

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

The Gathering

PRELUDE

Scherzo
Mengfei Xu, organ

Craig Phillips

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

Alleluia! (O Clap Your Hands)
The Sanctuary Choir

Debbie Wiseman

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 619

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven

LAUDA ANIMA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

God of Justice, today your Son boldly declares that we cannot serve you and wealth. As people who have been blessed materially and as a nation and society which has been blessed abundantly, we hear these words, and we are torn. We know and we confess we have not lived out this call. We have seen how these blessings have benefited and allowed life to flourish. Yet, amid our comfort, and at times indulgence, we acknowledge inequities and injustices that render our congregation, our community, and our culture fragmented. Inspire us to a new beginning. Inspire us to repair the fragmentation. Inspire us to ask how we can use our wealth to serve you, Great God. For when we serve you faithfully, we serve neighbor and stranger alike, and we begin the hopeful work of imagining a new life inspired by the prosperity of your prophecy. *Time for silent prayer.*

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Friends, hear the Good News:

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

*Children of all ages are welcomed to come forward. Following the Peace,
children ages 3 through 6rd grade will be dismissed through the side door for activities.*

Capo 3: (Bm) (Em) (A) (D)
Dm Gm C F (chords continue)

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!
Glo - ri - a, glo - ri - a, in ex - cel - sis De - o!

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

George Neilson Nutt
son of Grady and Heather Nutt

**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.**

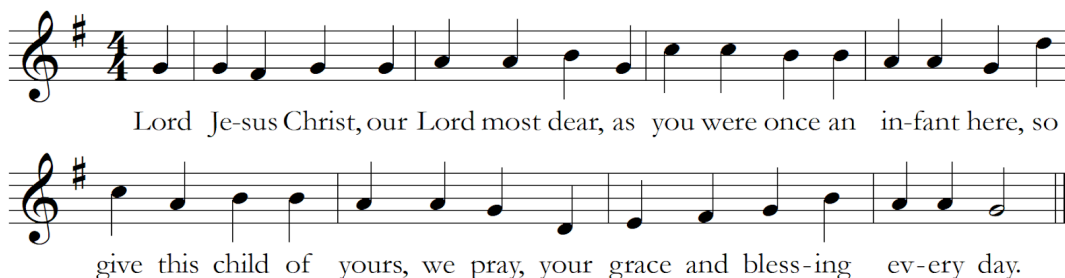
CONGREGATION *read in unison*

**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

*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 113 (OT, p. 532)

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

SECOND READING

Luke 16:1-13 (NT, p. 74)

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

SERMON

Give [for] Good

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!*



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lord, We Want to Know You More

Steve Frey, alt

Jim Rittenhouse, baritone; Mengfei Xu, piano

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD HUNDREDTH

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

*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 451

Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fuga in C

Dietrich Buxtehude

*We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.
You are welcome to remain seated for the postlude or exit quietly.*

Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven 619

(Psalm 103)



1 Praise, my soul, the God of heav - en; glad of heart your
 2 Praise God for the grace and fa - vor shown our fore - bears
 3 Like a lov - ing par - ent car - ing, God knows well our
 4 An - gels, teach us ad - o - ra - tion; you be - hold God

car - ols raise; ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en,
 in dis - tress; God is still the same for - ev - er,
 fee - ble frame, glad - ly all our bur - dens bear - ing,
 face to face. Sun and moon and all cre - a - tion,

who, like me, should sing God's praise? Al - le - lu - ia!
 slow to chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia!
 still to count - less years the same. Al - le - lu - ia!
 dwell - ers all in time and space: Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia! Praise the Mak - er all your days!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing our Mak - er's faith - ful - ness!
 Al - le - lu - ia! All with - in me, praise God's name!
 Al - le - lu - ia! Praise with us the God of grace!

This adaptation of an older paraphrase of Psalm 103 (see no. 620) is informed by an awareness that much of the received language of religious traditions enshrines social values that obscure the goodness of God, which far transcends all our labels and categories and hierarchies.

Be Thou My Vision

Capo 1: (D) E^b (G) A^b (D/F#) E^b/G (A7) B^b7 (D) E^b



1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true Word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise;
 4 High King of Heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

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



naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways;
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!

(G) A^b (D) E^b (F#m7) Gm7 (G) A^b (A) B^b



thou my best thought, by day or by night,
 thou my soul's shel - ter, and thou my high tower;
 thou and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

(Bm) Cm (D/F#) E^b/G (G) A^b (D) E^b



wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heaven - ward, O Power of my power.
 High King of Heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected from a 20th-century English poetic version of an Irish monastic prayer dating to the 10th century or before. They are set to an Irish folk melody that has proved popular and easily sung despite its lack of repetition and its wide range.

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 to the glory of God from Elizabeth and Dick Clay in honor of their grandchildren, Silas, Gate and Alden Edinger, and Birdie Clay.

USHERS

Lawrence Palmer-Ball, Rosemary Palmer-Ball, Sandy Bailey, Leigh Parrot,
Jennifer Scott, Sarah Middleton

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Andrew Bowman, preacher; Rev. Barrett Abernethy, liturgist; Kit Davis, lay reader;
Lucy Kosse, Elder for baptism.

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

Justina, Justin, Sam, Stella, and Lillian Powers on the death of nephew and cousin,
Blake Bonar, 09/14/25.

Rebecca, John Y. III, Maggie, and John IV Brown on the death of mother and
grandmother, Margaret Jackson, 09/10/25.

Lucy Hovis, Julie Hovis, Peggy Coulter & Ken Coulter, Emma & Kate Coulter on the
death of husband, father, and grandfather, Gary Hovis, 09/05/25.

Leigh and Ken Parrot on the death of their son, Keith, 09/01/25.

Georgia, Patrick, Katherine & Robert Farnan on the death of her mother, Susan England
White, 08/22/25.

Mary Neikirk and family on the death of her daughter, Karen DeCosta, 08/18/25.

Eric, Kathryn, William, Ava, & Henry Wright and family on death of Eric's mother,
Pat Wright, 08/08/25.

Greg and Harriet Treitz and family on death of his brother, John Treitz, 08/08/25.

Remy, Gil, Sutton, and Hicks Lamphere and family on death of Remy's mother,
Cecily Bierly, 08/05/25.

Family of Joyce Reibling on her death, 07/30/25.