

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!

***Bold** type indicates to stand as you are able*

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

Prelude in g minor, Op. 7, no. 3
Dr. James Rightmyer, Guest Organist

Marcel Dupré

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

O Be Joyful in the Lord Edwin Fissinger

O be joyful in the Lord all ye lands; Serve the Lord with gladness
and come before God's presence with a song. - *from Psalm 100*

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

ODE TO JOY

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

You have blessed us with many things, gracious God. You shower us with love and joy, but we are reluctant to share. We hoard what you have given us, and make excuses for ourselves when called to share. We desire more and more, and bring damage to your good creation. We focus too much on ourselves, and cause harm to those around us. We fail to serve others. Forgive us, loving God. Strengthen us to share our lives and our blessings, that we might be restored and renewed.

Time for silent prayer.

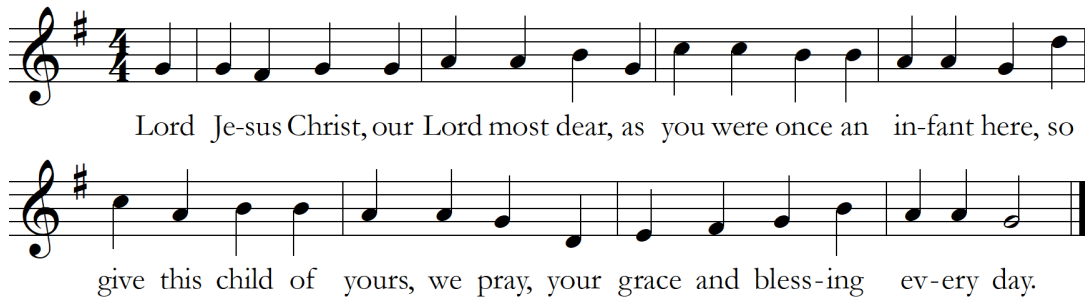
*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...Dear friends, believe this Good News:

Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, and we belong to God. Alleluia! 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

Cecelia Alice Crockett, daughter of Sam and Morgan Crockett

**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.**

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 2:1-11

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

SERMON

Known For Our Parties?

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton

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

Blessed Be the Name of the Lord

Dale Grotenhuis

Praise ye the Lord! Praise him, O ye servants of the Lord!

Praise the name of the Lord!

Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.

From the rising of the sun to the going down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised.

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens. Blessed be...

Psalm 113:1-4, KJV

+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 305

Come Sing, O Church, in Joy DARWALL'S 148TH

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fugue in g minor, Op. 7, no. 3
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*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 honor and memory of Jeannie Wilson by her husband, Ed.

USHERS

Kit Davis, Joey Dobbins, Chuck Dobbins, Joe Gathright, Holly Gathright, Sarah Middleton

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist;

Lucy Kosse, Elder for Baptism; John Hubbard, lay reader

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

Evan Vivic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vivic, 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.

ADORATION

611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-lect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.

Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a - bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.

Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a - way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash - ing sea,
 Ev - er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic - tors in the midst of strife.

Giv - er of im - mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant - ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re - joice in thee.
 Joy - ful mu - sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

305 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!

1 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
 2 Long years have come and gone, and still God reigns su - preme,
 3 Let cour - age be our friend; let wis - dom be our guide,
 4 Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!

For Christ the Lord has led us through the a - ges long!
 em - power - ing us to catch the vi - sion, dream the dream!
 as we in mis - sion mag - ni - fy the Cru - ci - fied!
 For Christ the Lord has tri - umphed o'er the a - ges long!

In bold ac - cord, come cel - e - brate the jour - ney now and praise the Lord!

This text was the winner in a hymn competition sponsored by the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) Bicentennial Committee for the 1988–1989 observance, which had the theme “Celebrate the Journey.” The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) is appropriately celebratory.

Ruling Elders

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Bill McDowell
Rosemay Palmer-Ball
Edie Wells
Johnny Burrice *youth*
Trevor Gilford *youth*

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