

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 worshipers 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.

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

Bold type *is sung or read in unison.*

Christ is alive, and comes to bring good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Revelation 1:4-8

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

SECOND READING

Acts 5:27-32

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

SERMON

Sharing the Umbrella

Rev. Andrew Bowman

The Response

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

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. 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.

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!*



ANTHEM

Christ Rising Again

K. Lee Scott

Christ rising again dies no more,
death has no strength, no power over him;
for in that he lives, he lives to God.

Now death with all its dread o'er us no longer reigns,
for Jesus rising from the tomb has burst its iron chains.

Destruction is destroyed by Christ, our Lord and King,
whose rising forth with life restored removed death's dreadful sting.

Victorious Lord of Life, who sets our hearts aflame,
through deadly pain and fearful strife, we triumph in his name.

Now lift your heart and voice in praise of him who died.
In Christ let all the earth rejoice, our Lord, once crucified.
Alleluia.

Romans 6:9–10; K. Lee Scott

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 254

That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright

PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Christ lag in Todesbanden, BWV 625

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

You are welcome to remain seated for the postlude or exit quietly.

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 CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in honor of Connie Smith's wonderful husband, Gene Smith, in celebration of their 32 years of loveship, and 27 years of marriage on Friday, April 25th, 2025.

USHERS

8:30 Bill Creason

11:00 John Davis, Laura Davis, Stephanie Fellon, Morgan Fellon, Linda Watson, Susan McDowell, Scott Davis

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Andrew Bowman, preaching; Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton, liturgist; Christina Recktenwald (8:30) & Jane Roth (11), lay readers.

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, Visual Technician

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We Lift Up in Prayer

The family of Jean Maxwell on her death, 04/17/25.

The family of Clayton Neff on his death, 04/13/25.

The family of Gigi Dunn on her death, 04/12/25.

The family of Terry Wells on her death, 04/10/25.

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

Aaron and 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.

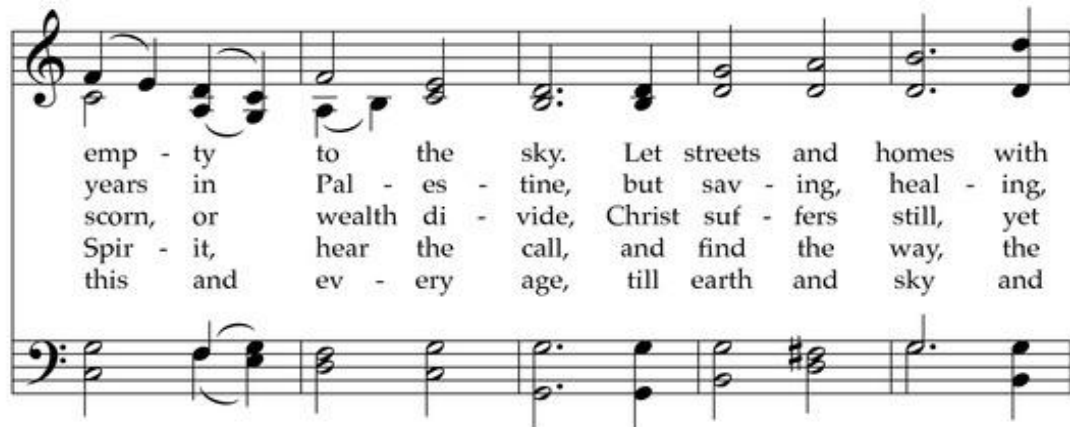
Elaine, John, Sam, Morgan, Henry, Callie, and Thomas Crockett and family on the death of Elaine's mother, Frances Roberts, 2/6/25.

Christ Is Alive!

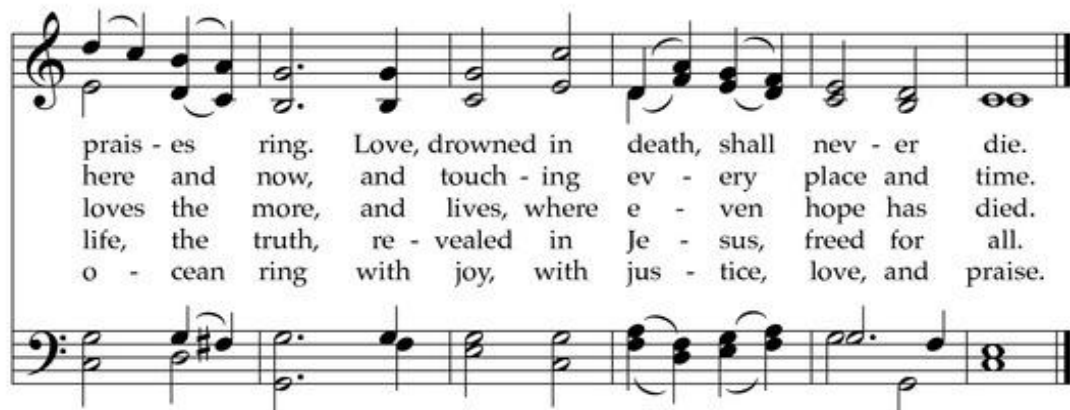
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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to



emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
this and ev - every age, till earth and sky and



prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
here and now, and touch - ing ev - every place and time.
loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

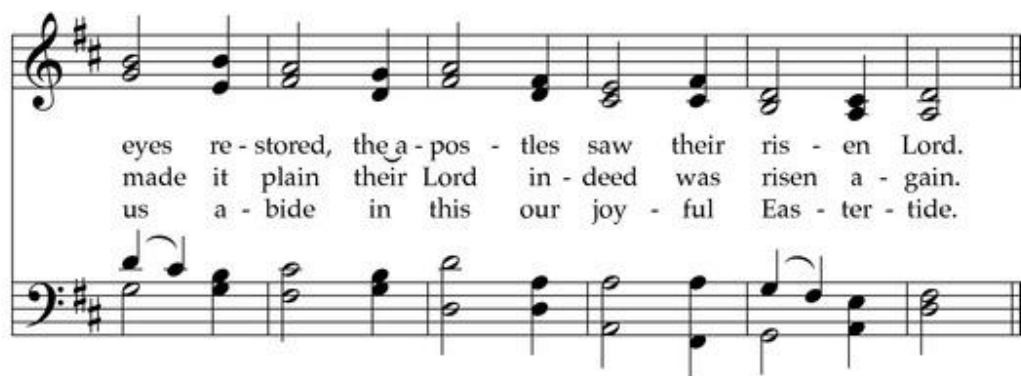
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1 That Eas - ter day with joy was bright; the sun shone
2 He bade them see his hands, his side, where yet the
3 From ev - ery weap - on death can wield, your own re -



out with fair - er light when, to their long - ing
glo - rious wounds a - bide, the to - kens true which
deemed for - ev - er shield; O Lord of all, with



eyes re - stored, the a - pos - tles saw their ris - en Lord.
made it plain their Lord in - deed was risen a - gain.
us a - bide in this our joy - ful Eas - ter - tide.

These Eastertide stanzas are derived from a longer Latin text that was one of the earliest hymns written especially for a season of the church year. They are set here to a tune with Christmas associations, a means of linking the two great festivals of the Christian year.

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