

# 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](https://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 8

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

MELITA

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Gracious God, we confess that we are more eager to receive your mercy than we are to extend your kindness to others. We ask for what we need without wondering if we have what someone else needs. We seek your forgiveness, while holding grudges against others. We want you to lead us, but only if you will send us where we want to go. Forgive us, patient God. Teach us to give more than we think we can spare; to forgive even those who have yet to ask for forgiveness; to follow you wherever you choose to lead us. Grant us your grace and strengthen our commitment to a new life.

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

By God's grace through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.

\*RESPONSE

*Alleluia!*

CELTIC ALLELUIA

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



## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Bode Polk Brown  
*son of Ashley and David Brown*

*\*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.**

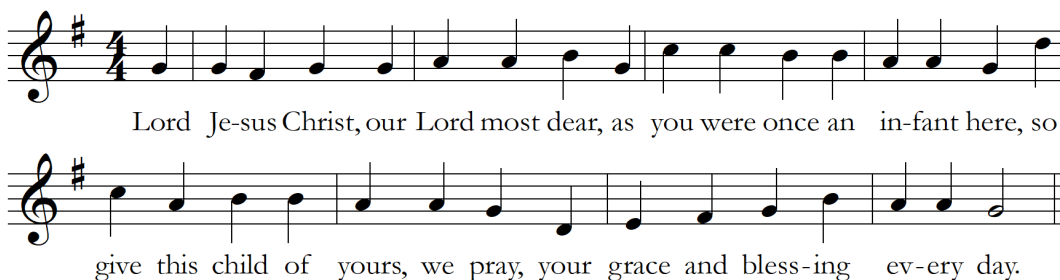
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**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!**

**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.

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**     *read responsively*

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

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

*Steal Away to Heaven*

arr. Mark Hayes

Christina Recktenwald & Isabella Recktenwald, sopranos

Refrain:

Nobody knows the trouble I've seen. Nobody knows but Jesus.  
Nobody knows the trouble that I've seen. Glory hallelujah!

Sometimes I'm up, sometimes I'm down.  
Oh yes, Lord. Sometimes I'm almost to the ground. (Refrain)  
Sometimes I feel like a motherless child. Sometimes I feel like a motherless child.  
Sometimes I feel like a motherless child, a long way from home, a long way from home.

Sometimes I feel like I'm almost gone. Sometimes I feel like I'm almost gone.  
Sometimes I feel like I'm almost gone, way up in the hea'nly land, way up in the hea'nly land,  
Lord! way up in the hea'nly land, where I'll steal away, steal away, steal away to Jesus. Steal away,  
steal away home.  
I ain't got long to stay here. No, I ain't got long to stay here.

## *The Word*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

Psalm 138

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

#### SECOND READING

Luke 11:1-10

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

#### SERMON

*This We Pray*

Rev. Andrew Bowman

## *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

*Sit Down Servant*

arr. Linda Twine

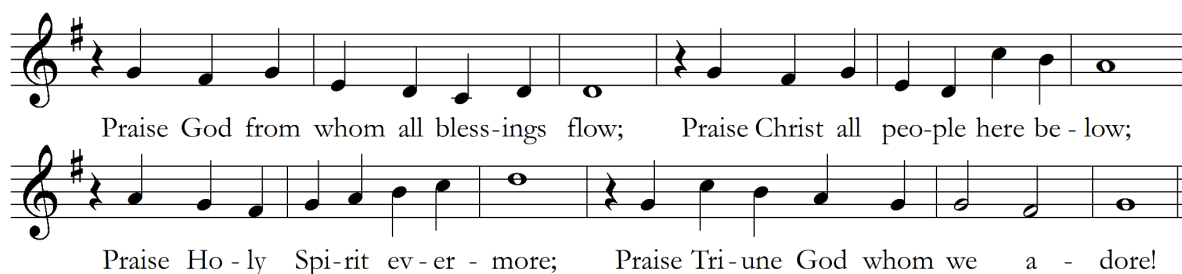
Summer Choir

Sit down, servant! I can't sit down! Sit down, servant! I can't, can't, can't sit!  
Sit down, servant! I can't sit down! My soul's so happy, Lord, I can't, caina, caina sit (down)!  
Sit down, sit, you better sit down. Sit! Sit down, sit yourself right on down.

