

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!

*Thank you for silencing mobile phones and other devices
to honor the sanctity of our worship.*

For our worshippers with little ones needing a quiet space during the worship service, there is an infant and caregiver room off the Narthex. If you have any questions, please notify an usher.



For our worshippers who use hearing devices, please be reminded that we have the T-Coil system available. If you have the T-coil feature on your hearing device, and most devices do have that feature, you simply need to switch it to that setting. If you would like a unit, please ask an usher to provide one.

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

When Jesus Wept

Jack Ashworth

Dr. Jack Ashworth, Guest Organist

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

Day by Day Martin Howe

Women of the Sanctuary Choir

Day by day, dear Lord, of Thee three things I pray.

To see Thee more clearly, love thee more dearly,

Follow Thee more nearly, day by day. - *from Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 14

For the Beauty of the Earth

DIX

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in things we have done, and things we have failed to do. We have held back from sharing with others, to protect what we have. We have not trusted in your goodness, and relied on the world's empty promises instead. Forgive the wrongs we have done and guide us into what we are meant to be. Teach us to serve you by serving your world.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

With joy, let us share God's grace to the whole world, proclaiming this

wonderful truth: **Anyone who is in Christ is a new creation.**

Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

*RESPONSE

BEACH SPRING

*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.*

**Christ, we know that you are able to bring healing through your cross;
Bring together at your table all for whom you paid the cost.
Though the feasting in your kingdom may still seem so far away,
May we share your meal of welcome as we wait that glorious day.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Elizabeth Jane Kosse, *daughter of Patrick and Lucy Kosse*

**read in unison when invited*

The Apostles' Creed

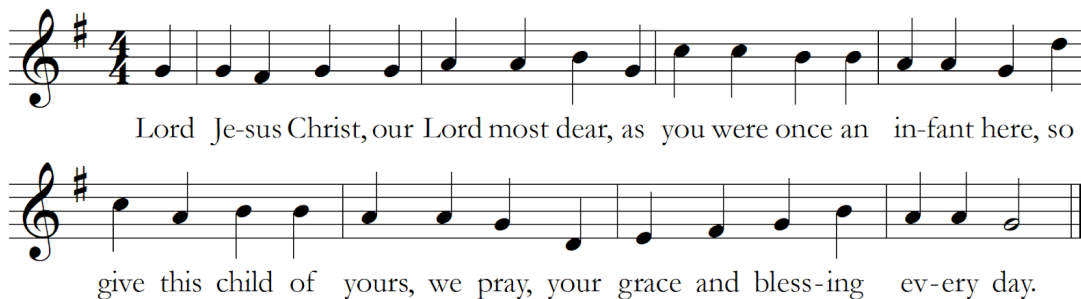
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day
he rose again from the dead; 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.**

*BAPTISM HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Dear

TALLIS CANON



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.

*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

Luke 14:1, 7-14

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 14:15-24

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

SERMON

Waiting Tables: RSVP

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

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Harold Friedell

Draw us in the Spirit's tether, for when humbly in your name,
two or three are met together, you are in the midst of them;
Lord, we praise you, O we praise you! Touch we now your garment's hem.

As disciples used to gather in the name of Christ to sup,
then with thanks to God the Father break the bread and bless the cup,
Lord, we praise you, O we praise you! So now bind our friendship up.

All our meals and all our living make as sacraments of you,
that by caring, helping, giving, we may be disciples true.
Lord, we praise you, O we praise you! We will serve you faithfully.
- Percy Dearmer, *adapted*

+DOXOLOGY

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, st. 4

HAMBURG

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small.

Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all!

*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 694

Great God of Every Blessing

AURELIA

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten
Dr. Jack Ashworth, Guest Organist

J.S. Bach

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 remembrance of Elizabeth Whayne Hardwick
from Elizabeth Helm and James R. Voyles

USHERS

Henry Kelsey, Sallye Pence, Jennifer Scott, Ann Bowling, Roy Bowling, Kit Davis

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Jane Roth, Elder for Baptism; Rosemary Palmer-Ball, lay reader

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Dr. Jack Ashworth, Guest Organist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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We Lift Up in Prayer

David Ellerbusch and family on the death of his wife, Bertha Ellersbusch, 03/01/25.

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.

