

# 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. 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!*

**CHILDCARE is available for all Sunday morning events.** Childcare is available in room 120 for children birth through age 5 until 10:45 a.m. and birth through age 3 for 11:00 a.m. worship. Older children are asked to remain in 8:30am worship. Childcare & activities for 1st through 6th grades are available during the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45 a.m.) in room 180 off of the youth suite.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH** Older 3's (by 8/1) through 6th grade that attend 11:00 a.m. worship will exit to activities after the Passing of the Peace. Children can be picked up after worship in the following rooms: PreK-3rd grade room 150, 4th-6th grade room 180. 1st through 6th grade will remain in worship on the 1st Sunday of each month (Communion Sunday).

**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 headset unit, please ask an usher to provide one.



*Thank you for silencing mobile phones and other devices to honor the sanctity of our worship.*

*\* Please stand if you can do so comfortably.*

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



Take, O take me as I am; sum-mon out what I shall  
be; set your seal up-on my heart and live in me.

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature has four flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat, D-flat) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system covers the first two lines of the hymn, and the second system covers the next two lines.

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

...assured of this very Good News:

**Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!  
Amen.**

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

William Hale Dierking  
*Son of Erin and Kurt Dierking*

*\*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.**

*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!**

RESPONSE HYMN 490 *Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters* BEACH SPRING

**Wash, O God, your sons and daughters,  
newborn creatures of your womb;  
Number them among your people,  
raised like Christ from death to tomb.  
Weave them garments bright and sparkling;  
Compass them with love and light.  
Fill, anoint them; send your Spirit, holy dove and heart's delight.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

## *The Word*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 95

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

SECOND READING

Exodus 17:1-7

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

SERMON

*Exodus Blessing*

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

*Amazing Grace*

NEW BRITAIN

Youth Group; Morgan Fellon, soloist; Sanctuary Choir  
Mengfei Xu, piano; Wilson Masick, Brent Baltzell, & Michael Harper, guitars

*Congregation to stand and sing when invited:*

**When we've been there ten thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
We've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun.**

\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

## 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 705

*You Are Holy*

YOU ARE HOLY

*(Please keep hymnal open for final response)*

\*BLESSING

\*RESPONSE 705

*You Are Holy, reprise*

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

## *In Worship Today*

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in memory of Jo and Dorothy Carothers, parents of Scott Carothers.

THE NARTHEX FLOWERS are shared from the funeral of long time member Keltie Ferris.

### USHERS

Edie Wells, Zachary Burrice, Georgia Dierking, Paul Erickson, Clarke Faurest, James Faurest, McKiely Korhonen, Will Reuther, James Russell, Nolan Russell, Frazier Watt

### OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; John Davis, Elder for baptism

Youth Liturgists: Scott Davis, Hadey Dierking, Will Dierking, Paul Erickson, Morgan Fellon, McKiely Korhonen, Wilson Masick, Lillian Powers, Will Reuther, Kate Watkins

Youth Musicians: Morgan Fellon, vocalist; Wilson Masick, guitar; Brent Baltzell (Adult Volunteer), guitar/conga; Michael Harper (Coordinator for Youth), vocalist & guitar.

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 Keltie Ferris on her death, 3/1/26.

The family and friends of Dr. Bob Wade on his death, 2/14/26.

David and Amy Wombwell and family on the death of David's father, George Wombwell, 2/7/26.

Jeff and Paula Roberts and family on the death of Jeff's mother, Madge Barnett Roberts, 2/5/26.

The family of Charlie Castner on his death, 2/3/26.

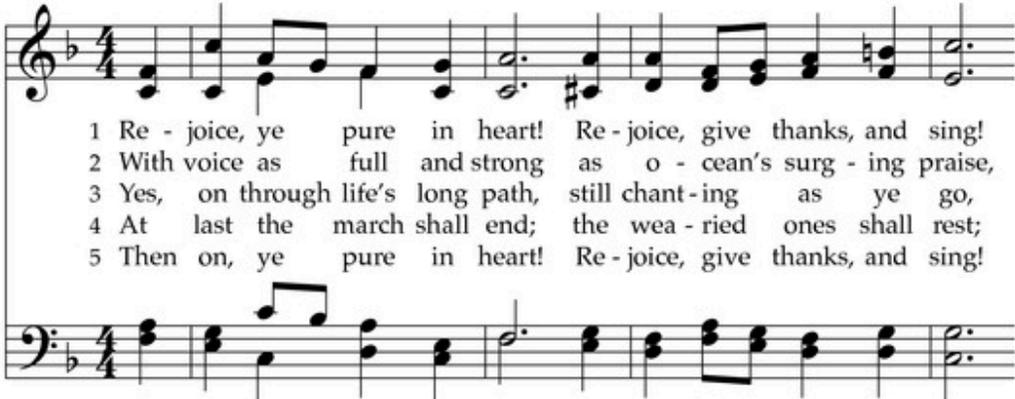
Edith Huber and her family on the death of her husband, Dr. Charles Huber, 1/24/26.