No! I can't sit (eat). No! I can't quit (sleep). I've got to sing Hallelujah Glory Hallelu.  
No! I can't rush (grouch). No! I can't hush (slouch). I've got to sing Hallelujah Amen.

Sit down, servant! Sing Hallelujah! Sit down! Sit! Down! No! Yes! Sit down!  
Sing Hallelujah! Sit down, servant! Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelu.  
Sit down, servant! You gotta gotta gotta gotta gotta sit down!  
Sit down, servant! Glory Hallelujah. Sit down, servant, sit down!

\*DOXOLOGY 608 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* PRAISE GOD (HOPSON)



\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING GRACE

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 688

*Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart*  
*vss. 1, 3-5*

MORECAMBE

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Duet on "I Sing the Mighty Power of God"*

arr. Joel Raney

*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 in loving memory of Mr. and Mrs. McKay Reed Sr. and Mr. and Mrs. Henry W. Sanders Jr. by their family.

### USHERS

Emily Lawrence, Sissy Judy, Kelly Bryant, Paul Costel, Sasha Bjork-Mayer, Linda Watson

### OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Andrew Bowman, preacher; Alexandra Ortiz, lay reader; Kathy Oyler, Elder for the Baptism

Summer Choir; Mengfei Xu, conductor; Isabella Recktenwald, guest soloist; Inna Moiseeva, guest pianist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, Visual Technician

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## *We Lift Up in Prayer*

The family of Carol Harper on her death, 07/19/25.

Jane Cleary and family on the death of her sister, Gail Cady, 07/19/25.

Debbe Dedman and family on the death of her brother, Tommy Sharpe, 07/16/2025.

Beverly and David Will, Kelly Will and Matthew Linville, and Vivienne, Naomi, and Gwendolyn Linville on the death of brother, uncle, and great uncle Dr. James Richard Cundiff, 07/10/25.

Lorri Keeney and family on the death of her husband, Steven, 07/02/25.

The family of Portia Leatherman on her death, 06/29/25.

Gerri Watson and family on the death of her sister, Helen Urmston, 06/26/25.

Van Hoagland and family on the death of her mother, Adeline Hoagland, 06/24/25.

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

Paul and Mary Ayers & family on the death of Paul's sister, Judy Hudson, 06/09/25.

## *Eternal Father, Strong to Save*



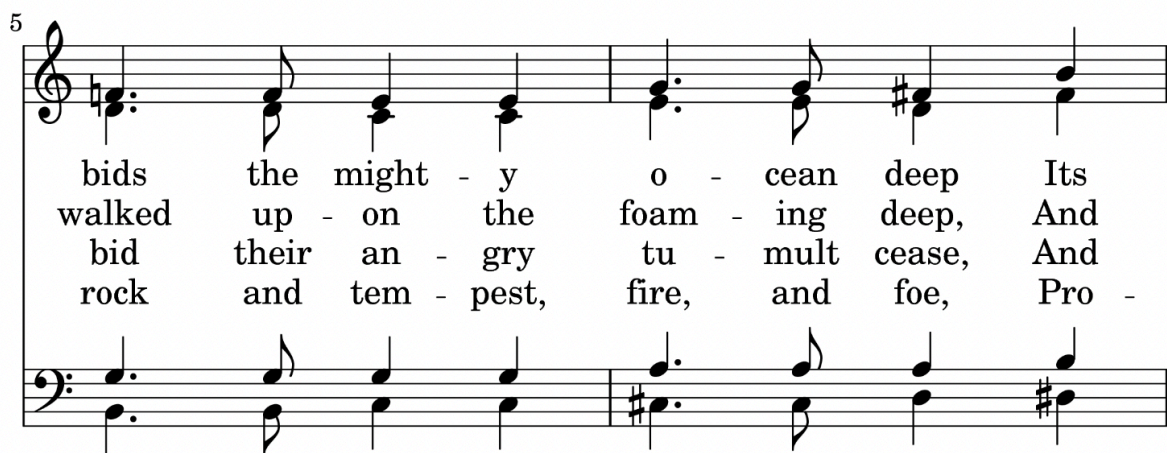
1. E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, Whose  
 2. O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word The  
 3. O Ho - ly Spir - it, who did brood Up -  
 4. O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, Your

