

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!

** Please stand if you can do so comfortably.*

Bold type indicates to stand as you are able

+**Indicates** texts found at back of bulletin

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

11 a TOLLING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE

Invocation

Rachel Laurin

Dr. Zach Klobnak, Guest Organist

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 366

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

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*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Gracious God of love, you know us inside and out, the thoughts we try to hide and the intentions we keep to ourselves. Trusting in your wisdom and mercy, we confess the ways we have failed to love one another, the times we look the other way when someone needs help, and the ways our actions betray your goodness. Forgive us for missing opportunities to share your love, and carrying grudges that keep us from offering the forgiveness we wish to receive. Renew us with your mercy, that we might become more merciful to all those we meet.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

..Hear and believe this incredible Good News:

Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE

Blest Are They, refrain

BLEST ARE THEY

Refrain *All*

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

11 a ANTHEM

Chatter with the Angels

arr. Anna Laura Page

The Carol Choir, The Chapel Choir, and Worship Arts

Chatter with the angels soon in the mornin', chatter with the angels in that land.
Chatter with the angels soon in the mornin', chatter with the angels, join the band.
I hope to join the band and chatter with the angels all day long!

March with the angels

PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

11 a BLESSING OF THE PRAYER SHAWLS

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

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

ANTHEM

⁺*The Greatest Love*

Ken Medema

Jim Rittenhouse, baritone

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 6:27-38

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

SERMON

An Enlarged Future

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison* From A Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

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. Amen.

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

+Praise the One Who Makes Us One

Tom Trenney

*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 766

The Church of God Cannot Be Bound

McKEE

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fiesta

Emma Lou Diemer

Dr. Zach Klobnak, 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 dedicated to the memory of Sharon Stern, from her family.

THE ROSE ON THE CHANCEL (11 a.m.) is in celebration of Robert Burch Davis, born to Mac and Taylor Davis on February 11, 2025.

USHERS

8:30 a.m.: Bill Creason; 11 a.m.: Emily Lawrence, David Dorsey, Lee Ann Dorsey, John Bahe, Cheeky Bahe, Gordon Duke, Marilyn Duke

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Lucy Farnsley, acolyte (11); Kit Davis, lay reader (11)

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

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

The Carol Choir (Age 3-K); *Krista Mueller, director* (11)

Sarah Arton, Ellis Bowman, Sam Bryant, Ellis Clark, Bailey Cook, Cal Crawford, Gate Edinger, Piper Farnsley, Theo Hayden, Teddy Mayer

The Chapel Choir (Gr. 1-3): *Lorie Williamson, director* (11)

Elizabeth Arton, Reyna Dobbins, Silas Edinger, Ellie Farnsley, Isabelle Hayden, Coral Mueller, Miriam Ransan, Ava Grace Wright, Genevieve Williams, Una Donan, Harper Hubbard, Luna Phillips, Phoenix Phillips

Worship Arts (Gr. 4-6): *Ricky Case, director* (11)

Joshua Cook, Bebe Davis, Lucy Farnsley, Shilo Saylor, William Wright, McClain Watkins

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

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We Lift Up in Prayer

John Stern and family on the death of his wife, Sharon Stern, 02/16/25.

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.

ANTHEM TEXTS:

The Greatest Love, Ken Medema

Suppose I brave the winter winds for you,
to be sure you're safe and warm: this is love!
Suppose I swim the flooded rivers,
to protect you from the storm; this is love!
Suppose I stumble through the darkness
when I hear your urgent call: this is love!
But if I give my life to save you,
this is the greatest love of all.

Suppose I walk through wind and fire,
just to be here at your side: this is love!
Suppose I give up friends and family,
suppose for love I lose my pride: this is love!
Suppose I lose my reputation,
Lose my name, my face, my all: this is love!
But if I give my life to save you,
this is the greatest love of all.

I've heard it said that love's a feeling -
but this is only just the start
'Cause feelings change as fast as weather,
And love's a matter of the mind and will,
a matter of the head and heart...

Suppose I walk a thousand highways
to bring you back, when you are lost: this is
love!

Suppose it costs me my possessions
and I gladly bear the cost: this is love!
Suppose I face the soldiers' weapons,
Suppose I climb the prison walls: this is love!
But if I give my life to save you,
This is the greatest love of all.

Praise the One Who Makes Us One, Tom Trenney

Praise the One who breaks the darkness with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners, turning blindness into sight.
Praise the One who preached the gospel, healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands with the very bread of peace.

Praise the One who blessed the children with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons with a piercing, two-edged sword.
Praise the One who brings cool water to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water quenching thirst in ev'ry land.

Praise the one true love incarnate: Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many that we may know God by grace.
Let us sing for joy and gladness, seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory; praise the One who makes us one.

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366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of heaven, to
 2 Breathe, O breathe thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; let us all thy
 4 Fin - ish then thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less

earth come down, fix in us thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all thy
 trou - bled breast; let us all in thee in - her - it; let us
 life re - ceive; sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er -
 let us be; let us see thy great sal - va - tion per - fect -

faith - ful mer - cies crown. Je - sus, thou art all com - pas - sion;
 find the prom - ised rest. Take a - way the love of sin - ning;
 more thy tem - ples leave. Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing,
 ly re - stored in thee: changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry,

This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT

pure, un - bound - ed love thou art; vis - it us with
 Al - pha and O - me - ga be; end of faith, as
 serve thee as thy hosts a - bove, pray, and praise thee
 till in heaven we take our place, till we cast our

thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
 its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
 with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in thy per - fect love.
 crowns be - fore thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.

766 The Church of Christ Cannot Be Bound

1 The church of Christ can - not be bound by
 2 True faith will o - pen up the door and
 3 True love will not sit i - dly by when
 4 If what we have we free - ly share to
 5 The church of Christ can - not be bound by

walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and
 step in - to the street. True ser - vice will seek
 jus - tice is de - nied. True mer - cy hears the
 meet our neigh - bor's need, then we ex - tend the
 walls of wood or stone. Where char - i - ty and

love are found, there can the church be known.
 out the poor and ask to wash their feet.
 home - less cry and wel - comes them in - side.
 Spir - it's care through ev - ery self - less deed.
 love are found, there can the church be known.

This text was the winning entry in a hymnwritng competition seeking new texts dealing with poverty and homelessness, but as the stanza sung at the beginning and end of the hymn makes clear, such specific ministries grow out of an understanding of the church as love in action.

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