

# 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](http://2ndpreslou.org) to connect with various ministries, or to contact the office for more information about our faith community.

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*Children of God, welcome home!*

# *Service for the Lord's Day*

## *The Gathering*

11 a TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Hymn to Joy - Beethoven* arr. Cotter/George  
David George, Guest Pianist

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *Blessed Jesus, at Your Word* LIEBSTER JESU

Blessed Jesus, at your word we have come again to hear you;  
let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in glowing faith be near you.  
By your gospel true and holy, teach us, Lord, to love you solely. - *tr. Catherine Winkworth*

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

\*HYMN 65 *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* CWM RHONDDA

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**Loving God, you ask us to be your light in a darkened world. Yet we confess that we are often reluctant to speak out, and do not name the injustices we see. We look the other way, saying “it isn’t our problem.” We share in hatred, gossip, and exclusion. We celebrate the ruthless and violent, and ignore the humble and the peacemaker. Forgive us, merciful God. Teach us to live your way of peace and justice, and give us courage to stand for what is right.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

Let us live in peace because of this wonderful Good News:

**Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we know that we are forgiven!**

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*RESPONSE

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah, refrain*

CWM RHONDDA

**Songs of praises, songs of praise, I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.**

\*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

Jeremiah 1:4-10

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

MEDITATION

*The Word of the Lord from MASS*

Leonard Bernstein  
& Stephen Schwartz

Jim Rittenhouse, baritone; David George, piano

*(text found at back of bulletin)*

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 4:21-30

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

SERMON

*Taking Offense*

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

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OFFERTORY HYMN 503 *seated* *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation* TOULON

#### 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.**

Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted ...And we pray now the prayer Jesus taught us:

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

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

*And Can it Be?*

Dan Forrest

And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain—

For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! How can it be,  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

He left His Father's throne above  
So free, so infinite His grace—  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race:

'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For O my God, it found out me!  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For O my God, it found out me!

No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him, is mine;  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my  
own.- *-Charles Wesley, 1738*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

## *The Sending*

\*HYMN 772

*Live Into Hope*

TRURO

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*  
David George, Guest Pianist

Showalter/arr. Wolaver

*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.*

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## *In Worship Today*

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Vogt  
by their family.

USHERS

*8:30 a.m.:* Scott Carothers

*11 a.m.:* Edie Wells, Linda Watson, Cathy Martin, Tim Martin, Vic Baltzell, Lee Baltzell

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton, preacher; Elizabeth Clay, liturgist;

Sallie Cunningham, lay reader (8:30); Vic Baltzell, lay reader (11)

The Octet (8:30); The Sanctuary Choir (11)

Jim Rittenhouse, Director; David George, Guest Pianist

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

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## *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.

ANTHEM TEXT: *The Word of the Lord* from *MASS* - Leonard Bernstein & Stephen Schwartz

*Spoken:* Dear Brothers and sisters:

This is the gospel I preach; and in its service  
I have suffered hardship like a criminal; yea,  
even unto imprisonment; but there is no  
imprisoning the word of God ...

*Sung:*

You can lock up the bold men  
Go and lock up your bold men and hold  
Men in tow  
You can stifle all adventure  
For a century or so  
Smother hope before it's risen  
Watch it wizen like a gourd  
But you cannot imprison  
The Word of the Lord.

For the Word was at the birth of the Beginning  
It made the heavens and the earth and set  
them spinning  
And for several million years  
It's endured all our forums and fine ideas  
It's been rough but it appears to be winning!  
There are people who doubt it and shout  
It out loud!  
There are local vocal yokels who we know  
Collect a crowd  
They can fashion a rebuttal that's as subtle  
As a sword  
But they're never gonna scuttle the Word  
Of the Lord

*Spoken* Dear Brothers and sisters:

I think that God has made  
Us apostles the most abject of humankind  
We hunger and thirst, we are naked,  
We are roughly handled, and we have no fixed  
abode.

They curse us and we bless.  
They persecute us and we suffer it. ...  
They treat us as the scum of the earth, the  
dregs of humanity, to this very day

*Sung:*

All you big men of merit who ferret out flaws  
You rely on our compliance with your  
Science and your laws  
Find a freedom to demolish while you  
Polish some award  
But you cannot abolish the Word of the Lord  
For the Word created mud and got it going  
It filled our empty brains with blood and  
Set it flowing  
And for thousands of regimes  
It's endured all our follies and fancy schemes  
It's been tough, and yet it seems to be growing!  
O you people of power, your hour is now  
You may plan to rule forever, but you never  
Do somehow!  
So we wait in silent treason until reason is  
restored and we wait for the season of the  
Word of the Lord  
We await the season of the Word of the Lord.  
We wait, we wait for the Word of the Lord. ...

## Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this  
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing  
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me  
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me  
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,  
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,  
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.  
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.  
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.

# Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

503

1 Lord, we have come at your own in - vi - ta - tion,  
2 Here, at your ta - ble, con - firm our in - ten - tion;  
3 When, at your ta - ble, each time of re - turn - ing,

cho - sen by you, to be count - ed your friends;  
give it your seal of for - give - ness and grace;  
vows are re - newed and our cour - age re - stored,

yours is the strength that sus - tains ded - i - ca - tion;  
teach us to serve with - out pride or pre - ten - sion,  
may we in - creas - ing - ly glo - ry in learn - ing

ours, a com - mit - ment we know nev - er ends.  
Lord, in your king - dom, what - ev - er our place.  
all that it means to ac - cept you as Lord.

St. Augustine spoke of eucharist as “the repeatable part of baptism,” and this hymn reminds us that each time we share in the Lord’s Supper we are renewing our baptismal vows. The text is set to a tune that dates to the transition between plainchant and modern tonalities.



772

Live into Hope

1 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed, of sight re -  
 2 Live in - to hope! The blind shall see with in - sight  
 3 Live in - to hope of lib - er - ty, the right to  
 4 Live in - to hope of cap - tives freed from chains of

gained, the end of greed. The op-pressed shall be the  
 and with clar - i - ty, re - mov - ing shades of  
 speak, the right to be, the right to have one's  
 fear or want or greed. God now pro - claims our

first to see the year of God's own ju - bi - lee!  
 pride and fear, a vi - sion of our God brought near.  
 dai - ly bread, to hear God's word and thus be fed.  
 full re - lease to faith and hope and joy and peace.

This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.

## *Ruling Elders*

*Class of 2024*  
Laura Cromer  
Kit Davis  
Patrick Farnan  
Bill McDowell  
Rosemay Palmer-Ball  
Edie Wells  
Johnny Burrice *youth*  
Trevor Gilford *youth*

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Paul Costel  
Elaine Duncan  
Holly Gathright  
Bob Horton  
John Hubbard  
Elizabeth Scinta  
Linda Watson

*Class of 2026*  
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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

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Prentice Brown  
Cathy Flowers  
Jane Roth  
Martha Spencer  
Lowell Stevens

*Class of 2026*  
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