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.

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 worshipers 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.

Service for the Lord's Day The Gathering

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

Prelude for Organ

Fanny Mendelssohn Hensel

Dr. Zachary Klobnak, Guest Organist

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

I'll Praise My Maker The Sanctuary Choir

OLD 113TH

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. - paraphrase of Psalm 146

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

Lobe den Herren

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION read in unison

Merciful God, we come seeking your forgiveness. We have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not reached out in compassion to strangers or welcomed the alien in our midst. Instead, we too often look upon others with suspicion and scorn. We too often put our own interests before the welfare of others. Forgive us, we pray. Help us to turn in service and generosity so that others may be lifted up. Help us

to give with glad hearts out of the abundance we enjoy so that others may simply live. We long to be your faithful people, serving in the name and spirit of Christ.

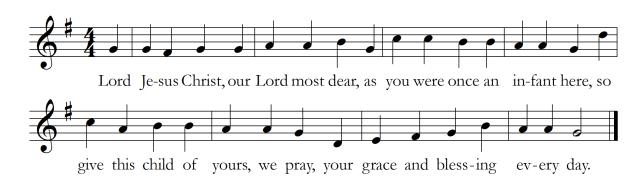
Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS read responsively

The good news of forgiveness is meant for everyone....

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen.

*BAPTISM HYMN Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Dear Tallis Canon 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.



SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Micah Glenn Bowman son of Andrew Bowman and Megan Bannerman

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.

^{*}read in unison when invited

*PASSING OF THE PEACE read responsively

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

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Connie Smith

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Mark 12:38-44

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Ruth 3:1-5; 4:13-17

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON Unsung Faithfulness Rev. Andrew Bowman

The Response

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 Alleluia Elaine Hagenberg

Alleluia! All shall be Amen and Alleluia.

We shall rest and we shall see. We shall see and we shall know.

We shall know and we shall love.

Behold our end which is no end. - St. Augustine (354-430)

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 697 Take My Life, and Let it Be Consecrated

HENDON

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE Finale Alan Viner

Dr. Zachary Klobnak, 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."

USHERS

Emily Lawrence, Jennifer Scott, Sallye Pence, Susan Langford, Amy Parker, Jane Roth, Liz Haas

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Andrew Bowman, preacher; Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton & Lorie Williamson, liturgists; Rev. Dr. Tom Sweets, Lay Reader; Joshua Cook, Light bearer.

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, conductor; Dr. Zachary Klobnak, guest organist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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We Lift Up in Prayer

The family of Jim Appleberry on his death, 10/21/24.

Glenda Bumpas and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Jim Cunagin, 10/20/24. Charles Ratliff, Liz & Jonathan Evans and family on the death of his wife and her mother, Melissa, 10/16/24.

35 Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty



This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1–6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.



- 5 Take my will and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take my heart, it is thine own; it shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.
- 6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour at thy feet its treasure store; take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee, ever, only, all for thee.

This hymn of consecration radiates from the repeated word "take," resulting in a remarkably full survey of a person's attributes and possessions and giving weight to the "all" at the end. The composer of the tune was influential in the renewal of Reformed hymnody in French.

Ruling Elders

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Laura Cromer	Michael Beasley	Miriam Ballert
Kit Davis	Paul Costel	Marilyn Duke
Patrick Farnan	Elaine Duncan	Liz Ratliff Evans
Bill McDowell	Holly Gathright	Lindsey Hundley
Rosemay Palmer-Ball	Bob Horton	Lucy Kosse
Edie Wells	John Hubbard	Deb Vetter
Johnny Burrice youth	Elizabeth Scinta	Whitney Watt
Trevor Gilford youth	Linda Watson	

Clerk of Session Sharon Clark

Deacons

Class of 2024	Class of 2025	Class of 2026
Beth Blythe	Sandy Bailey	Nathan Dicken
Scott Carothers	Prentice Brown	Glen Hume
Priss Hovious	Cathy Flowers	Sissy Judy
Larry Jones	Tim Martin, Clerk of Deacons	Susan McDowell
Justin Powers	Jane Roth	Paige Reinstine
Christie Wilson	Martha Spencer	Kristi Smith
	Lowell Stevens	

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