# 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 is sung or read in unison.

Service for the Lord's Day The Gathering

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING 1-450

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

\*HYMN 35

Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty

LOBE DEN HERREN

CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION read in unison

Loving God, you call to us in many ways, but we often do not hear. Our lives are too busy, or the latest news distracts us. Sometimes we assume we already know best, and would rather not listen. Even when we do hear your voice, we often fail to act as you desire. We bring harm to one another through our selfish ways, and ignore the cries of suffering throughout the world. Forgive us, O God. Open our eyes to see the needs of others, and align our hearts with the pulse of your creation. Call to us again as your children, and remind us of your great love for all people.

Time for silent prayer.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

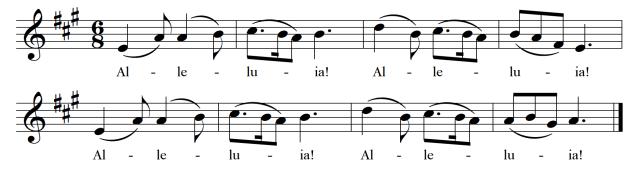
In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new. Thanks be to God! Amen.

#### \*RESPONSE

Alleluia!

CELTIC ALLELUIA

Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward in front of rail for baptism, and be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.



Campbell Elizabeth Costin daughter of Lacey and Nicholas Costin

\*read in unison when invited

The Apostles' Creed

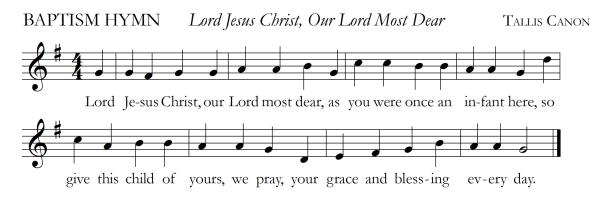
- I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; 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.

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

We give thanks... We love because God first loved us.

### **CONGREGATION** read in unison

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's one holy and apostolic church. We are the people of God, members of the household of faith, a royal priesthood. Proclaim with us the good news of Christ for all the world. We are one in Christ Jesus: share with us at the table of God's kingdom. Welcome to the family of God and to Christ's ministry with us!



## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE read responsively

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

The Sanctuary Choir; Mengfei Xu, organ

The Risen Sun

Be still, my soul, and rest upon the Lord in quiet certainty. For He has come to rescue you from doubt. And now you stand in blazing glory of a risen sun that cannot set. It will forever be exactly as it is. You stand with Him within a radiance prepared for you before time was and far beyond its reach.

Be still and know. And knowing, be you sure - Your Lord has come to you. There is no doubt that stands before His countenance, conceal from you what He would have you see. The sun has risen. He has come at last. Where stands His presence there can be no past.

Be still, my soul, and rest upon the Lord who comes to keep the promise, the promise of His Word. – *Helen Schucman* 

The Word

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

What Are You Doing Here?

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton

The Response

### 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

*It is Enough* from Elijah

Felix Mendelssohn

Jason Steigerwalt, baritone; Mengfei Xu, piano

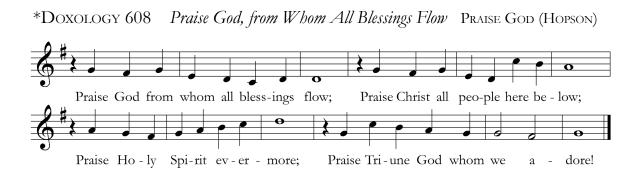
It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers! I desire to live no longer: now let me die, for my days are but vanity.

I have been very jealous for the Lord God of Hosts, for the children of Israel have broken Thy covenant, and thrown down Thine altars, and slain all Thy prophets, slain them with the sword. And I, even I only am left: and they seek my life to take it away! It is enough! O Lord, now take away my life, for I am not better than my fathers. Now let me die, Lord, take away my life.



Galatians 3:23-29

1 Kings 19: 1-15a



PRAYER OF DEDICATION

#### 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 645 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above MIT Freuden ZART

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE Recessional on "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. Craig Phillips

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 Joday

#### 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 by Owen Mathis-Foote (Scotland) in memory of his grandfather, Bill Mathis, and the special times they shared during summer vacations in Louisville.

#### USHERS

Emily Lawrence, Ernie Dreher, Valerie Dreher, Linda Watson, Jon Reinstine, Paige Reinstine

#### OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

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

lay reader; Edie Wells, elder for baptism

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, conductor; Mengfei Xu, organist.

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#### ABOUT THE COVER

The image on the front cover is from the 17th century Orthodox church, and is part of a larger piece titled 'Image of the Fiery Ascension of the Holy Prophet Elijah'' (Iliya). It depicts the angel awakening Elijah. Courtesy of <u>jacksonsauctions.com</u>. All music printed or live-cast with under OneLicense.net #718492 & CCLI License No. #2036813.

# We Lift Up in Prayer

Shirley Rutledge, Michelle & Paul Costel, and Paul & John Costel, on the death of husband, father, and grandfather William ("Bill") Joseph Rutlege, 06/10/25.

Julie, Bill, and Rease Baustien and family on the death of Julie's father, Jim Baker, 05/31/25.

- Susan & Randy Bugh, Taylor & Kathryn Bugh and family on the death of Susan's mother and Taylor's grandmother, Carol Gray, 05/26/25.
- Andrea, Kyle, Kathryn, & Zara Wiggins on the death of Andrea's father, Robert Patterson, 05/26/25.

Marcy Suter and Brad & Clay Suter on the death of her husband and their father, Ron Suter, 05/18/25.

Lamar Gaston, Page Penna & Edwin Penna and family on the death of his wife and their mother, Joan Gaston, 05/17/25.

CREATION AND PROVIDENCE



This very strong 17th-century German hymn employs many phrases from the psalms, especially Psalms 150 and 103:1–6. It did not receive an effective English translation until the mid-19th century, but has remained popular ever since, thanks in part to its stirring tune.

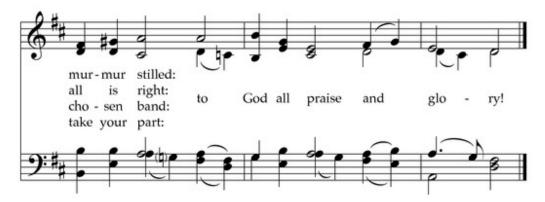
TEXT: Joachim Neander, 1680; trans. Catherine Winkworth, 1863, alt. MUSIC: Stralsund Ernewerten Gesangbuch, 1665; harm. The Chorale Book for England, 1863 LOBE DEN HERREN 14.14.4.7.8 THANKSGIVING



image of God as mother. Yet it is part of God's self-description in Isaiah 66:13. This Bohemian Brethren tune resembles both Genevan psalm tunes and French folk songs.

TEXT: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1675; trans. Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1864, alt. MUSIC: Bohemian Brethren's Kirchengesang, 1566; harm. Maurice F. Bell, 1906, alt. MIT FREUDEN ZART 8.7.8.7.8.8.7

THANKSGIVING



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