

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.

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Children of God, welcome home!

Bold type *is sung or read in unison.*

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *O filii et filiae (excerpt)* Jean-François Dandrieu

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing, vs. 2* O FILII ET FILIAE

That Easter morn, at break of day, the faithful women went their way to seek the
tomb where Jesus lay. Alleluia! -*attr. to Jean Tisserand, 15th century*

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 643 *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT
vss. 1 & 2

*CALL TO PRAYER

*PRAYER OF ADORATION *read in unison*

Almighty God, you have opened to us the way, the truth, and the life. In Christ, we are invited into the fullness of life here on earth, and offered life eternal in your kingdom. We give all thanks and praise to you for this wondrous gift. We seek to honor you in this life through deeds of love and acts of kindness, serving you by serving others. We are your grateful Easter people, singing your praises and sharing your grace so that life may abound for all people everywhere. We honor your name in all the earth. Amen.

*RESPONSE

Now Thank We All Our God, vs. 3

NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*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.*

**All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,
to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:
the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,
the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.**

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Naomi Grace Creason, *daughter of Lyman and Sharon Creason*

**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.

FAITH FORMATION TEACHER'S RECOGNITION

Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's & Family Ministry

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Lindsay Cook
Hunter Arton
Mandy Watkins
Alison Crawford
Kathryn Wright
Lori Allen-Kelly
Mary Clay Edinger
Mindy Farnsley
Sissy Judy

BIBLICAL STUDIES

Acton Ostling

RAISING OUR FAITH

Tom Sweets

READING THE BIBLE

Marty Soards

THE GATHERING (YOUTH ADULT CLASS)

Ronnie Seale

CLUB 456

Justina & Justin Powers
Chelsey & Mike Beasley

YOUTH SUNDAY SCHOOL

Tammy Kissling

HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS BIBLE STUDY

Becky Lyles

CONFIRMATION

Eric Wright
Molly Atkinson

OPEN GYM

Todd Lyles
Toby Nutt

PARENT CLASS

Sallie Cunningham

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 23

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

SECOND READING

Acts 9:31-43

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

SERMON

Belonging Together

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton

The Response

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

to the tune of "Morning Has Broken"

BUNESSAN

**Great Holy Spirit, live in us daily,
free from the fear that once bound us in,
free now to love our neighbors with
courage, rising above our death and
our sin.**

**Blest and forgiven and resurrected,
set free for living by grace alone,
may we live lives of gentle compassion,
with the same light that in you has
shone.** - *Steven Garnass Holmes, 2023*

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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ANTHEM

O Love

Elaine Hagenberg

O love, o love, o love, that will not let me go,
O love, I rest my weary soul in Thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
That in thy ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O joy, o joy, that seeks me through the pain,
O I cannot close my heart to thee;
I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O love, o love, that will not let me go,
O love, I rest my weary soul in thee;
I give thee back the life I owe,
I give thee back the life I owe
and in thy ocean depths its flow shall richer, fuller be.
That morn shall tearless be.

O love, o love, o love, that will not let me go. - *George Matheson*

*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 324

For All the Faithful Women

NYLAND

Choir sings vs. 1; All sing vss. 2-4

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Allegro from Trio Sonata No. 1, BWV 525

J. S. 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

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Kelly, Owen, and Campbell Gant in loving memory of Charles Whitaker Gant.

USHERS

Kit Davis, Susan McDowell, Kitty deVoogd, John Bahe, Cheeky Bahe

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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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.

643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voic - es,
2 O may this boun - teous God through all our life be near us,
3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in high - est heav - en,

who won - drous things hath done, in whom this world re - joic - es;
with ev - er joy - ful hearts and bless - ed peace to cheer us;
to Fa - ther and to Son and Spir - it now be giv - en:

who, from our moth - ers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when per - plexed,
the one e - ter - nal God, whom heaven and earth a - dore,

with count - less gifts of love, and still is ours to - day.
and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
the God who was, and is, and shall be ev - er - more.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

324 For All the Faithful Women

Capo 3: (C) (Am7) (F) (G) (C)
E^b Cm7 A^b B^b E^b




1 For all the faith - ful wom - en who served in
2 We praise your name for Mir - iam, who sang tri -
3 We sing of bus - y Mar - tha, who toiled with
4 Lord, hear our praise of Dor - cas, who served the

(G) (C) (Am7) (Dm) (G)
B^b E^b Cm7 Fm B^b




days of old, to you shall thanks be giv - en; to
um - phant - ly while Pha - raoh's vaunt - ed ar - my lay
pot and pan while Mar - y sat in si - lence to
sick and poor. Her hands were cups of kind - ness, her

(C) (G7) (C) (Am)
E^b B^b7 E^b Cm



all, their sto - ry told. They served with strength and
drowned be - neath the sea; for Ruth, who left her
hear the word a - gain. We praise the oth - er
heart an o - pen door. O God, for saints and

(D) (G) (F) (G) (C)
F B^b A^b B^b E^b



glad - ness in tasks your wis - dom gave. To you their
home - land and ven - tured forth in faith, who pledged to
Mar - y, who has - tened to the tomb and found her
ser - vants, our fer - vent prayer we raise, that, faith - ful

(Am7) (F) (G) (C) (Dm) (G) (C)
Cm7 A^b B^b E^b Fm B^b E^b



lives bore wit - ness, pro - claimed your power to save.
serve and wor - ship Na - o - mi's God till death.
Lord a - ris - en, dis - pel - ling doubt and gloom.
in your ser - vice, our lives may sing your praise.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Created to honor the tenth anniversary of the first ordination of a woman in the Lutheran Church in America, this text celebrates representative women of the Bible: Miriam and Ruth from Hebrew Scripture, Mary, Martha, and Mary Magdalene from the gospels, and Dorcas from Acts.

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