

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

Toccata on Nicæa

arr. Joyce Jones

Mengfei Xu, organ

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

Fount

Malcolm Dalglish

The Sanctuary Choir

Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to know thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise!

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 485

We Know That Christ Is Raised

ENGELBERG

*PRAYER OF CONFESSiON *read in unison*

Merciful God, in our baptism you promise us forgiveness and new life. Yet we confess that we often prefer our old ways. We insist on building walls that keep others out. We insist on serving ourselves first, and offering you what is left. We resist the new opportunities you set before us, clinging instead to harmful habits and petty grudges. Forgive us, O God, for all the ways we ignore your paths, and guide us to walk in your love and grace.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear and believe the good news of the gospel:

Through Jesus Christ, we are set free and called to new life!

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE HYMN 480 *Take Me to the Water, vss. 1&4* African American Spiritual

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.

Soloist sings first, then invites congregation:

Take me to the water, take me to the water,
Take me to the water, to be baptized.
Glory hallelujah, Glory hallelujah,
Glory hallelujah, to be baptized.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Beau Alexander Benge
Son of Sarah and Caleb Benge

**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

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.**

PRAYER FOR SAFE TRAVEL

for Youth Winter Retreat Participants

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Matthew 3:13-17 (NT, p. 3)

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Acts 10:34-43 (NT, p. 121)

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

SERMON

Second's Baptismal Calling

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

Salvation Is Created
The Sanctuary Choir

Pavel Chesnokov

Salvation is created in the midst of the earth. O God, our God, Alleluia!!

—Adapted from Psalm 74;

*DOXOLOGY 609 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures, high and low: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known;
Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*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 475

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

NETTLETON

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Naji Hakim

*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

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by the Baltzell and Duncan families in loving memory of their parents and grandparents, Lelia Lewis and Robert Brien Stone.

USHERS

Henry Kelsey, Leigh Parrot, Walter Tucker, Odetta Tucker, Vic Baltzell, Lee Baltzell

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Lorie Williamson, liturgist; Hadley Dierking, lay reader;
Elizabeth Scinta, elder for baptism; William Wright, 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

The family and friends of Emory Apple on her death, 1/7/26.

Brad and Glen Hume and their extended family on the death of his mother, Flo Hume,
1/3/26.

Cindy & Mike Dickman, and Lillie, Maggie, and Jack on the death of Cindy's mother,
Maxie Key, 12/23/25.

The family of Margaret Flowers on her death, 12/10/25.

Gene and Connie Smith and family on the death of Gene's sister, Elizabeth Land, 11/20/25.

The family of Natalie Brymer on her death, 11/20/25.

Ann and Roy Bowling and family on the death of her brother, Bruce Kleinschmidt, 11/18/25.

We Know That Christ Is Raised 485

Capo 3: (D)

(Asus) (A)

(A/G)

(D/F#)

F

Csus

C

C/B^b

F/A



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in his sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.
4 A new cre - a - tion comes to life and grows

(D)

(A)

(D)

(E7)

(A)

F

C

F

G7

C



Em - braced by death he broke its fear - ful hold,
Re - born we share with him an Eas - ter life
The Spir - it's pow - er shakes the church of God.
as Christ's new bod - y takes on flesh and blood.

(Am)

(D)

(G)

(Em)

(Bm)

Cm

F

B^b

Gm

Dm



and our de - spair he turned to blaz - ing joy.
as liv - ing mem - bers of a liv - ing Christ.
Bap - tized we live with God the Three in One.
The u - ni - verse, re - stored and whole, will sing:

1-3

(Em)

(D) (Asus) (A) (Em)

(D)

Gm

F

Csus

C

Gm

F

Al - le - lu - ia!

Al - le - lu - ia!

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Beginning with an allusion to Romans 6:9, this exuberant baptismal hymn unfolds the implications of our incorporation into Christ's new life, making us "a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The text was written to fit this expansive tune by a distinguished British composer.

TEXT: John Brownlow Geyer, 1967, alt.
MUSIC: Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904
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ENGELBERG

10.10.10.4

(this tune in a higher key, 641)

BAPTISM

480 Take Me to the Water

1 Take me to the wa - ter. Take me to the wa -
 2 I love Je - sus. I love Je -
 3 He's my Sav - ior. He's my Sav -
 4 Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu -

ter. Take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.
 sus. I love Je - sus, yes, I do.
 ior. He's my Sav - ior, yes, he is.
 jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

This African American spiritual sums up the commitment of a candidate for baptism: the request for the rite, an expression of motivation, and a succinct affirmation of faith. The widening melodic lines build anticipation and give weight to the final phrase of each stanza.

TEXT and MUSIC: African American spiritual

TAKE ME TO THE WATER
Irregular

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith - er by thy help I'm come;
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for songs of loud-est praise.
 and I hope, by thy good plea-sure, safe-ly to ar - rive at home.
 Let that grace now, like a fet - ter, bind my wan-dering heart to thee.



Teach me some me - lo-dious son - net, sung by flam-ing tongues a-bove;
 Je - sus sought me when a strang-er, wan-dering from the fold of God;
 Prone to wan - der, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;



praise the mount! I'm fixed up - on it, mount of God's un-chang-ing love!
 he, to res - cue me from dan-ger, in - ter-posed his pre-cious blood.
 here's my heart; O take and seal it; seal it for thy courts a - bove.



Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.

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