

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.

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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!

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

11 a.m. 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.

11a TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

adapted from Howard Thurman

FIRST READING

Psalm 34:1-10

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

SECOND READING

John 2:1-11

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

SERMON

An Easter Party

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison* *from the Confession of 1967 (9.32)*

The life, death, resurrection, and promised coming of Jesus Christ has set the pattern for the church's mission. His life as fully human involves the church in the common life of humanity. His service to people commits the church to work for every form of human well-being. His suffering makes the church sensitive to all the sufferings of humankind so that it sees the face of Christ in the faces of people in every kind of need. His crucifixion discloses to the church God's judgment on people's inhumanity to one another and the awful consequences of its own complicity in injustice. In the power of the risen Christ and the hope of his coming, the church sees the promise of God's renewal of human life in society and of God's victory over all wrong.

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

Set Me As a Seal

Réne Clausen

The Octet (8:30); Sanctuary Choir (11); Mengfei Xu, conductor

Set me as a seal upon your heart
as a seal upon your arm
for love is strong as death
set me as a seal upon your heart
as a seal upon your arm
for love is strong as death

Many waters cannot quench love
neither can the floods drown it
neither can the floods drown it
set me as a seal upon your heart
as a seal upon your arm
for love is strong as death

*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

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 770

I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table
Kenneth Oeth, soloist on vs. 1;
Choir and congregation join on vss. 2-5

WELCOME TABLE

*BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Festive Trumpet Tune

David German

*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 Connie Smith in honor of Gene Smith, as this wonderful couple celebrates their 33rd anniversary on April 25.

USHERS

8:30 James Seiler, Michael Vairin

11 Brad Hume, Glen Hume, Susan McDowell, Curt Engelstad, Julie Engelstad, Sarah Middleton

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Todd Smith (8:30) & Dick Clay (11), lay readers.

The Octet (8:30); The Sanctuary Choir (11); Mengfei Xu, organist & conductor

11 Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Jason Steigerwalt, Laura Atkinson, and family on the death of his father, Philip Steigerwalt, 4/17/26.

Odetta and Walt Tucker and family on the death of her brother, Larry Burke, 4/15/26.

Margaret Cregor Radford on the death of her brother, Llewellyn Spears, 4/13/26.

Terry Cissell on the death of her brother, John Harper, 4/4/26.

Cheryl Cooper & family on the death of her husband, Walter Crutcher, 4/1/26.

Missy Hitt and Kelly Gant on the death of husband and father, Dr. Woody Hitt, 3/28/26.

Elizabeth and Jack McKean on the death of her sister and his aunt, Mary Louise Sheriff, 3/12/26.

The family and friends of Keltie Ferris on her death, 3/1/26.

233 The Day of Resurrection!

1 The day of res - ur - rec - tion! Earth, tell it out a - broad,
 2 Let hearts be purged of e - vil that we may see a - right
 3 Now let the heavens be joy - ful; let earth its song be - gin;

the Pass - o - ver of glad - ness, the Pass - o - ver of God.
 the Lord in rays e - ter - nal of res - ur - rec - tion light,
 the round world keep high tri - umph and all that is there - in.

From death to life e - ter - nal, from sin's do - min - ion free,
 and lis - tening to his ac - cents, may hear, so calm and plain,
 Let all things seen and un - seen their notes of glad - ness blend,

our Christ has brought us o - ver with hymns of vic - to - ry.
 his own "All hail!" and hear - ing, may raise the vic - tor strain.
 for Christ the Lord has ris - en, our joy that has no end.

The roots of this English text come from a mid-8th century Greek hymn that continues to be used in Orthodox churches at the midnight Eucharist marking the beginning of Easter. The tune is named for the county in northwestern England where the composer was then an organist.

Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.

770 I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table

1 I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble;
 2 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus;
 3 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers;
 4 Here all the world will find a wel - come;
 5 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey;

I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus, Al - le - lu - ia.
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers, Al - le - lu - ia.
 here all the world will find a wel - come, Al - le - lu - ia.
 we're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

I'm gon-na eat at the wel - come ta - ble; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na eat and drink with my Je - sus; I'm gon - na
 I'm gon-na join with sis - ters, broth - ers; I'm gon - na
 Here all the world will find a wel - come; here all the
 We're gon-na feast on milk and hon - ey; we're gon - na

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 feast on milk and hon - ey, Al - le - lu - ia.

The image of a great feast showing God's welcome of all people was part of Jewish tradition (Isaiah 25:6-9) and underlies Jesus' parable of the Great Banquet (Luke 14:15-24). Such equality remains as unknown to many people today as it was to the slaves who created this spiritual.

Mark Your Calendars for These Churchwide Events!

April 26, 12:00 p.m. - Great Hall - Youth Program Shareholder Appreciation Lunch

May 6, 13 & 20, 5:30 p.m. - A Faithful Call Lecture Series

May 10, 11:00 a.m. - Faith Formation Volunteers Celebrated

May 17, 11:00 a.m. - High School Graduates Honored

May 17, 3:00 p.m. & May 19 & 21, 7:30 p.m. - Derby City Chamber Music Festival

May 24 - Pentecost - First Sunday of One Service at 10 a.m. in the Sanctuary

Ruling Elders

Class of 2026

Vacant

Marilyn Duke
Liz Ratliff Evans
Lindsey Hundley
Lucy Kosse
Deb Vetter
Whitney Watt

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Angela Duffy
Stephanie Fellon
Larry Jones
Justin Powers
Kyle Wiggins

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Priss Hovious
Crystal Kannapell
Henry Kelsey
Alexandra Ortiz
Larry Sloan

Youth Elders: Scott Davis & Lillian Powers

Clerk: Chip Snyder

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Sissy Judy
Susan McDowell
Paige Reinstine
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Kitty deVoogd
Jim Haynes
Patrice Paton
Kay Reis
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Mac Barr
Lee Best
Terry Cissell
Sara Gilford
Nick Hertzman
John Williams

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Mengfei Xu *Organist and Assistant Director of Worship & Music*

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