

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

11 a TOLLING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Rondo

Rachel Laurin

Dr. Zach Klobnak, Guest Organist

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 806

I'll Praise My Maker (Psalm 146)

OLD 113TH

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Ever-present God, you shower us with blessings and fill our hearts with your love. Yet we confess that we are often slow to share the love we have received. You lead us through dry wilderness to streams of living water, but we do not root ourselves in your promised wholeness. Forgive our selfishness and our ignorance, gracious God. Forgive us for the times when we fail to love, and disappoint those who love us. Forgive us when we give in to temptation, and stray from your plans for us. Lead us back to the path you would choose.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

Friends, be encouraged by this wonderful Good News:

**God's perfect love forgives our sin and uplifts our hearts,
through Jesus Christ our Lord! Amen.**

*RESPONSE

Blest Are They, refrain

BLEST ARE THEY

Refrain *All*

Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;
ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!
Yours is the king - dom of God!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

The Word

PSALM 121 *A Song of Trust, from Six Bible Songs Op. 113* Charles V. Stanford
Laura Atkinson, mezzo soprano; Zach Klobnak, organ

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Jeremiah 17:5-10

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 6:17-26

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

SERMON

Plain Speaking

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

From The Barmen Declaration 8.17-8.19

The Christian Church is the congregation of the brethren in which Jesus Christ acts presently as the Lord in Word and Sacrament through the Holy Spirit. As the Church of pardoned sinners, it has to testify in a sinful world, with its faith as with its obedience, with its message as with its order, that it is solely his property, and that it lives and wants to live solely from his comfort and from his direction in the expectation of his appearance. We reject the false doctrine, as though the church were permitted to abandon the form of its message and order to its own pleasure or to changes in prevailing ideological and political convictions. “You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great men exercise authority over them. It shall not be so among you; but whoever would be great among you must be your servant.” (Matthew 20:25, 26)

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Purest and Highest

Charles V. Stanford

Purest and Highest,
Wisest and Most Just,
There is no truth save only in thy trust,
Thou dost the mind from earthly dreams recall,
And bring thro' Christ to him for whom are all.
Eternal Glory, all thee adore,
who art and shalt be worship'd evermore.
Us whom thou makest comfort with thy might,
and lead us to enjoy thy heavenly light. - *Robert Bridges*

*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 172

Blest Are They, vs. 1, 2, 4
vs. 1 Choir only; All sing refrains

BLEST ARE THEY

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Toccatina
Dr. Zach Klobnak, Guest Organist

Rachel Laurin

*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 ...

So now faith, hope, and love, these three abide; but the greatest of these is love. - 1 Corinthians 13:13

After the service please help yourself to the flowers to share with someone you love.

USHERS

8:30 a.m.: Peter Conway, Lorrie Conway

11 a.m.: Edie Wells, Jennifer Scott, Sallye Pence, John Bahe, Cheeky Bahe, Kit Davis

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Ava Beasley, acolyte (11);

Philip Anderton, lay reader (11)

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

Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Dr. Zach Klobnak, Guest Organist

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

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We Lift Up in Prayer

John, Lindsey, Mary-Hollis, Madeline, and John Hundley Jr. on the death of his father, and their grandfather, Luther Hundley, 2/12/25.

Elaine, John, Sam, Morgan, Henry, Callie, and Thomas Crockett and family on the death of Elaine's mother, Frances Roberts, 2/6/25.

Emily, Robert, Ella, Johnny, and Zachary Burrice on the death of Emily's aunt Jacqueline Wall, 1/27/25.

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.

806 I'll Praise My Maker

(Psalm 146)

1 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice
 2 How hap - py they whose hopes re - ly on Is - rael's God,
 3 The Lord pours eye - sight on the blind; the Lord sup - ports
 4 I'll praise my Mak - er while I've breath; and when my voice

is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.
 who made the sky and earth and seas with all their train;
 the faint - ing mind and sends the la - boring con - science peace.
 is lost in death, praise shall em - ploy my no - bler powers.

My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought
 whose truth for - ev - er stands se - cure, who saves the op - pressed
 God helps the strang - er in dis - tress, the wid - owed and
 My days of praise shall ne'er be past while life and thought

and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.
 and feeds the poor, and none shall find God's prom - ise vain.
 the par - ent - less, and grants the pris - oner sweet re - lease.
 and be - ing last, or im - mor - tal - i - ty en - dures.

This paraphrase of Psalm 146 was a great favorite of John Wesley: it appeared in his first hymn collection in 1737 (published in Charleston, South Carolina) and was on his lips when he died. The 16th-century tune to which it is set here is the one Watts had in mind for it.

Blest Are They

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*G*_{sus} *Leader or All* *G* *D* *C*

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; they shall in -
 3 Blest are they who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they who seek peace; they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, all be -

*D*_{sus} *D*₇ *G*_{sus} *G* *G*_{sus} *G*

king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause of me. Re - joice, be glad;

D *C* *D*_{sus} *D* *G*_{sus} *G*

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain *All* *C* *D*₇ *G* *D* *Em* *G* *C* *G*

Re - joice and be glad! Bless - ed are you;

Am *A* *D* *C* *D*₇ *Em* *Em*₇

ho - ly are you! Re - joice and be glad!

C *D*_{sus} *D* *C* *G*

Yours is the king - dom of God!

This hymn paraphrases the Beatitudes (Matthew 5:1–12), the opening portion of Christ’s Sermon on the Mount. Similar words of blessing also occur in the Sermon on the Plain (Luke 6:20–23). Both sets of sayings reverse worldly values and offer a new understanding of God’s ways.

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