

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!

***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

Verset on Veni Creator Spiritus
Mengfei Xu, piano/organ

Jean-Baptiste Robin

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the day the Lord has made:
Let us rejoice, and be glad in it.

INTROIT

I Will Sing Praise

Joseph Martin

The Octet (8:30); The Sanctuary Choir (11)

refrain I will sing praise to the Lord, my God,
Lift up my voice in the sanctuary
I will sing praise to the Lord, my God:
I will sing Alleluia, and praise his holy name.

Sing the glory of his name;
I will praise his name forever,
Oh, the name above all names.
I will sing praise to him, give all my life to him;
Oh, the glory of his name, the glory of his name!

Sing Alleluia, all heavens rejoice!
Sing Alleluia, life high your voice.
Sing Alleluia and make a joyful noise, joyful noise. [*refrain*]

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 401

Here In This Place, vs. 1-3

GATHER US IN

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Eternal God, you show your love and mercy to us, and have promised us that you will be our God without fail. Yet we confess that we often doubt your presence, and question your grace. We hear your guidance, but turn aside, preferring to find our own way. We know you are the source of all truth, yet we chase after the whims of this world. Forgive us, patient God.

Renew your promises, and reassure our doubts. Lift our burdens of fear and uncertainty, and bring us back to your path.

Time for silent prayer.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Rejoice and be glad, assured of this wonderful Good News:

Through Christ Jesus we are forgiven and set free! Thanks be to God!

Amen.

***RESPONSE HYMN 401**

Here In This Place, vs. 4

GATHER US IN

**Not in the dark of buildings confining,
Not in some heaven, light years away:
Here in this place the new light is shining;
Now is the kingdom, and now is the day.
Gather us in and hold us forever;
Gather us in and make us your own;
Gather us in, all peoples together,
Fire of love in our flesh and our bone.**

*11 a.m. Children of all ages are welcomed to come forward. Following the Peace,
children ages 3 through 2nd grade will be dismissed through the side door for activities;
3rd grade through 5th grade may return to their seats.*

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

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 31:31-34

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

SECOND READING

John 16:4b-14

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

SERMON

Welcome Home: Illumination & Proclamation

Rev. Andrew Bowman

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

A New Creed
from the United Church of Canada

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God.

We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

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

How Lovely Are the Messengers
The Octet (8:30); Sanctuary Choir (11)

Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words, throughout all the lands
their glad tidings.

- Romans 10:15&18

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures, here below.

Praise God above, ye heavenly host.

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING GRACE

RECOGNITION OF NEW MEMBERS

Suzanne Blake

Melanie Duke

Sierra Seay

Courtney Byrd

Dmitriy Goebel

Jackson Simon

Alice Cranford

Katehyn Goebel

Laura Zeller

Charles Cranford

Josh Kragenbring

Phil Zeller

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 361

O Christ, the Great Foundation

AURELIA

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Chorale Postlude on St Ann, op. 49 no. 5

Dudley Buck

*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

Introduction to the Sermon Series:

This worship service is different from any other gathering in society. You can find community at a concert, football game, or even a coffee shop, but what we do in worship evokes a different feeling and understanding of community. Every Sunday morning, we begin worship with two simple words: *Welcome Home*. They form the basis of why we are here and how we are called to move in this space. For worship, just like the home, can only function if we all participate.

We each arrive here from different places. In this series we will explore why everything we do for the next hour - from the Prelude to the Postlude, and all parts of worship in between - is meant to draw us closer as a family of faith, as siblings in Christ. We hope it will assure you that your faith is deeply rooted - or welcomes you to ask a question that plants a seed. — Rev. Barrett

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by John Stone: “In honor of Bonnie, my Bride of Sixty years—what a Joy!”

THE NARTHEX FLOWERS are given by the family of Lamoine Cash from her Service of Witness to the Resurrection, Sept. 23, 2026.

