

# 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!*

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

# *Service for the Lord's Day*

## TOLLING OF THE HOUR

*With the sounds of the Prelude the worship service has begun. You are encouraged to use this time for meditation and reflection prior to your participation in the service.*

## PRELUDE

*Prelude on "Brother James's Air"*  
Mengfei Xu, organ

Searle Wright

## WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

### FAITH FORMATION TEACHER'S RECOGNITION

Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's & Family Ministry

#### CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Alison Crawford  
Martha Clark  
Laura Sandman  
Mandy Watkins  
Hunter Arton  
Mary Edinger  
Lindsay Cook  
Mindy Farnsley

#### OPEN GYM (Youth)

Kurt Dierking  
Bennett Estes  
Todd Lyles  
Toby Nutt

#### BIBLICAL STUDIES

Acton Ostling

#### RAISING OUR FAITH

Tom Sweets

#### BREAKFAST & BIBLES (Youth)

Mary Beth Avery  
Brent Baltzell  
John Davis  
Stephanie Fellon  
Justin Powers

#### READING THE BIBLE

Marty Soards

#### SEEKERS PLANNING GROUP

Marilyn Duke  
Elaine Duncan  
Larry Jones  
Brad Hume  
Sue Rogers  
Jim Carneal

## INTROIT

*Alleluia (O Clap Your Hands)*

Debbie Wiseman

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, conductor

## PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Holy God, our lives are full, and we keep adding more. Activities, responsibilities, resumé-builders, work, fun: more, more, more seems to be our mantra. We leave no space to live or move or to just be. We like to feel important, and following your way means no power or status to be earned. We confess that you are often an afterthought, and we fail to see how to fit you in. We have more than our share of most things, yet still we want. Forgive our selfishness and arrogance of mind, body, and spirit, and turn us again to see your face. Silence in us every voice but your own, and be known to us again this day.

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear and believe this Good News:

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

\*RESPONSE HYMN 490 *Wash, O God, Our Sons & Daughters*

BEACH SPRING

*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.*

**Wash, O God, our 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.**

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Grace Awtrey Bowling

*Child of Emily and Robert Bowling*

*\*read in unison when invited*

The Apostles' Creed

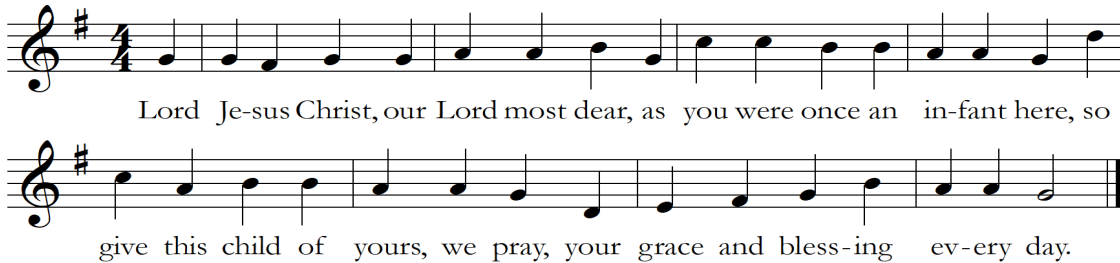
**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; 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.**

**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.**

## *The Word*

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST READING**

Psalm 131:1-3

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

**SECOND READING**

Romans 16:1-16

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

**SERMON**

*The Leaders We Forget*

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      *Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth*      arr. Tom Trenney  
The Sanctuary Choir

Mothering God, you gave me birth  
in the bright morning of this world.  
Creator, source of ev'ry breath,  
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form,  
offering me your food of light,  
grain of new life, and grape of love,  
your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurt'ring one,  
in arms of patience hold me close,  
so that in faith I root and grow  
until I flow'r, until I know.  
- Jean Janzen, Carolyn Jennings

\*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

MISSION MOMENT      Rev. Dr. Joanna Kim, General Presbyter, Mid-Kentucky Presbytery

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 432      *How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord*      REPTON

\*BLESSING

\*POSTLUDE      *Postlude in C*      Edward Bairstow

*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.*

# Here in This Place

## Gather Us In

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1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness  
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who  
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the  
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,



van-ish-ed a-way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings  
 yearn for your face. We have been sung through-out all of his-tory,  
 bread of new birth. Here you shall call your sons and your daugh-ters,  
 light years a-way: here in this place the new light is shin-ing;



brought here to you in the light of this day.  
 called to be light to the whole hu-man race.  
 call us a-new to be salt for the earth.  
 now is the king-dom, and now is the day.



