

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

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *How Brightly Shines the Morning Star* Johann Pachelbel
Dr. James Rightmyer, Guest Organist

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Moment for Mission Kelsey Thomas, The Healing Place

INTROIT *My Dancing Day* trad. English carol, arr. Parker & Shaw

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day;
I would my true love did so chance
To see the legend of my play,
To call my true love to my dance;
*Sing, oh! my love, oh! my love,
This have I done for my true love.*

Then was I born of a virgin pure,
Of her I took fleshly substance
Thus was I knit to man's nature
To call my true love to my dance. *Sing, oh!...*

In a manger laid, and wrapped I was
So very poor, this was my chance
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass
To call my true love to my dance. *Sing, oh!...*

Then afterwards baptized I was;
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,
My Father's voice heard I from above,
To call my true love to my dance. *Sing, oh!*

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 485 *We Know That Christ Is Raised* ENGELBERG

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Holy God, in the baptismal waters, we are claimed as Christ's own forever. Sharing in his life, death, and resurrection, we are called to follow his way of life. Too often, we fail to love as Christ loved. We do not love you with all of our heart and mind and strength. We do not love our neighbors as much as we love ourselves. Instead, we turn away from those we see as strangers and outcasts. Sometimes, we even turn away from family and friends, unable to forgive or accept them. Forgive us, we pray. Cleanse our hearts with your grace. Set us free from all that holds us back from joyful discipleship, unconditional love, and generous hospitality. Wash us anew so that we may continue to live Christ's way in the world.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

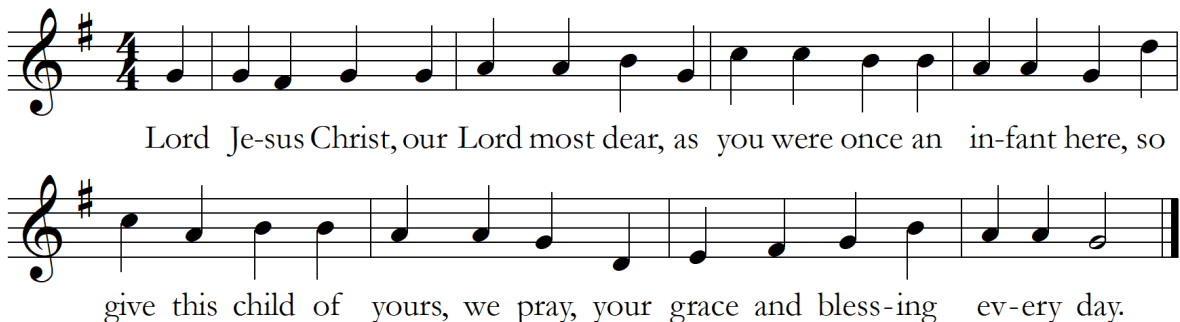
...we rejoice in the Good News of the Gospel...

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and given the grace to begin again.

Thanks be to God! 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.*



Lord Je-sus Christ, our Lord most dear, as you were once an in-fant here, so
give this child of yours, we pray, your grace and bless-ing ev-ery day.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Claire Louise Seiler, *daughter of James and Allie Seiler*

**read in unison when invited*

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.**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE read responsively*

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

PRAYER FOR SAFE TRAVEL

for Youth Winter Retreat Participants

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 43:1-7

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

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

SERMON

Great Expectations

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!



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Jesus, So Lowly

Harold Friedell

The Octet

Jesus, so lowly, Child of the earth: Christen me wholly, Bring me new birth.

Jesus, so lonely, weary and sad; Teach me that only Love maketh glad.

Jesus, so broken, silent and pale; Be this the token Love will not fail.

Jesus, victorious, mighty and free; Teach me how glorious death is to be.

Edith Williams

+DOXOLOGY *Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD 100TH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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 297

In Christ Called to Baptize

ST. DENIO

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Dr. James Righmyer, 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 CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Lelia Lewis and Robert Brien Stone by the Baltzell and Duncan families.

USHERS

Nora Moloney, Joe Moloney, Will Duncan (Confirmation Mentor), Zachary Burrice (Confirmand), Stan deVoogd (Confirmation Mentor), Zac Raymond (Confirmand)

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Andrew Bowman, preacher; Lorie Williamson, liturgist; William Wright, acolyte; Patrice Paton, Elder for Baptism; Jane Roth, lay reader

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Dr. James Rightmyer, Guest Organist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Lenny and Kelly Gant and family on the death of his father, Carl Gant, 12/8/24.

John Y. III, Rebecca, John Y. IV, and Maggie Brown and family on the death of his mother, and their grandmother, Ellie Brown, 12/7/24.

We Know That Christ Is Raised 485

Capo 3: (D) (Asus) (A) (A/G) (D/F#)
 F Csus C C/B^b F/A

1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
 2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
 3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
 4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

(D) (A) (D) (E7) (A)
 F C F G7 C

Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold,
 Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life
 The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the church of God.
 as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

(Am) (D) (G) (Em) (Bm)
 Cm F B^b Gm Dm

and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
 as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
 Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.
 The u - ni - verse, re - stored and whole, will sing:

1-3 4
 (Em) (D) (Asus) (A) (Em) (D)
 Gm F Csus C Gm F

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

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Beginning with an allusion to Romans 6:9, this exuberant baptismal hymn unfolds the implications of our incorporation into Christ's new life, making us "a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The text was written to fit this expansive tune by a distinguished British composer.

In Christ Called to Baptize 297

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Written for use at the 1997 meeting of the Lutheran World Federation, this text about Christian vocation and ministry organizes the first three stanzas around verbs: baptize, banquet, witness. The final stanza is a prayer for the Spirit's gifts to empower all these callings.

Ruling Elders

Class of 2024
Laura Cromer
Kit Davis
Patrick Farnan
Bill McDowell
Rosemay Palmer-Ball
Edie 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

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Priss Hovious
Larry Jones
Tim Martin, *Clerk of Deacons*
Justin Powers
Christie Wilson

Class of 2025
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Prentice Brown
Cathy Flowers
Jane Roth
Martha Spencer
Lowell Stevens

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