USHERS

8:30 Greg Treitz, Scott Carothers

11 Emily Lawrence, Paige Reinstine, Leigh Parrot, Patrice Paton, Roy Bowling,
Cathy Flowers

11 GREETERS

Lee Best, Larry Williams, Mary Beth Moberly, Glen Hume, Brad Hume

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Andrew Bowman, preacher; Lorie Williamson, liturgist; Greg Treitz (8:30) and Phil
Anderton (11), lay readers

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

11 Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer & William Vicic, Visual Technician

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Missy Cubine and Susan, Chip, and Henry Snyder and family on the death of Missy's son and
Susan's brother, Mark Cubine, 9/22/26.

David Wood, Carter Sartor, Yandell Wood and family on the death of his wife and their
mother, Susan Wood, 9/20/26.

Harriet Suddeth and family on the death of her husband, Joe Suddeth, 9/16/26.

Kyle, Andrea, Kathryn, and Zara Wiggins on the death of Kyle's stepmother,
Elaine Wiggins, 9/15/26.

The family and friends of Lamoine Cash on her death, 9/7/26.

The family and friends of Bruce Lunsford on his death, 9/5/26.

Watson & Kendy Courtenay and grandchildren Tyler, Matt, and Alex and their families on
the death of Watson's mother, Edith McFerran Courtenay, 8/27/26.

Guthrie, Lisa, & Drayden Zaring on the death of Guthrie's father, Ben Zaring, 7/26/26.

Mark Your Calendars for These Churchwide Events!

Sept. 27, 9:45 a.m. - New Member Classes - Library

Oct. 4, 9:45 a.m. - Rev. Dr. David Gambrell - Worship Topics - Pathways Class - JFHA

Oct. 17, 6 p.m. - Fellowship Family Feud Event - JFH

Oct. 23, 5-7 p.m. - Pizza & Pumpkins, Chapel Circle or Great Hall

**Oct. 25, 11 a.m. only - REFORMATION & COMMITMENT Service - Sanctuary (No
8:30 a.m. service)**

**Oct. 30, 7 p.m. - AGO Louisville Silent Film with Live Organ - "Phantom of the Opera" -
Sanctuary**

Nov. 1, 8:30 & 11 a.m. - All Saints Sunday Worship - Faure's REQUIEM - Chapel/Sanctuary

Here in This Place

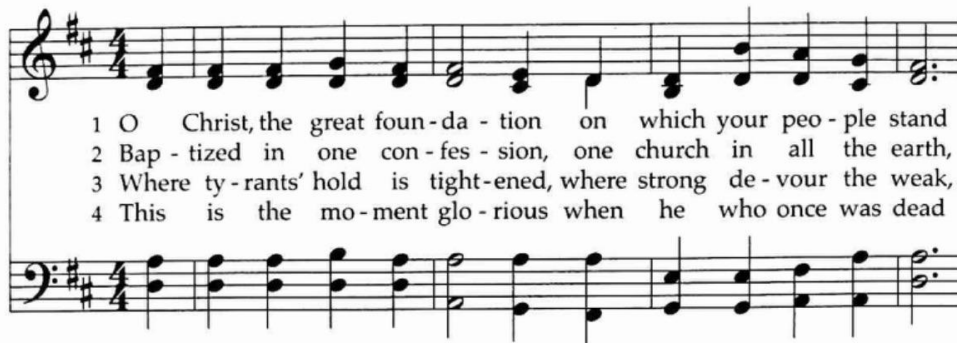
Gather Us In

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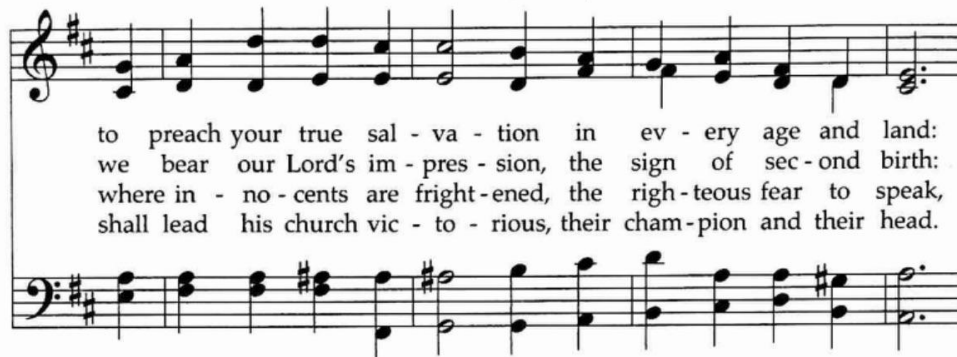
1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing; now is the dark-ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys-tery. We are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa-ter; here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con-fin-ing, not in some heav-en,
 van-ish'd a-way; see in this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

