

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.



With gratitude to God, 2025 marks our 195th anniversary, and as we move toward our bicentennial, we have a great opportunity to reflect on our many accomplishments, evaluate our current mission, and identify new strategic pathways that will help us meet the needs of our congregation and community.

Please join us on our continued journey to preserve, strengthen, and innovate our community of faith.



Children of God, welcome home!

***Bold** type indicates where we share the liturgy together.*

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

PRELUDE

"Let There Be Light"
Mengfei Xu, organ

Théodore Dubois

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

Lift Up Your Heads (from MESSIAH)
The Octet

G.F. Handel

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 267

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

MADRID

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

O God, ruler of creation, when we proclaim your reign, we are quick to picture judgment for everyone except ourselves. Yet we confess that we are in need of mercy. You know how often we have failed to serve you.

We have ignored you when you sit begging; we have feasted when you are starving; we have turned away from your suffering. Forgive our eyes blinded to your people in need, our ears deaf to your creation's cry for relief, and our hearts hardened against your call. Turn us in the right direction, we pray, and welcome us into your beloved community.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

With hope, we hear and believe this Good News:

Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE HYMN 643 *Now Thank We All Our God, vs. 3* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*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.*

**All thanks and praise 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

Amy Elizabeth Deering Clay
Daughter of Emma Deering Clay and Collier Clay

**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.**

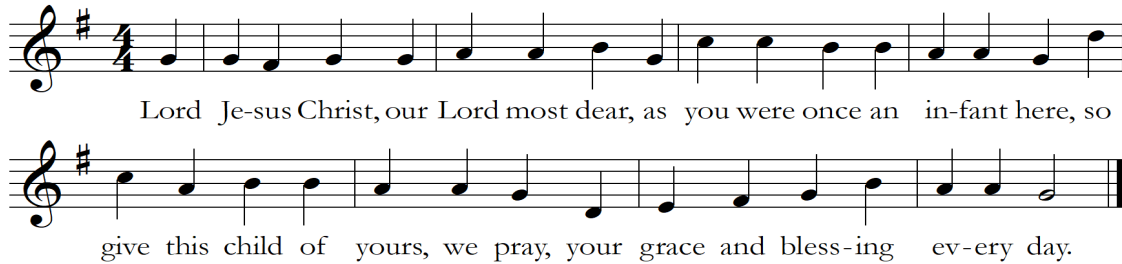
CONGREGATION *read in unison when invited*

**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

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.***The Word*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 15:21-28 (NT, p. 166)

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

SECOND READING

Revelation 19:1-10 (NT, p. 243)

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

SERMON

Singin' and Dancin' in the Reign

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 *Worthy Is the Lamb* (from MESSIAH)

G.F. Handel

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain, and hath redeemed us to God by His blood,
to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing.
Blessing and honour, glory and power, be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne,
and unto the Lamb, for ever and ever. Amen. (*Revelation 5:12-14*)

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 363

Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

DARWALL'S 148TH

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Postlude on Majesty and Glory

Henry Smart

*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 to the Glory of God and in memory of our parents, Dr. and Mrs. Burford Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Davis, and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. McCracken by the Davis family.

USHERS

Brad Hume, Glen Hume, Gordon Duke, Marilyn Duke, Patrice Paton, Sharon Clark

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Rev. Dr. Tom Sweets, lay reader; Mary Clay Edinger, elder for baptism; Lucy Farnsley, acolyte

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

James, Allie, and Claire Seiler and family on the death of their son and brother, 10/30/25.

The family of Anne Anderson on her death, 10/22/25.

Sallie, John, and Lee Ann Cunningham on the death of Sallie's father, Robert L. Bellamy, 10/19/25.

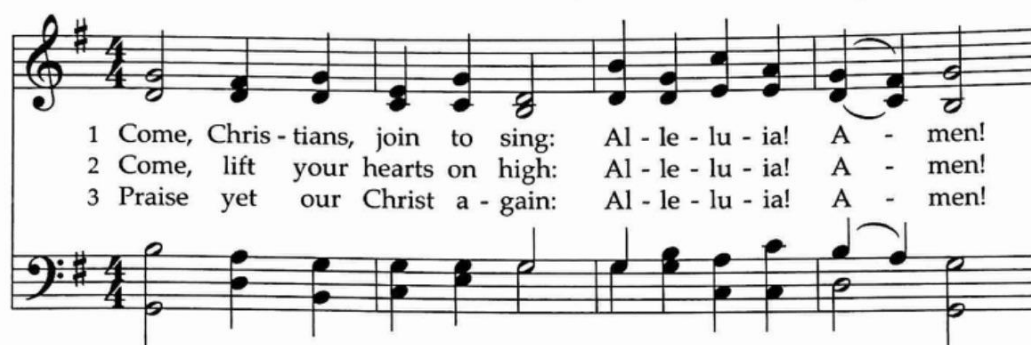
Wayne, Christie, Sims, and Marie Wilson on the death of Wayne's mother, Linda, 10/18/25.

The family of Wallace Horine on his death, 10/18/25.

