowship Hall to welcome the Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton, our new interim pastor. 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."*

## ABOUT OUR MUSIC TODAY

We are celebrating the ministry and musicianship of Dr. Samuel Libra, our Organist and Assistant Director of Worship & Music who will be returning to his home area at the end of the month. Our hymns this morning are arrangements made for the worship here at Second, and are festival treatments of some favorite tunes. His voluntary at the Prelude is J.S. Bach's monumental *Passacaglia in C-minor*, a work that inspired Sam to complete his graduate studies in organ as he heard it played by his mentor and teacher at the University of Washington, Dr. Carole Terry.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in honor of her father, Dudley Flanders, for his 90th birthday, by Elizabeth and Richard Clay.

## USHERS

Brad Hume, Glen Hume, Kit Davis, Sasha Bjork-Mayer, Elizabeth Scinta, Edie Wells

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, Lorie Williamson, liturgists;  
Sandy Bailey, lay reader

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

Instrumental Ensemble: Jim Recktenwald & William French, trumpets;  
Christopher Choi, timpani

Evan Vivic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vivic, camera

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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.

## ADORATION

# 620 Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven

(Psalm 103)

1 Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; to his  
 2 Praise him for his grace and fa - vor to his  
 3 Fa - ther - like, he tends and spares us; well our  
 4 An - gels, help us to a - dore him; you be -

feet your trib - ute bring; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for -  
 peo - ple in dis - tress; praise him still the same as  
 fee - ble frame he knows; in his hands he gent - ly  
 hold him face to face. Sun and moon, bow down be -

giv - en, ev - er - more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 ev - er, slow to chide, and swift to bless: Al - le - lu - ia!  
 bears us, res - cues us from all our foes. Al - le - lu - ia!  
 fore him, dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the ev - er - last - ing King.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Glo - rious in his faith - ful - ness.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Wide - ly yet his mer - cy flows.  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace.

This free paraphrase of Psalm 103 gains much energy and conviction by including the double "Alleluia!" before the final line of text. That repeated four-note figure descending from the tune's highest note gives voice to the praise that the rest of the hymn evokes.

## *Ruling Elders*

### *Class of 2024*

Laura Cromer  
Kit Davis  
Patrick Farnan  
Bill McDowell  
Rosemay Palmer-Ball  
Eddie Wells  
Johnny Burrice *youth*  
Trevor Gilford *youth*

### *Class of 2025*

Michael Beasley  
Paul Costel  
Elaine Duncan  
Holly Gathright  
Bob Horton  
John Hubbard  
Elizabeth Scinta  
Linda Watson

### *Class of 2026*

Miriam Ballert  
Marilyn Duke  
Liz Ratliff Evans  
Lindsey Hundley  
Lucy Kosse  
Deb Vetter  
Whitney Watt

*Clerk of Session* Sharon Clark

## *Deacons*

### *Class of 2024*

Beth Blythe  
Scott Carothers  
Priss Hovious  
Larry Jones  
Justin Powers  
Christie Wilson

### *Class of 2025*

Sandy Bailey  
Prentice Brown  
Cathy Flowers  
Tim Martin, *Clerk of Deacons*  
Jane Roth  
Martha Spencer  
Lowell Stevens

### *Class of 2026*

Nathan Dicken  
Glen Hume  
Sissy Judy  
Susan McDowell  
Paige Reinstine  
Kristi Smith

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