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!

Service for the Lord's Day The Gathering

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Now Thank We All Our God PRELUDE

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Paula Roberts, Organist Emerita

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 643

Now Thank We All Our God stanzas 1 & 2

Nun Danket Alle Gott

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION read in unison

Gracious God, we claim you as our king, yet fail to follow your will for us. You invite us to ministries of service and hospitality, but we seek power and security instead. You call us to love our neighbors, but too often we turn our backs when they are in need. Forgive us, merciful God, when we confuse our own wants with your purposes for creation. Reclaim us as your people, forgive us as your children, and teach us how to live out your truth.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS read responsively

...Let us believe and proclaim the Good News:

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Amen.

All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven, to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given: the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore, the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE read responsively

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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Revelation 1:4b-8

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING John 18:33-37

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Truth Before Us 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 OFFERING

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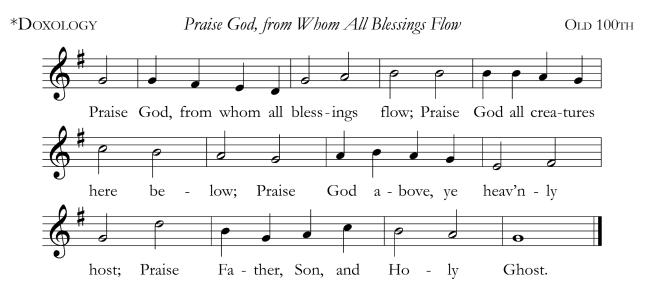


ANTHEM O God, Beyond All Praising Gustav Holst/arr. R. Proulx

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today and sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; for we can only wonder at every gift you send, at blessings without number and mercies without end: we lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, we honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die, its fragile Bloom surrender to you, the Lord most high; but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown: for Christ the man from heaven from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory.

Then hear, O gracious Savior, accept the love we bring, that we who know your favor may serve you as our king; and whether our tomorrows be filled with good or ill, we'll triumph through our sorrows and rise to bless you still: to marvel at your beauty and glory in your ways, and make a joyful duty our sacrifice of praise. - *Michael Perry*



^{*}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 268 Crown Him with Many Crowns Diademata

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE Hornpipe G.F. Handel

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 to the Glory of God and in memory of Dr. and Mrs. W Burford Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. McCracken, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Howard Davis, from the Davis family

THE FLOWERS in the Narthex are given by Jack and Susan Moss and family in memory of Betty Gibbs whose life was celebrated on Saturday, November 23.

USHERS

Henry Kelsey, Kathy Oyler, Kent Oyler, Jane Roth, Mike Dickman, Cindy Dickman

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Deb Vetter, Lay Reader. The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, conductor; Paula Roberts, Organist Emerita Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Jack, Susan, Elliott, Wesley and Rhodes Moss and family on the death of Jack's mother, Betty Gibbs, 11/18/24.

Brian and Lisa Houghlin & Sam, Brooks, and Lucy Owen on the death of Brian's mother, Donna, 11/14/24.

Evelyn Hwang and family on the death of her brother, Dr. Peter T. K. Wu, 11/10/24.

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.

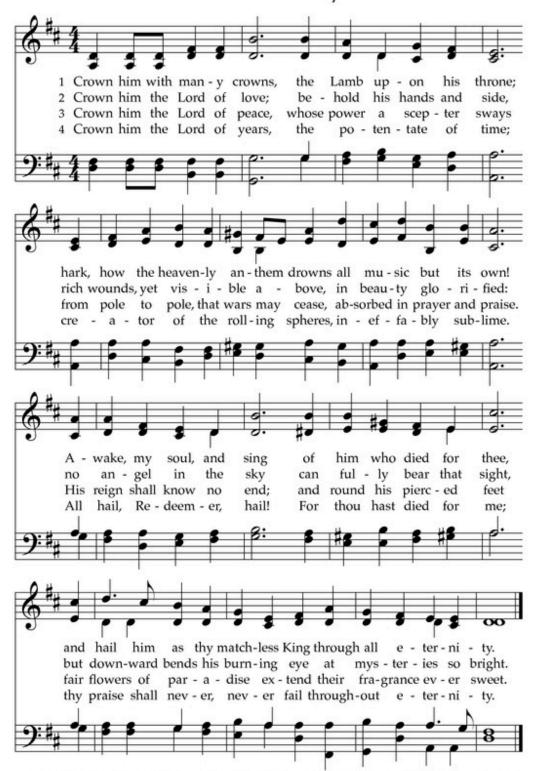
Charles Ratliff, Liz & Jonathan Evans and family on the death of his wife and her mother, Melissa, 10/16/24.

643 Now Thank We All Our God



Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

Crown Him with Many Crowns 268



This text is so familiar that it is easy to miss all its paradox, mystery, suffering, and beauty; it rewards careful reading and meditation outside corporate worship. The tune's composer, chapel organist at Windsor Castle, had much experience in creating a royal sound.

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