

# 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.



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 Nicaea*  
Mengfei Xu, organ

arr. Joyce Jones

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

*Fount*  
The Sanctuary Choir

Malcolm Dalglish

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 Bengé  
*Son of Sarah and Caleb Bengé*

*\*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.**

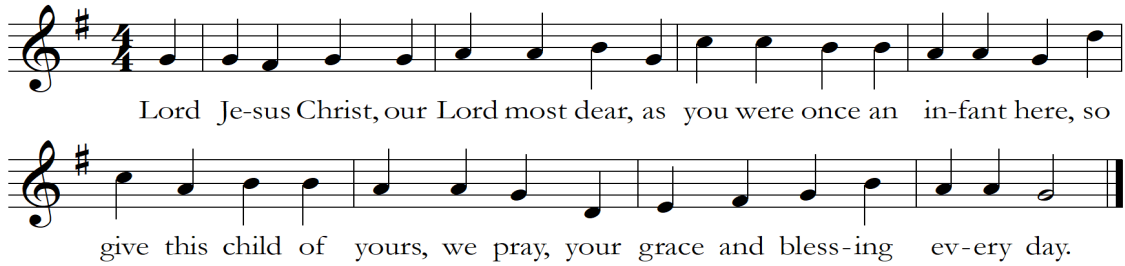
**CONGREGATION** *read in unison when invited*

**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.**

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)



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



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.



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:



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  
Text © 1972 John Brownlow Geyer

ENGELBERG  
10.10.10.4  
(this tune in a higher key, 641)

## 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 -

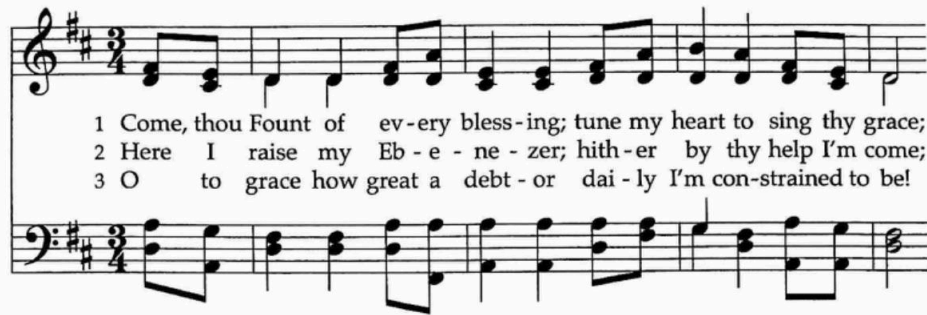


ter. Take me to the wa - ter to be bap - tized.  
 sus. I love Je - sus, yes, I do.  
 ior. He's my Sav - ior, yes, he is.  
 jah. Glo - ry hal - le - lu - jah to be bap - tized.

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.



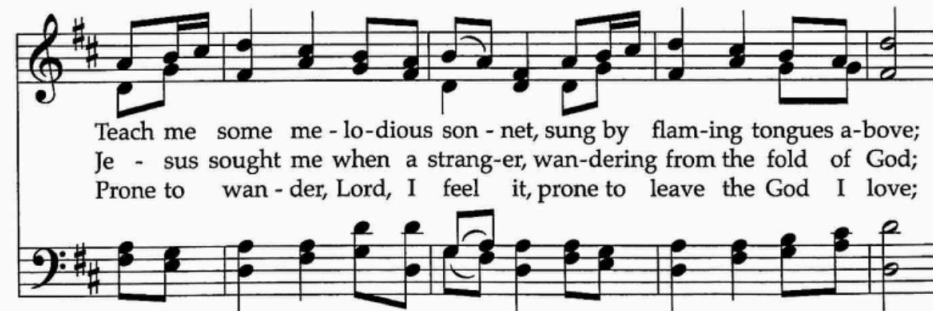
# Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing 475



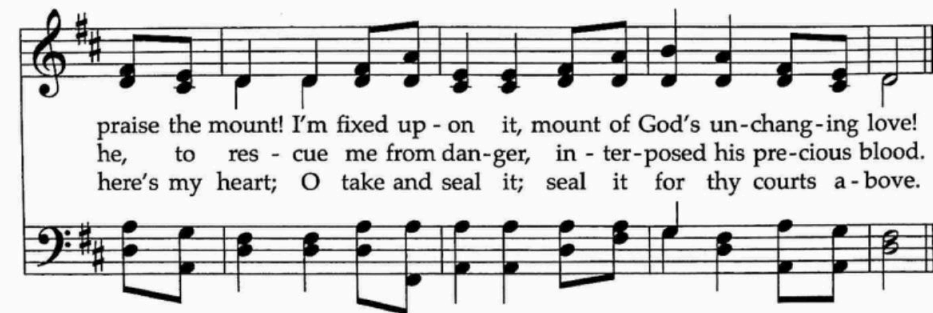
1 Come, thou Fount of ev-ery bless-ing; tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
 2 Here I raise my Eb - e - ne - zer; hith-er by thy help I'm come;  
 3 O to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con-strained to be!



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.

TEXT: Robert Robinson, 1758, alt.  
 MUSIC: Wyeth's Repository of Sacred Music, Part Second, 1813

NETTLETON  
 8.7.8.7.D

## *Ruling Elders*

### *Class of 2025*

Paul Costel  
Elaine Duncan  
Bob Horton  
John Hubbard  
Elizabeth Scinta  
Linda Watson  
*vacant*

### *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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