

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!

+Texts for anthems in the back of the bulletin

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *8:30 a.m.* *+ King of Glory, King of Peace* K. Lee Scott
Molly Melahn, soprano; Jim Rittenhouse, baritone
Dr. James Rightmyer, Guest Organist

11 a.m. *I Was Glad* C.H.H. Parry
The Sanctuary Choir; Dr. James Rightmyer, Guest Organist

I was glad when they said unto me we will go into the house of the Lord.
Our feet shall stand in thy gates, O Jerusalem. Jerusalem is builded as a city, that is at unity in itself.
O pray for the peace of Jerusalem, they shall prosper that love thee.
Peace be within thy walls and plenteousness within thy palaces.
- from Psalm 122; 1662 Book of Common Prayer)

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 610 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON
vs 1-4

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

God of grace, though you call us to unity, we confess we are often divisive. Though you invite us to seek peace, we argue and fight. Though you long for us to care for one another, we are often critical and judgmental. We are self-centered and selfish, concerned only with how the world relates to us and our happiness. Forgive us, merciful God. Forgive us when we mistake our comfort and welfare for your desires. Turn our hearts towards the world around us, and show us how we can bear witness to your great love.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...Friends, hear and believe the good news:

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing, vs. 5

AZMON

To God all glory, praise, and love be now and ever giv'n

By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heav'n.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

The Word

HYMN 698 *remain seated*

Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff on top and a bass clef staff on the bottom. The key signature has four flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, D-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the treble clef staff. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the last two lines. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and moving lines.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 4:14-21

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

SERMON

The Good Book

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

From a Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the Church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in Church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

None Other Lamb

Craig Courtney

Molly Melahn & Jim Rittenhouse, soloists

None other Lamb, none other Name,

None other hope in heav'n or earth or sea,

None other hiding-place from guilt and shame,

None beside Thee.

My faith burns low, my hope burns low;

Only my heart's desire cries out in me

By the deep thunder of its want and woe,

Cries out to Thee.

Lord, Thou art Life, though I be dead;

Love's fire Thou art, however cold I be;

Nor heaven have I, nor place to lay my head,

Nor home but Thee. - *Christina Rossetti*

+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 463

How Firm a Foundation

FOUNDATION

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

11 a.m. - Fugue in E-flat Major, BWV 552.

J. S. Bach

Dr. James Rightmyer, 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 Betty Kilgore Moss Gibbs
by her family.

USHERS

8:30 a.m.: Greg Treitz

11 a.m.: John Hubbard, Nancy Hubbard, Mary Beth Avery, James Russell (Confirmand);
Nolan Russell (Confirmand); T.J. Rogers (Confirmation Mentor)

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Colins Hines, acolyte.

Molly Melahn, soprano & Jim Rittenhouse, baritone (8:30); The Sanctuary Choir (11)

Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Dr. James Rightmyer, Guest Organist

11 a.m. Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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8:30 a.m. ANTHEM TEXT

King of Glory, King of Peace (George Herbert, 1633)

King of glory, King of peace, I will love Thee;

and that love may never cease, I will move Thee.

Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me;

Thou didst note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing Thee,

and the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee.

Though my sins against me cried, Thou didst clear me;

and alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me.

Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n, I will praise Thee;

in my heart, though not in heav'n, I can raise Thee.

Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll Thee:

e'en eternity's too short to extol Thee.

We Lift Up in Prayer

Jean Maxwell and family on the death of Richard (Dick) Maxwell, 1/17/25.

Charlie and Lisa Barr on the death of his nephew Paul Barr, 01/16/25.

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.

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar
 a mi Libertador,
 las glorias de su majestad,
 los triunfos de su amor.*

KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면
 그 입 다 가지고
 내 구주 주신 은총을
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.

463 How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis-mayed,
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

Ruling Elders

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Laura Cromer
Kit Davis
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Trevor Gilford *youth*

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