

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. 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, 2026 moves Second Presbyterian Church one year closer to celebrating our bicentennial milestone. After reflecting on our achievements and evaluating our current mission, we have identified 5 strategic pathways that will help us meet the needs of our congregation in 2030. We invite you to join us on our continued journey to preserve, strengthen, and innovate our community of faith.

Children of God, welcome home!

Mark Your Calendars for These Churchwide Events!

January 25, 3:00 p.m. - Concert Series: BACH+; followed by reception

February 1, 8, & 15, 9:45 a.m. - New Member Classes

February 8 - Bring a Friend to Worship Sunday

February 22, 9:30 a.m. - Annual Congregational Meeting in JFHA

February 18, ASH WEDNESDAY, 5:45 p.m. - Pancake Dinner; followed by Prayer/Worship stations; **6:30 p.m.** - Chapel Service

February 21, 10:00 a.m. - Young Families Meetup

February 22, 4:00 p.m. - Weekday School Cleanup

February 27, 6:30 p.m. - Trivia Night - signups in Narthex/online beginning Jan. 30

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

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

PRELUDE *Hymn Prelude on "Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart"* Ann Slowins
Mengfei Xu, organ

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 321 *The Church's One Foundation, vss. 1,2,4,5* AURELIA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

God of community, you call us to join in fellowship with one another, but too often we criticize and judge instead. You call us to live your way of peace and harmony, but too often we remain divided. You call us to trust you, but too often our fears and doubts overwhelm us. Forgive us, O God. When we fail, strengthen us in faith, and fill our hearts with the courage and commitment to follow your way.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

... may we be at peace with God, ourselves, and one another,
and believe and proclaim the good news of the Gospel:
Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!
Thanks be to God! Amen.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Galatians 5:13-18; 22-26

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

SECOND READING

Acts 2:42-47

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

SERMON

Pathway Two: Creating Fellowship

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

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.

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!



VOLUNTARY

Abide, O Dearest Jesus
Mengfei Xu, organ

James Coe

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 301

Let Us Build a House

TWO OAKS

*BLESSING

We are called to go out from our worship to share the grace of God with one another and the world.

In Worship Today

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist

Jim Rittenhouse, vocalist; Mengfei Xu, organist

Evan Vivic, Audiovisual Engineer

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We Lift Up in Prayer

The family of Peggy Putney on her death, 1/9/26.

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

Brad and Glen Hume & 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.

The Church's One Foundation 321

1 The chur-ch's one foun-da-tion is Je-sus Christ her Lord.
 2 E-lect from ev-ery na-tion, yet one o'er all the earth,
 3 Though with a scorn-ful won-der this world sees her op-pressed,
 4 Mid toil and trib-u-la-tion, and tu-mult of her war,
 5 Yet she on earth has un-ion with God, the Three in One,

She is his new cre-a-tion by wa-ter and the word.
 her char-ter of sal-va-tion: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
 by schis-ms rent a-sun-der, by her-e-sies dis-tressed,
 she waits the con-sum-ma-tion of peace for-ev-er-more:
 and mys-tic sweet com-mu-nion with those whose rest is won:

From heaven he came and sought her to be his ho-ly bride.
 One ho-ly name she bless-es, par-takes one ho-ly food,
 yet saints their watch are keep-ing; their cry goes up: "How long?"
 till with the vi-sion glo-rious her long-ing eyes are blest,
 O hap-py ones and ho-ly! Lord, give us grace that we,

With his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.
 and to one hope she press-es, with ev-ery grace en-dued.
 And soon the night of weep-ing shall be the morn of song.
 and the great church vic-to-rious shall be the church at rest.
 like them, the meek and low-ly, may live e-ter-nal-ly.

This hymn was one of twelve written by an English curate to affirm the articles of the Apostles' Creed with biblical allusions such as 1 Corinthians 3:11 here. Though not created for this text, the tune was joined to it in 1868, and the two have been inseparable ever since.



1. Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly — live,
2. Let us build a house where proph - ets speak, and words are strong and — true,
3. Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and — wheat;
4. Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and — stone,
5. Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vis - ions — heard



1. A — place where saints and chil - dren tell how hearts learn to for - give,
2. Where all God's chil - dren dare to — seek to — dream God's reign a - new.
3. A — ban - quet hall on ho - ly — ground, where peace and — jus - tice meet.
4. To — heal and streng - then, serve and — teach, and — live the — Word they've known.
5. And loved and treas - ured, taught and — claimed as — words with - in the Word,



1. Built of hopes and dreams and vis - ions, rock of faith and vault of grace,
2. Here the cross shall stand as wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace;
3. Here the love of God, through Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space,
4. Here the out - cast and the stran - ger bear the im - age of God's face,
5. Built of tears and cries and laugh - ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace,



1. Here the love of Christ shall end di - vis - ions:
2. Here as one we claim the faith of Je - sus;
3. As we share in Christ the feast that frees — us; All are wel - come,
4. Let us bring an end to fear and dan - ger:
5. Let this house pro - claim from floor to raft - er:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place. ———

"All are welcome"

Words: Marty Haugen (b. 1950)

Music: Two Oaks, Marty Haugen

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