

WORSHIP AT SECOND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
OCTOBER 12, 2025 AT 11:00 A.M.



THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# 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](http://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 at 11 a.m. 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 worshippers at 11 a.m. 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 indicates where we share the liturgy together.***

# *Service for the Lord's Day*

## *The Gathering*

PRELUDE                      *Do With Me, God, According to Your Goodness*                      Sigfrid Karg-Elert  
Mengfei Xu, organ

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

STEWARDSHIP ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION                      Rev. Dr. Thomas Sweets

INTROIT                      *Cantate Domino*                      G. Pitoni  
The Sanctuary Choir  
Sing to the Lord a new song. God's praise in the assembly of the saints. - *Psalm 149*

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

\*HYMN 610                      *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*                      AZMON  
vss. 1-4

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION    *read in unison*

**Living God, we enjoy life with an abundance that many cannot imagine.  
Yet we confess we do not always acknowledge the source of our blessings.  
Often we are convinced of our own success, certain that everything we  
have is owed to us. We take for granted our lives of privilege, failing to  
question why others suffer and are excluded. We focus on ourselves,  
ignoring the present needs of those around us. Forgive our pride,  
gracious God, and our failure to recognize your presence in all people.  
Help us to grow in compassion for all your creation, and guide us to walk  
on your paths.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Let us rejoice, dear friends, in the assurance of our salvation, the promise of this  
very Good News:

**Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are set free and made new!  
Thanks be to God! Amen.**

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

**To God all glory, praise and love be now and ever given**

**By saints below and saints above, the church in earth and heaven.**

## SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Madeleine Melissa Evans

*daughter of Liz and Jonathan Evans*

*\*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 when invited*

**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.**

## *The Word*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

Psalms 66:1-12 (OT, p. 499)

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

#### SECOND READING

Luke 17:11-19 (NT, p. 75)

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

#### SERMON

*Healing Faith*

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

## *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

*O How Amiable*

Ralph Vaughan Williams

O how amiable are thy dwellings, thou Lord of hosts!  
My soul hath a desire and longing to enter into the courts of the Lord.

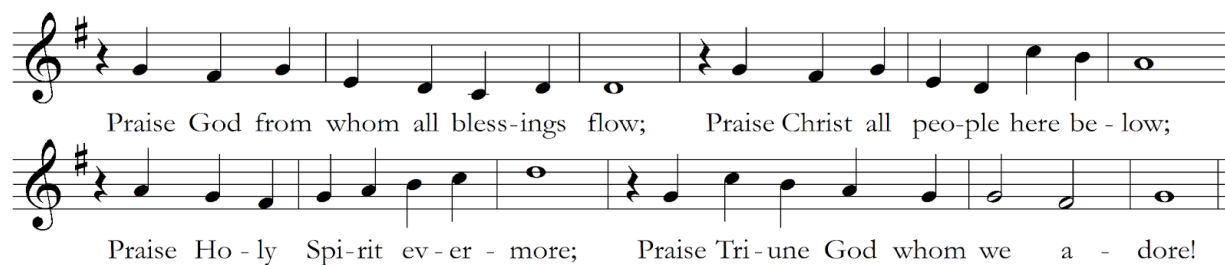
My heart and my flesh rejoice in the living God.  
Yea, the sparrow hath found her a house  
and the swallow a nest where she may lay her young:  
even thy altars, O Lord of hosts, my King, and my God.  
Blessed are they that dwell in thy house.  
They will be always praising thee.

The glorious majesty of the Lord our God be upon us;  
prosper thou the work of our hands upon us.  
O prosper thou our handiwork.

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.



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



\*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 716      *God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending*      BEACH SPRING

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE      *My Hope Is Built On Christ, The Solid Rock*      William Bradbury

*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.*

# *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 by Marcy Suter in loving memory of her husband, Ron Suter, and her parents, Ruth and Elmer Meyer.

## USHERS

Henry Kelsey, Whitney Watt, Roy Bowling, Ann Bowling, Patrice Paton, Sarah Hunter.

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Sallye Pence, lay reader; Jane Roth, 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*

Eleanor Maddox, Toby & Cindy Nutt, Grady, Heather, Grady III, & George Nutt, Amy

Nutt on the death of granddaughter, niece, and cousin Meryl Maxwell Wilson, 09/18/25.  
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.



## O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing 610

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my  
 2 The name of Je - sus charms our fears, and  
 3 Christ speaks, and lis - tening to his voice new  
 4 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as -  
 5 To God all glo - ry, praise, and love be

dear Re - deem - er's praise, the glo - ries of my  
 bids our sor - rows cease, sings mu - sic in the  
 life the dead re - ceive; the mourn - ful wak - en  
 sist me to pro - claim, to spread through all the  
 now and ev - er given by saints be - low and

God and King, the tri - umphs of God's grace!  
 sin - ner's ears, brings life, and health, and peace.  
 to re - joice; the poor in heart be - lieve.  
 earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy name.  
 saints a - bove, the church in earth and heaven.

## SPANISH

1 *Mil voces para celebrar  
 a mi Libertador,  
 las glorias de su majestad,  
 los triunfos de su amor.*


## KOREAN

1 만 입이 내게 있으면  
 그 입 다 가지고  
 내 구주 주신 은총을  
 늘 찬송하겠네

This text comes from an eighteen-stanza hymn the author wrote to mark the first anniversary of his life-changing conversion experience. It is now customarily the first hymn in Methodist hymnals worldwide. This tune, adapted from a German composer, is the usual North American setting.


# God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716

Capo 3: (D) F (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$




1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and  
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of  
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your

(D) F (Bm) Dm




end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly  
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es  
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to

(G) B $\flat$  (D) F (A) C




cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn  
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly  
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in

(Bm) Dm (F $\sharp$ m) Am (Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$  (A) C (D) F



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall  
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,  
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,

(Bm) Dm (G) B $\flat$  (D) F



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.  
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.  
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

## *Ruling Elders*

### *Class of 2025*

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

### *Class of 2026*

Miriam Ballert  
Marilyn Duke  
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*

John Davis  
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*

Barrett Abernethy *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*

Michael Harper *Coordinator for Youth Ministry*

Mengfei Xu *Organist and Assistant Director of Worship & Music*

Amy Kiefner *Communications Specialist and Technology Administrator*

Tammy Kissling *Ministry Coordinator for Faith Formation & Mission*

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