

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

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Adonai Ro'i Lo Echsar (Psalm 23)
Kim Tichenor, violin; Guy Younce, piano

Gerald Cohen

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!

INTROIT

Hear, O Israel Keith & Kristyn Getty; Stuart Townend
Laura Atkinson, mezzo soprano

Hear, O Israel, the people of the Lord,
Be still and know that He is God.
Love the Lord your God with the fullness of your heart,
With all your mind, your strength and soul.
We draw near through Christ who saves us.
We draw near to the throne of Grace.
Hear, O Israel, the people of the Lord,
Come, lift your voice and praise your King.

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 687

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past
stanzas 1-5

ST. ANNE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Loving God, we confess that we sometimes look for you in the wrong places. We too often put our trust in material things. We enjoy an abundance many cannot imagine, yet we do not always recognize these blessings. We worry about the future, and we fear having to go without. Forgive our self-centeredness that seeks only our well-being. Forgive the many ways we ignore the needs of others. Help us to seek your righteousness, and to put your will first in our lives.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

Committing all that we are to God, let us trust in this very Good News:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free! Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE HYMN 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*, st. 6

ST. ANNE

*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.*

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 90:12-17

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

SECOND READING

Mark 10:17-31

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

SERMON

Squeezing Through the Needle's Eye

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the
third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from
thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy catholic church; the
communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of
the body, and the life everlasting. 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

Shalom

Dan Forrest

The Sanctuary Choir; Kim Tichenor, violin; Guy Younce, piano

Peace...Shalom. Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you. Peace ...Shalom.

Not as this world gives, I give to you, do not be afraid. Shalom. - *based on John 14:27*

*DOXOLOGY 711

Lord of All Good, st. 3

TOULON

**Father, whose bounty all creation shows;
Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live;
Spirit from whom all life in fullness flows:
To you with grateful hearts ourselves we give.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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 649

Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

AMAZING GRACE

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Toccata Brevis

Daniel Gawthrop

Guy Younce, guest organist

*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 our parents Bob & Jane Johnston, and Gordon & Muriel Bahe, from Cheeky & John Bahe, and Harvey Johnston.

USHERS

John Hubbard, Nancy Hubbard, Elizabeth Scinta, Kit Davis, Leigh Parrot,
Paige Reinstine

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, Lorie Williamson, liturgists;
Phil Anderton, lay reader

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, conductor; Guy Younce, guest organist;
Kim Tichenor, violinist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

Our service music this morning recognizes the deep roots of our worship practices with those of the Hebraic people, who, in recent days, have been observing the “Days of Awe” - *Rosh Hashanah* (New Year) and this weekend, *Yom Kippur*, the Day of Atonement. Gerald Cohen, an American Jewish composer, sets the traditional *Adonai Ro'i*, or Psalm 23 for violin and piano, and in its plaintive tones, invokes the holiness of our shepherding God. Modern Christian composers Keith & Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend have joined the ancient *Sh'ma Yisrael* (“Hear, O Israel, the Lord is One, the Lord is God”) with a text that points to the fulfillment of God’s promise in Christ, calling us to God’s throne of grace. We sing together the great hymn of faith, *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*, acknowledging our reliance on the providence of God. Our offertory anthem calls us to utter the words of *Shalom*, or “Peace” to one another, mirroring the words of Jesus to his disciples in the Gospel of John. Surely, in these “days of awe” for all the world, these words are desperately needed.

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We Lift Up in Prayer

The family and friends of Kathryn (Kay) Hampton Helm whose memorial service will be held in the Chapel this Friday, October 18 at 11:00 a.m. Mrs. Helm died June 15, 2024.

Edith Courtenay and her family on the death of her husband Gouverneur “Bo” Nixon,
9/27/24.

Brooks Mayer & Sasha Björk-Mayer and their family on the death of Brooks’ father, Ed,
9/22/24.

Gregg and Priss Hovious and their family on the death of Gregg’s father, Bob, 9/16/24.

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

711 Lord of All Good

1 Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;
 2 We give our minds to un - der - stand your ways;
 3 Fa - ther, whose boun - ty all cre - a - tion shows;

use them your ho - ly pur - pose to ful - fill,
 hands, eyes, and voice to serve your great de - sign;
 Christ, by whose will - ing sac - ri - fice we live;

to - kens of love and pledg - es brought a - new,
 heart with the flame of your own love a - blaze,
 Spir - it, from whom all life in full - ness flows:

that our whole life is of - fered to your will.
 till for your glo - ry all our powers com - bine.
 to you with grate - ful hearts our - selves we give.

A pastor wrote this text for a Christmas fair, which perhaps added echoes to the words "gifts" and "give" in the first two stanzas. But no hints are needed to grasp the full meaning of this hymn's final line. The text is set to a shortened form of a widely used Genevan tune.

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.*

CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.*

NAVAHO

*Nizhónígo joobá diits' a'
 yisdáshítinigí,
 lah yóóiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da nt'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it “Faith’s Review and Expectation.” Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

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