

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.*

Bold type *is sung or read in unison.*

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBER: COURTNEY HUNTER
RECOGNITION OF SHARON CLARK AS CLERK OF SESSION

PRELUDE

Pastorale, Mvt. 3
Dr. Jack Ashworth, Guest Organist

J.S. Bach

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 326

For All the Saints
stanzas 1-4

SINE NOMINE

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Gracious God of our ancestors, have mercy on us. We confess that we do not always love as you want us to. We do not always act as you desire. In our stubbornness, we turn away from you when we ought to follow your lead. Forgive us, O God. Wipe the tears from our faces, and give us courage to live as your saints in this time and this place, no matter what comes our way.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

Hear these words of redemption and hope, for this is the good news:
Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE HYMN 326, stanza 5

For All the Saints

SINE NOMINE

*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.*

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP

Grady Nutt

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

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

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1-6a

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

SERMON

What We Are Waiting For

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the

Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

Like Him We Rise
Ricky Case, tenor

Tom Trenney

*DOXOLOGY

from *Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!*

EASTER HYMN

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head, Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise, Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies, Alleluia!

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *read responsively*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.
It is truly right ... who forever sing in joyful praise...
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

We remember Jesus ... Great is the mystery of faith...

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Before your face ... Hear us as we remember before you members of this congregation who have died... *(Names of those who have died this year are read)*

Now hear us as we name silently and aloud those we remember now in the great communion of saints... *(Congregation is invited to share silently or aloud the names of those in their lives who have died)*

Gracious God, pour out your spirit upon... Hear us as we pray together the words Jesus gave to us, saying...

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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All those who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to take part in the sacrament. A choice of red wine or white juice is offered. Gluten-free bread is available in cups on the plates. You are invited to say, as you pass the bread, "Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life" and as you pass the wine, "Jesus Christ, the Cup of Salvation."

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION *Agnus Dei from Eternal Light*

Howard Goodall

The Sanctuary Choir; Kenneth Oeth, soloist

Agnus Dei qui tollis peccata mundi,

Miserere nobis, dona eis requiem.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world.

Have mercy on us, grant to us peace.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

The Sending

*HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

HYFRYDOL

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Michael Burkhardt

*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

PRESENTING 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 ROSE IN THE CHANCEL is in celebration of the birth of Mary Townsend Kragenbring, born on 10/21/24 to Mary Peyton & Josh Kragenbring.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Pat and Gordon Dabney and Pat and Bill West from their children, Patty and Bill West.

USHERS

Gene Smith, Connie Smith, Allison Duncan, Cathy Flowers, Nancy Ostertag, Frank Parker, Amy Parker

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, & Lorie Williamson, liturgists; Wilson Masick, lay leader.

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Dr. Jack Ashworth, Guest Organist
Evan Vivic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vivic, 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.

For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

Harmony, stanza 3

3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet

all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Al - le - lu - ia! *to stanza 4*
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT



pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our



thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

Ruling Elders

Class of 2024

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

Class of 2025

Michael Beasley
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

Beth Blythe
Scott Carothers
Priss Hovious
Larry Jones
Justin Powers
Christie Wilson

Class of 2025

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

Class of 2026

Nathan Dicken
Glen Hume
Sissy Judy
Susan McDowell
Paige Reinstine
Kristi Smith

Staff

Kimberly Clayton *Interim Pastor & Head of Staff*
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Elizabeth Clay *Coordinator for Pastoral Care*
Karla Wright *Director of the Weekday School*
Lorie Williamson *Director of Children's & Family Ministry*
Jim Rittenhouse *Director of Worship & Music Ministry*
Ricky Case *Student Music Coordinator*
Diane Jackson *Bookkeeper*
Amy Kiefner *Church Administrator*
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