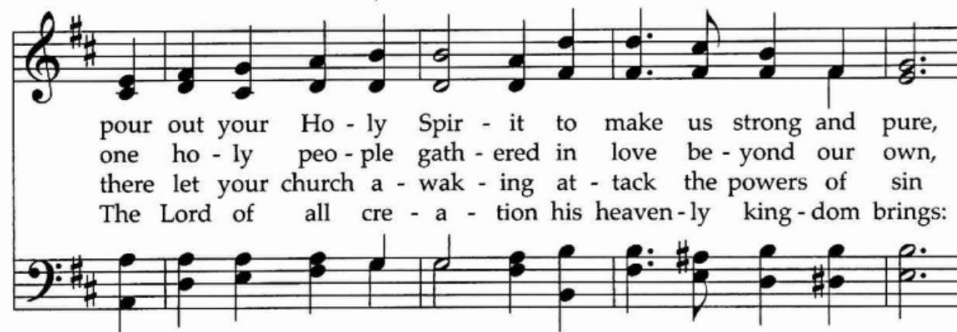
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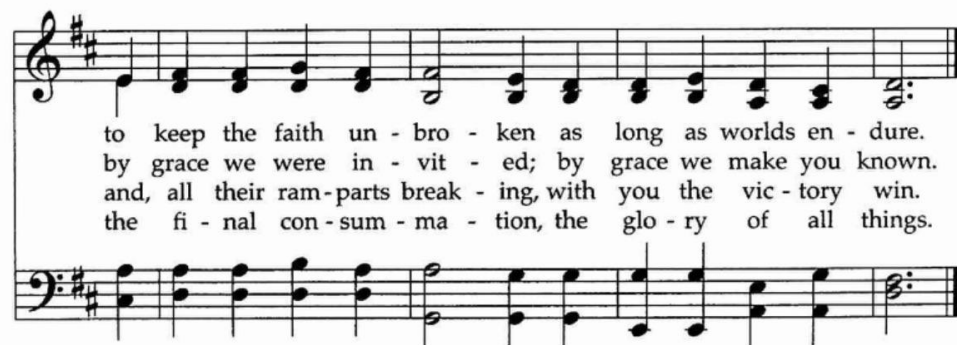
1 O Christ, the great foun-da-tion on which your peo-ple stand
 2 Bap-tized in one con-fes-sion, one church in all the earth,
 3 Where ty-rants' hold is tight-ened, where strong de-vour the weak,
 4 This is the mo-ment glo-rious when he who once was dead



to preach your true sal-va-tion in ev-ery age and land:
 we bear our Lord's im-pres-sion, the sign of sec-ond birth:
 where in-no-cents are fright-ened, the righ-teous fear to speak,
 shall lead his church vic-to-rious, their cham-pion and their head.



pour out your Ho-ly Spir-it to make us strong and pure,
 one ho-ly peo-ple gath-ered in love be-yond our own,
 there let your church a-wak-ing at-tack the powers of sin
 The Lord of all cre-a-tion his heaven-ly king-dom brings:



to keep the faith un-bro-ken as long as worlds en-dure.
 by grace we were in-vit-ed; by grace we make you known.
 and, all their ram-parts break-ing, with you the vic-tory win.
 the fi-nal con-sum-ma-tion, the glo-ry of all things.

The text was written by a leading Chinese educator, author, and editor who chaired the commission that prepared an important ecumenical Chinese hymnal, *Hymns of Universal Praise* (1936). This familiar tune invites comparison of these words with its usual text (see no. 321).

TEXT: Timothy T'ingfang Lew, 1933, alt.; trans. Mildred A. Wiant, 1966

MUSIC: Samuel Sebastian Wesley, 1864

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AURELIA

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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

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