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

Children and their families are invited to gather in the Narthex for our procession with palms.

The Gathering

PRELUDE

Prelude on "St. Theodulph"

Healey Willan

Mengfei Xu, Organist & Assistant Director of Worship & Music

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP (from Matthew 21:1–11)

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN 196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor Valet will ich dir geben

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION read in unison

Merciful God, we get caught up in the crowd when the way seems easy. We shout hosanna and wave in joy when danger is far away. When the way grows hard, our courage fails; our trust wanes. You have called us to follow the way of Jesus, which is demanding and costly. You call us to work for justice for those who are oppressed, poor, and endangered. You ask us to show compassion in word and deed, love our enemies, and pray for those who would do us harm. Forgive our failings; the fears that weaken our resolve. Stay with us through this week, we pray, that we may always stay with you.

Time for silent prayer.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

....We offer our thanks and praise...

Thanks be to God for the grace we have in Jesus Christ! As he has forgiven us, we also forgive others and work for the reconciliation of the world!

RESPONSE

Hosanna! Blessed Is He! Charlotte Judge/Katie Houts Carol Choir, Chapel Choir, & Worship Arts

Hosanna, blessed is he! Blessed is Jesus who comes!

Hosanna, blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Wave your palm branches high! Hosanna, blessed is he!

Jesus comes riding a donkey! Hosanna, blessed is he! Hosanna ..

Make a path for the King! Hosanna, blessed is he!

Welcome our Savior, Messiah! Hosanna, blessed is he!

Children ages 3 through 3rd graders are welcome to come forward after the response for the Passing of the Peace - they will then be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE read responsively

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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-21

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 19:28-40

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

SERMON Any Given Sunday Rev. Andrew Bowman

The Response

THE CONFIRMATION OF THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

Presentation of the Confirmands

OPENING WORDS

QUESTIONS TO THE CONFIRMANDS

QUESTIONS TO THE CONGREGATION

We believe in God: almighty Lord, ruler of the universe and Father of us all.

With unconditional love God created the heavens, the earth, and all humans equally and is vested in every being.

We believe in Jesus, God's only son who was born of the Virgin Mary. On earth he preached God's news to the people, teaching about love, forgiveness, and salvation, compelling us to recognize our wrongs and strive for betterment each day. When crucified, he suffered in pain and died on the cross to save the world from sin. He rose from the grave and ascended to heaven. He will come again someday.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who is in all of us as a renewer of life. The spirit helps us grow in faith by binding us with all believers. This same Spirit who inspired voices long silenced in the prophets and apostles, claims us through Baptism and calls us to be a part of the ministry of the church. The Spirit gives us courage to live according to God's will and is present in our lives to guide & comfort us.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER FOR THOSE REAFFIRMING THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT

WELCOME read responsively

.... We welcome them to this ministry.

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you to share with us in the ministry of Christ, for we are all one in him.

RESPONSE HYMN 691

Lord, When I Came Into this Life

LAND OF REST

vss. 1 & 2

Lord, when I came into this life you called me by my name; Today, I come, commit myself, responding to your claim.

Within the circle of the faith, as member of your cast, I take my place with all the saints of future, present, past.

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!



Lee Hoiby

Anthem

Let This Mind Be in You Sanctuary Choir; Mengfei Xu, organ

Let this mind be in you, which was also in Christ Jesus: who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God. But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men: and being found in fashion as a man, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross. Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him, and given him a name which is above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of things in heaven, and things in earth, and things under the earth; and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.- (*Phil. 2:5-11*)

*Doxology

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross, vs. 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 (An adaptation written by our Youth Worship Arts Team)

Our teacher who is present in all things, how honorable is your name. May your love and grace be always near. Give us today what we need and forgive us as we forgive others. For you are everywhere, in all that we do and in all that we say and all that we are. May it be to your Glory. Amen.

The Sending

*HYMN 197 Hosanna! Loud Hosanna! (vss. 1 & 2) Ellacombe

*BLESSING

*RESPONSE 197 Hosanna! Loud Hosanna! Ellacombe

vs. 3

"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing. For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King. O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice, And in his blissful presence eternally rejoice!

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

All are invited to welcome our Confirmands in the outer Narthex area as we celebrate them with a cookie reception.

In Worship Today

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."

THE PALMS IN OUR WORSHIP SPACES were given ...:

In honor of our grandchildren Alex, Miles, Birdie, & Libby by John & Cheeky Bahe. In honor of my new grandbaby Campbell Elizabeth, & in memory of my sister Leslie, & my parents Clara & Bill Bilharz by Delise Bilharz.

By The Bryant Family.

In memory of J.D., Angelina & Carletta Buckman by Ann Buckman.

In memory of our parents Ruth & Charles Clark and Ethelyn & John Jeffords by Timothy & Sharon Clark.

In memory of Courtney Cooper by Walter Crutcher & Cheryl Cooper.

In memory of Clinton Lee Glasscock & Jane Shewmaker by Mr. & Mrs. Edward Glasscock.

In memory of Katie Castner & in honor of Charlie Castner; in memory of Margaret Armstrong Campbell; in honor of Elizabeth Tinsley Hoge; in honor of Samuel Tinsley Campbell by Jean Herp & Elizabeth Rightmyer.

In memory of Luther & Marilyn Hundley by John & Lindsey Hundley.

In loving memory of Jerry & Charles Pence by their daughter Sallye.

In memory of Mr.& Mrs. John G. Seiler Jr.; in honor of our children Campbell & Elizabeth by Joe & Kelly Seiler.

In memory of Peyton Wells, Caroline & Jim Mapother from their families.

In memory of Brandon Matthew Williams by John Williams.

In memory of Jeanie Wilson by Edward T. Wilson.

USHERS

Brad Hume, Glen Hume, Stephanie Fellon, Morgan Fellon, Linda Watson, Sandy Bailey

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Andrew Bowman, preacher; Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton, liturgist; *Confirmands assisting liturgy*: Zach Burrice, acolyte; Molly Roberts & Zach Raymond, Means of Grace; Leo Watkins, crucifer; (Name), banner; Nolan Russell, lay reader.

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Mengfei Xu, Organist/Pianist

Carol Choir; Krista Mueller, Director

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

Chapel Choir: Lorie Williamson, director

Elizabeth Arton, Reyna Dobbins, Ellie Farnsley, Isabelle Hayden, Miriam Ransan, Genevieve Williams, Una Donan, Coral Mueller, Ava Grace Wright

Worship Arts: Ricky Case, director

Joshua Cook, Lucy Farnsley, William Wright, McClain Watkins, Behe Davis

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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We Lift Up in Prayer

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

Aaron & Whitney Watt and family on the death of his father, Peter Watt, 03/19/25.

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.

All Glory, Laud, and Honor Refrain All glo-ry, laud, and hon thee, Re-deem-er, King, or to to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san-nas ring! Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al 1 Thou art the King of 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went; pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise; thee, be - fore thy ac - cept the prayers we bring, 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; to Refrain the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One. our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent. thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise. who in good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna



The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

Ruling Elders

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