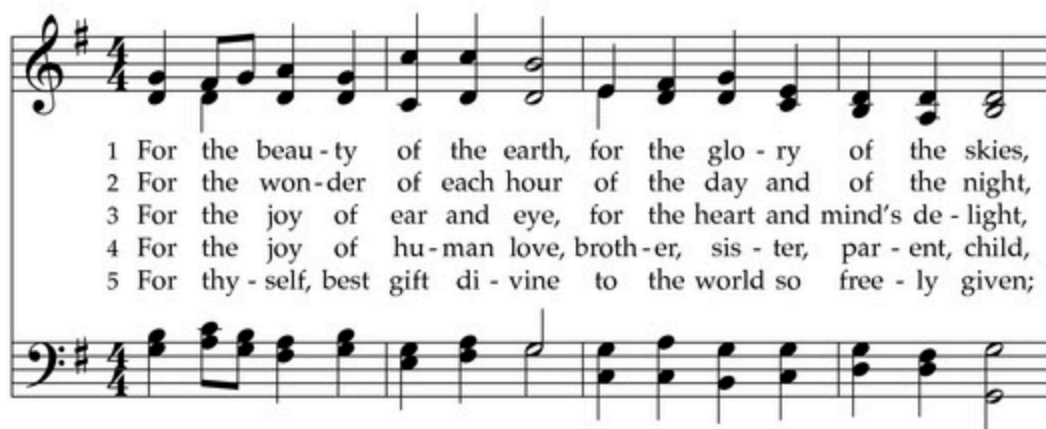
Elaine, John, Sam, Morgan, Henry, Callie, and Thomas Crockett and family on
the death of Elaine's mother, Frances Roberts, 2/6/25.

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

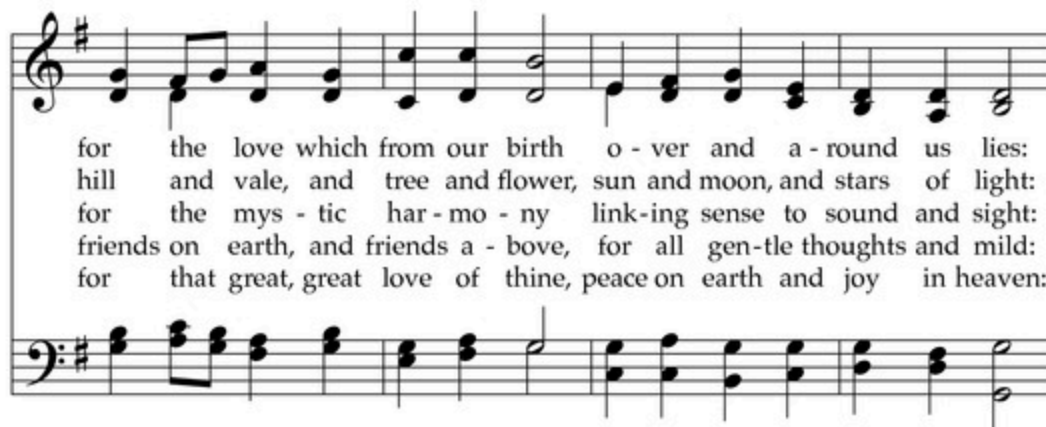
Jean Maxwell and family on the death of Richard (Dick) Maxwell, 1/17/25.

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

For the Beauty of the Earth 14

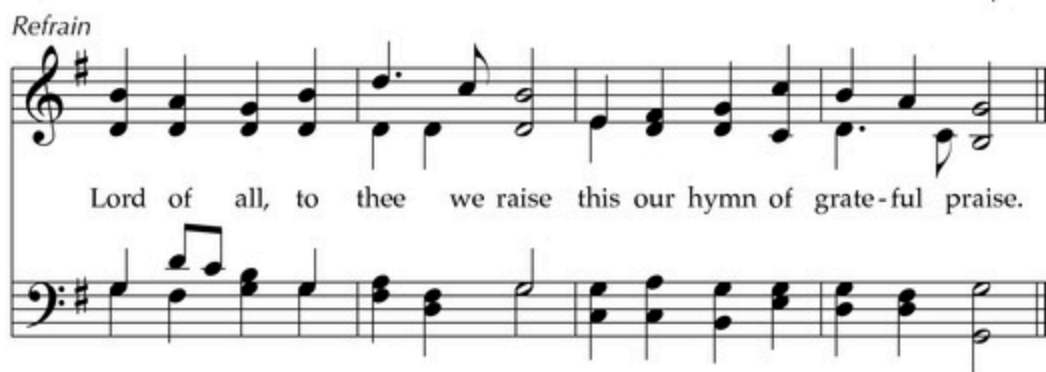


1 For the beau - ty of the earth, for the glo - ry of the skies,
 2 For the won - der of each hour of the day and of the night,
 3 For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's de - light,
 4 For the joy of hu - man love, broth - er, sis - ter, par - ent, child,
 5 For thy - self, best gift di - vine to the world so free - ly given;



for the love which from our birth o - ver and a - round us lies:
 hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light:
 for the mys - tic har - mo - ny link - ing sense to sound and sight:
 friends on earth, and friends a - bove, for all gen - tle thoughts and mild:
 for that great, great love of thine, peace on earth and joy in heaven:

Refrain



Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grate - ful praise.

In the course of many revisions, the original eucharistic emphasis of this text has shifted to a hymn of thanksgiving for a wide range of human experience, with a Christological summation. It is set here to the tune that is customary in North America, though not elsewhere.

694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er, the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.

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