

# 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.

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!*

***Bold** type indicates where to join in liturgy or singing.*

# *Service for the Lord's Day*

## *The Gathering*

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Psalm 100* Rene Clausen  
Hanover College Concert Choir; Dr. Madlen Batchvarova, conductor/piano

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

\*HYMN 610 *O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing* AZMON

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**Merciful God, we have wandered far from you by our words and actions. We have attended to our own needs and desires at the expense of others. We turn away from responsibilities; we disappoint those who love and need us most; our priorities become confused. Forgive us, we pray, and help us find our way back to ourselves and to you. Reconcile all that is broken in us, and between us and other people, in your great mercy. May we find a seat at your Table and may we be gracious in turn to others. O Lord, hear our prayer...**

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

Believe the good news of the Gospel...

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven and given the grace to begin again.**

**Thanks be to God!**

\*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.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

ANTHEM

**אונטער דייןע ווייסע שטערן**

Avrom Brudno/Bill Cutte

*Unter Dayne Vayse Shtern (Under Your Bright Stars)*

Hanover College Chamber Singers

(see translation at end of the service order)

## *The Word*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Philippians 2:5-11

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

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

SERMON

*An Unfair God*

Dr. Lake Lambert

# The Response

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

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.**

## 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

*Gloria from A Little Jazz Mass*  
Hanover College Concert Choir

Bob Chilcott

+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 649

*Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*  
vss. 1, 2, & 5

AMAZING GRACE

\*BLESSING

\*RESPONSE

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

P. Lutkin

*We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.*

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**ABOUT THE ANTHEM:** אונטער דיִינע ווייסע שטערן Avrom Brudno/Bill Cutte  
*Unter Dayne Vayse Shtern (Under Your Bright Stars)*

Song written in the Vilno ghetto by Abraham Sutzkever (b. 1913), a well-known poet before the war. It was first presented in the play *Di Yogenish in Fas* in the ghetto theatre. After the liquidation of the ghetto, Sutzkever joined the partisan fighters. He survived the war and migrated to Israel where he edited the literary quarterly *Di Goldene Keyt*.

Translation:

Under your white starry heaven  
Offer me your pale white hand.  
All my words are flowing teardrops.  
I would place them in your hand.  
Gone the luster from their brightness,  
Seen through morbid cellar view –  
And I no longer have my own space  
To reflect them back to you.

My devoted God I offer  
Everything that I possess.  
As the fire that I suffer  
Fills each fiery day I pass.

Only in the holes and cellars  
With deadly rest my days I share.  
I run higher – over spire

Searching where are you, oh where?  
I am chased by phantom beings  
Stairs and courtyards goad me too.  
There I hang a broken bowstring –  
And I sing once more to you:

Under your white starry heaven  
Offer me your pale white hand.  
All my words are flowing teardrops,  
I would place them in your hand.

# *In Worship Today*

## USHERS

John Hubbard, Nancy Hubbard, Paige Reinstine, Linda Watson, Patty West

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton & Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgists; Dr. Lake Lambert, guest preacher; Justin Powers, lay reader

Hanover College Choir & Chamber Singers; Dr. Madlen Batchvarova, director and service accompanist.

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera (11)

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## **About Our Guest Worship Leaders**

*The Concert Choir and Chamber Singers* are the premier choral ensembles of Hanover College, under the direction of Dr. Madlen Batchvarova, Professor of Music and Director of Choral Programs. Our members come from diverse academic disciplines, including music, biology, chemistry, communication, economics, education, engineering, history, kinesiology & integrative physiology, physics, and theater, among others.

**Dr. Madlen Batchvarova** is a dynamic conductor, pianist, singer, music educator and administrator, clinician, adjudicator, and Grammy Award recipient who is equally adept with classical and multicultural repertoire. She is a professor of music, and director of choral programs at Hanover College, Ind., where she conducts the Concert Choir and Chamber Singers, teaches conducting, private voice and piano, as well as music history. She is ACDA's current National World Musics and Cultures Chair.

**Dr. Lake Lambert** became the 16th President of Hanover College in 2015. Hanover was the first private college in Indiana and is the only college in the state with ties to the Presbyterian Church (USA). He previously served as a member of the faculty and academic administrator at Wartburg College in Waverly, Iowa, and Mercer University in Macon, Georgia.

Lake spent 9 years as a child in Louisville (J-Town!) before moving to his hometown of Nashville, Tennessee. He is a theologian with degrees from Emory University and Princeton Theological Seminary and an ordained deacon in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Lake and his wife, Kelly, met at church camp in high school and will be married 35 years in December. They have two children—Bailey who lives in Indianapolis and Zack who lives in Macon.

## *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.

## 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 - jice; 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.



## 649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that  
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and  
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I  
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his  
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but  
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that  
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me  
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and  
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.  
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!  
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.  
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.  
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

## CHOCTAW

*Shilombish holitopa ma!  
 Ishminti pulla cha  
 hatak ilbusha pia ha  
 is pi yukpalashke.*

## CREEK

*Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet  
 ah non ah cha pa kas  
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus  
 um e ha ta la yus.*

## NAVAHO

*Nizhónígo joobá diits' a'  
 yisdáshítinígí,  
 lah yóóiyá, k'ad  
 shénáhoosdzin,  
 doo eesh'íy da út'ée.*

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16–17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

## *Ruling Elders*

### *Class of 2025*

Michael Beasley  
Paul Costel  
Elaine Duncan  
Bob Horton  
John Hubbard  
Elizabeth Scinta  
Linda Watson

### *Class of 2026*

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Lucy Kosse  
Deb Vetter  
Whitney Watt

### *Class of 2027*

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Larry Jones  
Justin Powers  
Kyle Wiggins

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*Clerk of Session:* Chip Snyder

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