3



arm does bind the rest - less wave, Who  
 winds and waves sub - mis - sive heard, Who  
 on the wa - ters dark and rude, And  
 chil - dren shield in dan - ger's hour; From

5



bids the might - y o - cean deep Its  
 walked up - on the foam - ing deep, And  
 bid their an - gry tu - mult cease, And  
 rock and tem - pest, fire, and foe, Pro -

7

own ap - point-ed lim - its keep; O hear us when we  
 calm a - mid the rage did sleep; O hear us when we  
 give for wild con - fu - sion peace; O hear us when we  
 tect them where-so - e'er they go; Thus, ev - er-more shall

10

cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
 cry to Thee For those in per - il on the sea.  
 rise to Thee Glad hymns of praise from land and sea.



# 688 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

1 Spir - it of God, de - scend up - on my heart;  
 2 I ask no dream, no proph - et ec - sta - sies,  
 3 Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King;  
 4 Teach me to feel that thou art al - ways nigh.  
 5 Teach me to love thee as thine an - gels love,

wean it from earth; through all its puls - es move;  
 no sud - den rend - ing of the veil of clay,  
 all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and mind?  
 Teach me the strug - gles of the soul to bear,  
 one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame;

stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as thou art,  
 no an - gel vis - i - tant, no o - pening skies;  
 I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling.  
 to check the ris - ing doubt, the reb - el sigh.  
 the bap - tism of the heaven - de - scend - ed Dove,

and make me love thee as I ought to love.  
 but take the dim - ness of my soul a - way.  
 O let me seek thee, and O let me find!  
 Teach me the pa - tience of un - an - swered prayer.  
 my heart an al - tar, and thy love the flame.

This reflection on Galatians 5:25 was written by a literary Anglican clergyman whose preaching drew people of many social classes to one of the formerly poorer London churches. The tune was created for "Abide with Me" (no. 836) but more often appears with the present text.

## *Ruling Elders*

### *Class of 2025*

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

### *Class of 2026*

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

### *Class of 2027*

Ann Bowling  
John Cunningham  
Angela Duffy  
Stephanie Fellon  
Larry Jones  
Justin Powers  
Kyle Wiggins

*Youth Elders:* Morgan Fellon & Wilson Masick

*Clerk:* Chip Snyder

## *Deacons*

### *Class of 2025*

Sandy Bailey, *Clerk*  
Prentice Brown  
Scott Carothers  
Cathy Flowers  
Jane Roth  
Martha Spencer  
Lowell Stevens

### *Class of 2026*

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Nathan Dicken  
Glen Hume  
Sissy Judy  
Susan McDowell  
Paige Reinstine  
Kristi Smith

### *Class of 2027*

Kelly Bryant  
Tim Clark  
Kitty deVoogd  
Jim Haynes  
Patrice Paton  
Kay Reis  
Sunny Seale

## *Staff*

Kimberly Clayton *Interim Pastor & Head of Staff*  
Andrew Bowman *Associate Pastor for Community Life*  
Elizabeth Clay *Coordinator for Pastoral Care*  
Karla Wright *Director of the Weekday School*  
Lorie Williamson *Director of Children's & Family Ministry*  
Jim Rittenhouse *Director of Worship & Music Ministry*  
Mengfei Xu *Organist and Assistant Director of Worship & Music*  
Ricky Case *Student Music Coordinator*  
Diane Jackson *Bookkeeper*  
Amy Kiefner *Communications Specialist and Technology Administrator*  
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