

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 *His Eye Is On the Sparrow* arr. Don Phillips
Meme Tunnell, guest pianist

WELCOME

INTROIT *What Does the Lord Require?* SHARPTHORNE, Erik Routley
The Sanctuary Choir

What does the Lord require for praise and offering?
What sacrifice, desire, or tribute bid you bring?
Do justly; love mercy; walk humbly with your God.
How shall our life fulfill God's law so hard and high?
Let Christ endue our will with grace to fortify.
Then justly, in mercy, we'll humbly walk with God. - *Albert F. Bayly* © 1949

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 12 *Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise* ST. DENIO

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

God of all creation, you open the wonders of the world to us, yet we confess we look away from its harsher realities. We allow envy and self-interest to guide our actions, and turn deaf ears to cries of need. We prefer to ignore opinions which differ from our own. Forgive us for the times we have caused conflicts and quarrels among ourselves and others. Forgive us when we seek greatness instead of goodness, missing the wisdom you desire us to embrace.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

Friends, hear and believe this Good News: **Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

PRESENTATION OF THE JACK ROTH AWARD

*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

Psalm 54

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

SECOND READING

Mark 9:30-37

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

SERMON

Small > Great

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison* From A Brief Declaration of Faith

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of people long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. (continued)

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily 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. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

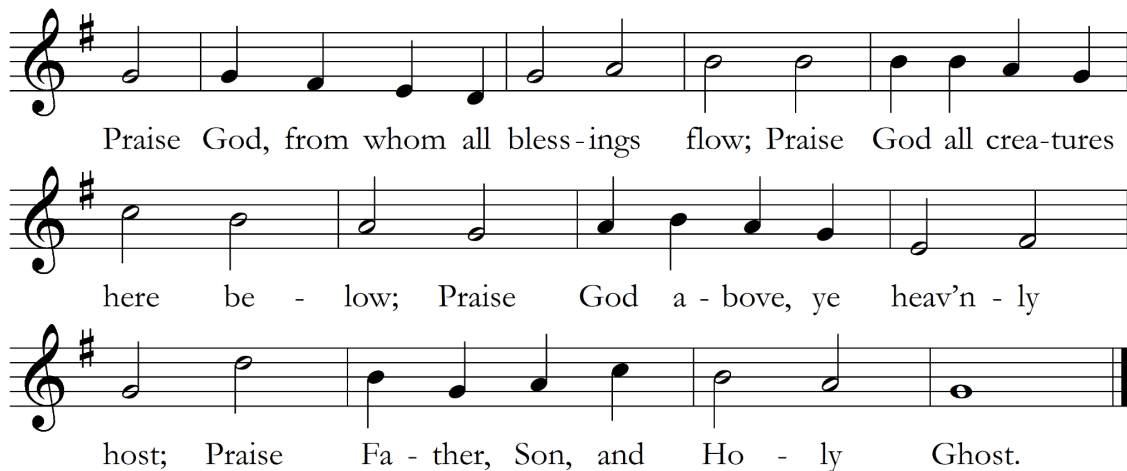
GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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 *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* Howard Helvey
Text may be found at Hymn 629.

*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

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 767

Together We Serve

SAN ANSELMO

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Crown Him with Many Crowns

Gina Sprunger

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 by Susan Stokes in honor of her children and grandchildren, and in loving memory of Dr. Lowell L. Stokes, Jr.

USHERS

John Hubbard, Nancy Hubbard, Cathy Flowers, Lawrence Palmer-Ball, Rosemary Palmer-Ball, Jane Roth

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton, preacher; Elizabeth Clay & Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgists;
William Wright, acolyte; Ronnie Seale, lay reader

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Meme Tunnell, guest pianist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

We welcome **Meme Tunnell** as our guest pianist today. Meme has been a friend to our music ministry and church for many years, and has recently retired from the faculty of Bellarmine University. You can see her playing with the Louisville Orchestra on many occasions. We are grateful to God she could fill in for Sam Libra as he is away presenting a concert in Minnesota.

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Gregg and Priss Hovious and family on the death of Gregg's dad, Bob, 9/16/24.

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.

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.

most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.

Together We Serve

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Capo 3: (G) (D) (Em) (Bm7)
 B^b F Gm Dm7



1 To - geth - er we serve, u - nit - ed by love,
 2 We seek to be - come a bea - con of hope,
 3 We wel - come the scarred, the wealth - y, the poor,
 4 To - geth - er, by grace, we wit - ness and work,

(C) (G) (Am7) (Dsus) (D)
 E^b B^b Cm7 Fsus F



in - vit - ing God's world to the glo - ri - ous feast.
 a lamp for the heart and a light for the feet.
 the bus - y, the lone - ly, and all who need care.
 re - mem - ber - ing Je - sus, in whom we grow strong.

(G) (D) (C) (Bm)
 B^b F E^b Dm



We work and we pray through sor - row and joy,
 We learn, year by year, to let love shine through
 We of - fer a home to those who will come,
 To - geth - er we serve in Spir - it and truth,

(G) (C) (G) (Am) (D7) (G)
 B^b E^b B^b Cm F7 B^b



ex - tend - ing God's love to the last and the least.
 un - til we see Christ in each per - son we meet.
 our hands quick to help, our hearts read - y to dare.
 re - mem - ber - ing love is the strength of our song.

The first three words of this text appear in the website address for First Presbyterian Church of San Anselmo, California, for whose centennial the hymn was commissioned. The text draws on Ephesians 4:11-16, a passage describing the many gifts and ministries within the body of Christ.

Ruling Elders

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

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

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

Clerk of Session Sharon Clark

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Larry Jones
Justin Powers
Christie Wilson

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Prentice Brown
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Cathy Flowers
Martha Spencer
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