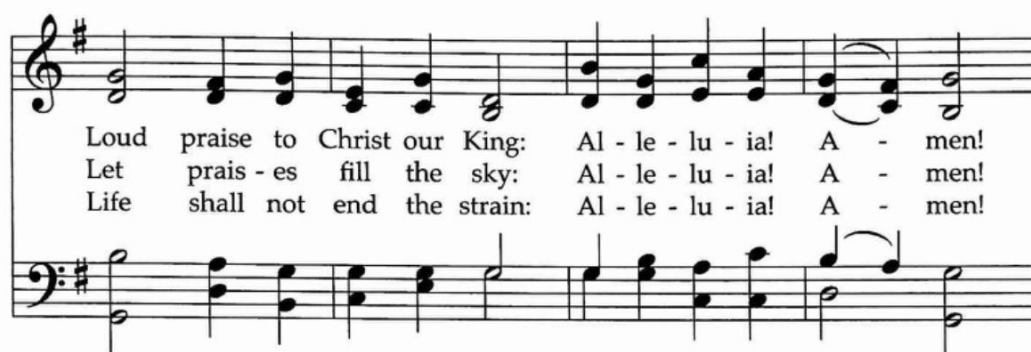
Lucy Hovis and family on the death of her sister, Eva Sirach, 10/12/25.

Lee Ann and David Dorsey and their family on the death of Lee Ann's sister, Roberta Gordon Barnett, 10/8/25.

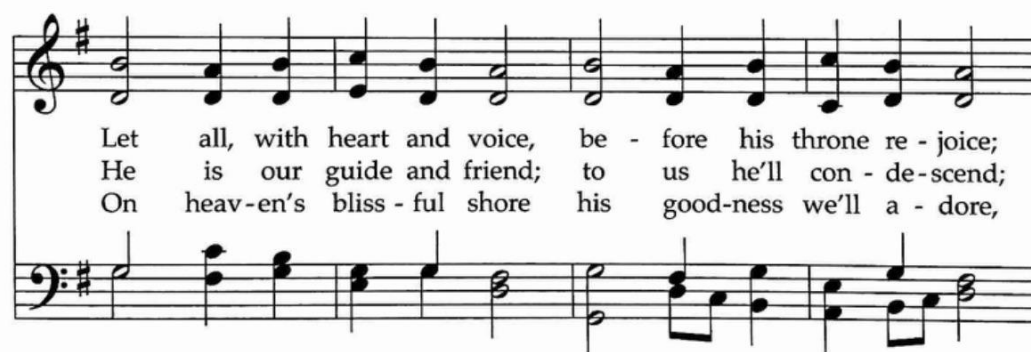
267 Come, Christians, Join to Sing



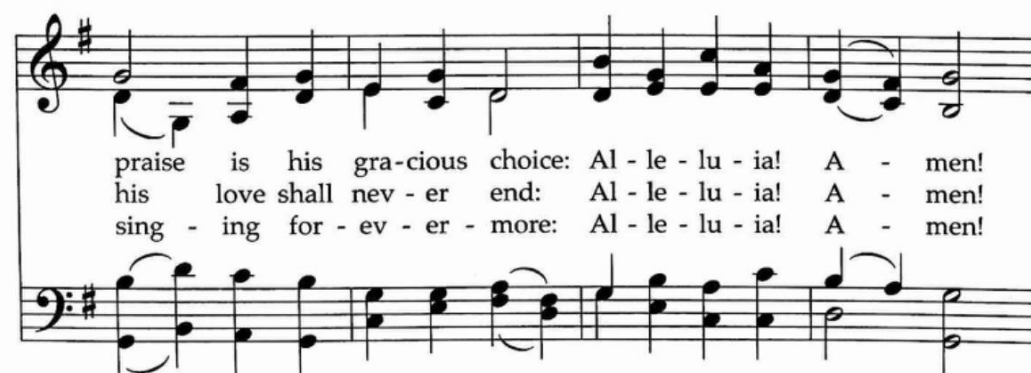
1 Come, Chris - tians, join to sing: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 2 Come, lift your hearts on high: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 3 Praise yet our Christ a - gain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Loud praise to Christ our King: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Let prais - es fill the sky: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 Life shall not end the strain: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!



Let all, with heart and voice, be - fore his throne re - joice;
 He is our guide and friend; to us he'll con - de - scend;
 On heav - en's bliss - ful shore his good - ness we'll a - dore,



praise is his gra - cious choice: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 his love shall nev - er end: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!
 sing - ing for - ev - er - more: Al - le - lu - ia! A - men!

Like many other hymns of praise, this text was originally addressed to children but has been embraced by adults as well. Although the tune's repetitive elements suggest folk origins (possibly with alternating groups of singers), no specific source has been identified.

363 Rejoice, the Lord Is King!

Descant

4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

1 Re-joyce, the Lord is King! Your Lord and King a-dore!
 2 Our Sav-ior, Je-sus, reigns, the God of truth and love;
 3 His king-dom can-not fail; he rules o'er earth and heaven;
 4 Re-joyce in glo-rious hope! For Christ, the Judge, shall come

and gath-er all the saints to their e-ter-nal home.

Re-joyce, give thanks, and sing, and tri-umph ev-er-more.
 when he had purged our stains, he took his seat a-bove.
 the keys of death and hell are to our Je-sus given.
 and gath-er all the saints to their e-ter-nal home.

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce!

Lift up your heart; lift up your voice! Re-joyce, a-gain I say, re-joyce!

Each stanza of this enthronement text prepares for the final line of the refrain, based on Philippians 4:4. "Lord" is here a title of Christ rather than a reference to the undivided Trinity. The late 18th-century tune (first used with Psalm 148) captures the mood well.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1746, alt.

MUSIC: John Darwall, 1770; desc. Sydney Hugo Nicholson, 20th cent.

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DARWALL'S 148TH

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