

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!

*RESPONSE

Now Thank We All Our God, st. 3

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

**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

*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 *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*

*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 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

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

who, from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

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

1 Crown him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on his throne;
 2 Crown him the Lord of love; be - hold his hands and side,
 3 Crown him the Lord of peace, whose power a scep - ter sways
 4 Crown him the Lord of years, the po - ten - tate of time;

hark, how the heaven-ly an - them drowns all mu - sic but its own!
 rich wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glo - ri - fied:
 from pole to pole, that wars may cease, ab - sorbed in prayer and praise.
 cre - a - tor of the roll - ing spheres, in - ef - fa - bly sub - lime.

A - wake, my soul, and sing of him who died for thee,
 no an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight,
 His reign shall know no end; and round his pier - ed feet
 All hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For thou hast died for me;

and hail him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
 but down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
 fair flowers of par - a - dise ex - tend their fra - grance ev - er sweet.
 thy praise shall nev - er, nev - er fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

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.

Ruling Elders

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

Class of 2025

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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

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Priss Hovious
Larry Jones
Justin Powers
Christie Wilson

Class of 2025

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

Class of 2026

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Glen Hume
Sissy Judy
Susan McDowell
Paige Reinstine
Kristi Smith

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