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

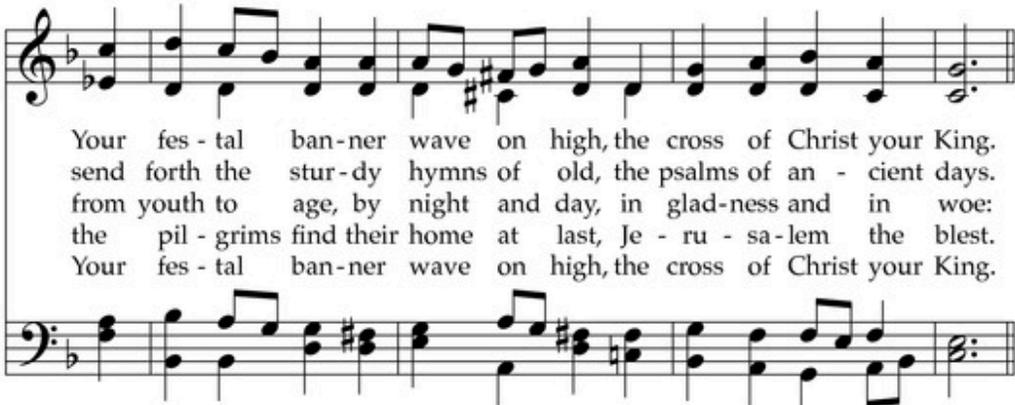
The family and friends of Emory Apple on her death, 1/7/26.

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

## 804 Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart!



1 Re - joi - ce, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!  
 2 With voice as full and strong as o - cean's surg - ing praise,  
 3 Yes, on through life's long path, still chant - ing as ye go,  
 4 At last the march shall end; the wea - ried ones shall rest;  
 5 Then on, ye pure in heart! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!



Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.  
 send forth the stur - dy hymns of old, the psalms of an - cient days.  
 from youth to age, by night and day, in glad - ness and in woe:  
 the pil - grims find their home at last, Je - ru - sa - lem the blest.  
 Your fes - tal ban - ner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.

*Refrain*


Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce, give thanks, and sing!  
 Re - joi - ce! Re - joi - ce!

These stanzas are drawn from a much longer hymn created for the processional at an English choir festival in 1865. The original text lacked the refrain that gives the hymn so much of its energy and interest. That feature was added by the composer of this tune in 1883.

705

You Are Holy  
Prince of Peace

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of two parts, Part 1 and Part 2, which are interwoven. The lyrics are: "You are ho - ly; you are might - y; you are wor - thy, you are wor - thy of praise. I will wor - thy, wor - thy of praise. I will fol - low; I will lis - ten; I will I will I will love you all of my lis - ten; I will love you". Chords indicated above the staff include G, C2, Am, and D.

Songs of personal devotion to Christ have long formed part of congregational song, a tradition continued in this contemporary praise and worship song. The two parts suggest the voices of heart and mind, the latter being distinguished by familiarity with many scriptural images.

D G C2

days. I will sing to and

all of my days. You are Lord of lords; you are

Dsus Em7

wor - ship the King who is

King of kings; you are might - y God, Lord of

G/B C2

wor - thy. I will love and a -

ev - ery - thing. You're Em - man - u - el; you're the

Dsus Em7

dore him; I will bow down be -

great I AM; you're the Prince of Peace, who

G/B C2

fore him. I will sing to and

is the Lamb. You're the liv - ing God; you're my

*continued*

DEDICATION AND STEWARDSHIP

Dsus Em7

wor - ship the King who is  
sav - ing grace; you will reign for - ev - er; you are

G/B C2

wor - thy. I will love and a -  
An - cient of Days. You are Al - pha, O - me - ga, Be -

Dsus Em7

dore him; I will bow down be -  
gin - ning and End. You're my Sav - ior, Mes - si - ah, Re -

Asus A C2

fore him. You're my Prince of Peace, and I will  
deem - er, and Friend. You're my Prince of Peace, and I will

D G

live my life for you.  
live my life for you.

## **Mark Your Calendars for These Churchwide Events!**

**March 11 & 18, 5:45 p.m.** - Spiritual Practices Class with Rev. Andrew

**March 5, 19 & 26, 12:00 p.m.** - Recitals in Lent Series

**March 8, 4:00 p.m.** - Weekday School Cleanup (rescheduled)

**March 15, 3:00 p.m.** - Concert Series: Deep River (not live streamed)

**March 22, 12:00 p.m.** - El Salvador Mission Trip Informational Meeting

**March 25, 5 p.m.** - Final Wednesdays Together Dinner/Children's Choirs Program (5:45 p.m.)

**March 29, 8:30 & 11 a.m.** - Palm/Passion Sunday

**March 29 - following 11 a.m. service** - Easter Egg Hunt

## *Ruling Elders*

### *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

### *Class of 2028*

Caroline Dicken  
Mary Clay Edinger  
Priss Hovious  
Crystal Kannapell  
Henry Kelsey  
Alexandra Ortiz  
Larry Sloan

*Youth Elders:* Scott Davis & Lillian Powers

*Clerk:* Chip Snyder

## *Deacons*

### *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

### *Class of 2028*

Cheeky Bahe  
Mac Barr  
Lee Best  
Terry Cissell  
Sara Gilford  
Nick Hertzman  
John Williams

## *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*

Jeremy Doyle *Director of Facilities*

Earl Toepfert *Maintenance Technician*

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