Gath-er us in, the lost and for-sak-en; gath-er us in, the  
 Gath-er us in, the rich and the haugh-ty; gath-er us in, the  
 Give us to drink the wine of com-pas-sion; give us to eat the  
 Gath-er us in and hold us for-ev-er; gath-er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a-wak-en;  
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low-ly;  
 bread that is you; nour-ish us well, and teach us to fash-ion  
 make us your own; gath-er us in, all peo-ples to-geth-er,



we shall a-rise at the sound of our name.  
 give us the cour-age to en-ter the song.  
 lives that are ho-ly and hearts that are true.  
 fire of love in our flesh and our bone.

The "you/your" mentioned in every stanza is never identified, but this 1979 hymn is clearly a corporate prayer to God on behalf of the diverse congregation who have assembled for worship, longing to be transformed and used as God's witnesses and for God's purposes.

# How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord 432

Capo 1: (D) (A) (Bm) (G) (D) (A)(D)  
 Eb Bb Cm Ab Eb Bb Eb

1 How clear is our vo - ca - tion, Lord, when once we heed your call  
 2 But if, for-get - ful, we should find your yoke is hard to bear;  
 3 We mar - vel how your saints be-came in hin-dranc-es more sure:  
 4 In what you give us, Lord, to do, to - geth - er or a - lone,

(G) (Em) (A) (F#m) (Bm) (G) (Em)  
 Ab Fm Bb Gm Cm Ab Fm

to live ac-cord-ing to your word and dai - ly learn, re-freshed, re -  
 if world-ly pres-sures fray the mind and love it - self can - not un -  
 whose joy - ful vir-tues put to shame the ca-sual way we wear your  
 in old rou-tines or ven-tures new, may we not cease to look to

(A7) (D) (A7)(B) (Em) (G)(A7) (D)  
 Bb7 Eb Bb7 C Fm Ab Bb7 Eb

stored, that you are Lord of all and will not let us fall.  
 wind its tan-gled skein of care: our in-ward life re - pair.  
 name, and by our faults ob - scure your power to cleanse and cure.  
 you: the cross you hung up - on, all you en - deav-ored, done.

*Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

This reflection on Christian vocation was written to provide a new text for a pre-existing tune, and the poet has crafted his words so well that the two parts mesh smoothly. The tune is named for a noted British boarding school, whose music director was a friend of the composer.

## *In Worship Today*

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in memory of two beloved mothers, Molly Fuller and Ruth Clemmens, by their children, Nelson and Deborah Clemmens, and in honor of all mothers, with gratitude for their many blessings, on this Mother's Day.

### USHERS

John Hubbard, Nancy Hubbard, Leigh Speiden, Ken Fleming, Ann Fleming, Sarah Middleton

### OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Sallye Pence, lay reader; John Hollander, elder for baptism (grandfather)

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, conductor; Mengfei Xu, organist

Evan Vivic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vivic, camera

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## *We Lift Up in Prayer*

Jennifer, Chip, Cole and Mac Hancock on the death of Jennifer's mother,  
Glenna B. Hamilton, 5/01/26.

Gordon and Marilyn Duke on the death of his sister-in-law, Betty Duke, 4/29/26.

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.

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

**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**

**June 21, 6:30 p.m. on Chapel Circle- Vespers@Second - Keltricity Irish Band**

## *Ruling Elders*

### *Class of 2026*

*Vacant*

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*

Yilena Romero Aguilera *Custodian*

Paula S. Roberts *Organist Emerita*

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