

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!

***Bold** type indicates where we share the liturgy together.*

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

11 a TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE 8:30 - *O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig* Johann Pachelbel

11- *Prelude in F Major, op. 101 no. 4* Charles Villiers Stanford
Mengfei Xu, Organist & Assistant Director of Worship & Music

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *Come, Ye Thirsty* RESTORATION

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

Come, ye thirsty, come, and welcome; God's free bounty glorify.

True belief and true repentance, every grace that brings you nigh.

I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.

In the arms of my dear savior, O, there are ten thousand charms. - *Joseph Hart, 1759*

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* TOULON

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Merciful God, we try to keep our eyes on you, but so many things get in the way. Over-booked schedules, fearful thoughts, selfish desires, and misplaced priorities all prevent us from truly seeing you. Forgive us for our distracted minds and hardened hearts. Forgive our doubt and hesitation. Inspire us to climb to new vistas in our faith, renewing our spirits and opening our eyes to better ways of seeing you.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...Hear and believe the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and set free by God's generous grace.
Thanks be to God! 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.**

*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

Psalm 126

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 19:1-10

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

SERMON

An Uncomfortable Dine-Around

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

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

There in God's Garden

Arr. Jeremy Bankson

Please stand when invited and sing:

All heaven is singing, "Thanks to Christ whose passion offers in mercy healing, strength, and pardon.

Peoples and nations, take it; take it freely!" Amen! My Master!

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.

Almighty God, it is indeed right... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We praise you God ... Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

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 *Love Bade Me Welcome* Ralph Vaughan Williams

Love bade me welcome: yet my soul drew back,
Guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-eyed Love, observing me grow slack
From my first entrance in,

Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning
If I lacked anything.

"A guest," I answered, "worthy to be here":
Love said, "You shall be he."

"I, the unkind, ungrateful? Ah, my dear,
I cannot look on thee."

Love took my hand, and smiling did reply,
"Who made the eyes but I?"

"Truth, Lord; but I have marred them; let my shame
Go where it doth deserve."

"And know you not," says Love,
"who bore the blame?"

"My dear, then I will serve."

"You must sit down," says Love,
"and taste my meat."

So I did sit and eat. - *George Herbert*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

11 MOMENT FOR MISSION *Rev. Andrew Hartmans, Exec. Director, Cedar Ridge Camp & Retreat*

The Sending

*HYMN 503 *Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation* O QUANTA QUALIA

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE 8:30 - *Presto from Italian Concerto, BWV 971 (excerpt)* Johann Sebastian Bach

11 - *Preludium and Fugue in F Major, BWV 556* Johann Sebastian Bach
Mengfei Xu, 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 Dick Anderson—"Our Bumpy". Love from Terry, Ella, Cayson, Callan & Etsy.

THE ROSE IN THE SANCTUARY is to celebrate with Nick, Shelby, & John Hertzman on the birth of their daughter & sister Eleanor Powell Hertzman on February 28, 2025.

USHERS

8:30 a.m.: Steve Miller, Mary Miller

11 a.m.: Connie Smith, Mike Vetter, Deb Vetter, Gordon Duke, Marilyn Duke, Patrice Paton

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Scott Carothers, lay reader (*8:30*); Sallye Pence, lay reader (*11*)

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

Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Mengfei Xu, Organist

11 a.m. William Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Jonathan Mueller, camera

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WELCOME to our new Organist and Assistant Director of Worship & Music, Mengfei Xu. We are thrilled to have her here in time for our Holy Week and Easter services, and to introduce you to her over the next month. We will have details soon. Please pray for Mengfei as she transitions into the Louisville community and our family at Second. *Praise be to God for your ministry among us!*

We Lift Up in Prayer

The family of Mary Agnes Norman on her death, 03/26/25.

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

The family of Bonnie Rosenberger on her death, 02/17/25.

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.

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place:
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation

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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,

your 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.

Ruling Elders

Class of 2025

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

Class of 2026

Miriam Ballert
Marilyn Duke
Liz Ratliff Evans
Lindsey Hundley
Lucy Kosse
Deb Vetter
Whitney Watt

Class of 2027

Ann Bowling
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Justin Powers
Kyle Wiggins

Youth Elders: Morgan Fellon & Wilson Masick

Clerk: Chip Snyder

Deacons

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Prentice Brown
Scott Carothers
Cathy Flowers
Jane Roth
Martha Spencer
Lowell Stevens

Class of 2026

John Davis
Nathan Dicken
Glen Hume
Sissy Judy
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