

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost

September 26, 2021

THE GATHERING

(11 a.m.) **WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

PRELUDE

Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now

arr. David A. Schack

(9 a.m.) **WELCOME**

(9 a.m.) **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Psalm 124
(Read responsively)

If it had not been the Lord who was on our side
—let Israel now say—
if it had not been the Lord who was on our side,
when our enemies attacked us,
then they would have swallowed us ...
over us would have gone the raging waters.
Blessed be the Lord,
who has not given us
as prey to their teeth.
We have escaped like a bird ...
and we have escaped.
Our help is in the name of the Lord,
who made heaven and earth.

(11 a.m.) **PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE**

Our life is in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh. The Bible is the written witness to Jesus Christ, therefore it is "The Word of Life." Our lives are claimed by God through our baptism. It is God's seal on who we are as the children of God, therefore it is "The Font of Identity." The Table is the center of our home in the Body of Christ, the place where we are welcomed, renewed, and strengthened for the life to which we are called, therefore it is "The Table of Sustenance."

***HYMN 645**

Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above
Stanzas 1, 3, and 4

MIT FREUDEN ZART

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** *(Read in unison)*

Merciful God, you call us to service and work that cannot be done alone. Yet we overburden ourselves, and our egos keep us from asking for help. Forgive our false show of strength. Humble us in leadership. Help us to acknowledge that the gifts we have been given in the Body of Christ include hands of help and support.

(Time for silent prayer)

(11 a.m.) ***KYRIE**

Take, O Take Us As We Are

John Bell, adapted

Take, O Take us as we are; sum - mon out what we should be;

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set your seal up - on our hearts and set us free.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

***GLORIA PATRI**

Glory Be to the Father

GREATOREX

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, Amen.**

***THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

*Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward for the Moment for Children.
Children will then be dismissed through side door for activities.*

THE WORD

PRESENTATION OF CONFIRMAND BIBLES

Jack Blythe, Hayden Delaney, Ceci Flowers, Trevor Gilford, Charlie Lewis, Vivienne Linville,
Roberts Sartor, Nolan James Williams, Anna Zimmerman

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Numbers 11:4-6; 10-16; 24-29

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 9:38-40

SERMON

"Stretched by God's Spirit"

Rev. Steve Jester

THE RESPONSE

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From the Brief Statement of Faith

We trust in God, the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life. The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, that binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the church. The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture, engages us through the Word proclaimed, claims us in the waters of baptism, feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation, and calls women and men to all ministries of the church. In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage, to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior, to unmask idolatries in church and culture, to hear the voices of peoples long silenced, and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Please also see the information about ways to give on the inside of the front cover of the bulletin. You are invited to pass the Friendship pad found at the end of the pew.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

The Call

Z. Randall Stroope

Come, my way, my truth, my life: Such a way as gives us breath;
Such a truth as ends all strife, Such a life as killeth death.

Come, my light, my feast, my strength: Such a light as shows a feast,
Such a feast as mends in length, Such a strength as makes his guest.

Come, my joy, my love, my heart: Such a joy as none can move,
Such a love as none can part, Such a heart as joys in love. *-George Herbert, 1633*

*DOXOLOGY 609

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia!**

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 291

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness
St. 1: Choir; St. 2 and 4: Congregation

SPiRiT

*BLESSING

*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.*

POSTLUDE

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Arr. Lani Smith

**Please stand if you are able.*

IN WORSHIP TODAY

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS The chancel flowers for today are provided by Susan Stokes in honor of her children and grandchildren and in memory of their father, Dr. Lowell L. Stokes, Jr.

USHERS

9 a.m. - Margaret Cregor-Radford, Tom Tyrrell

11 a.m. - Emily Lawrence, Beth Blythe, Blake Blythe, Jack Blythe, Tom Hettmansperger,
and Judy Hettmansperger

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preaching; Rev. Jordan Akin, liturgist; Elder Karen Hadley, lay reader

The Octet (9 a.m.); Sanctuary Choir (11 a.m.); Christina Recktenwald, Director;
Guy Younce, Guest Organist

Evan Vicic, Audio/Video Engineer; Jonathan Mueller, Camera; Virginia Fortner, Visuals Editor
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WE LIFT UP IN PRAYER

Ruth Fitzwater and her family on the death of her mother, Georgia Fitzwater, 9/21/2021.

The family of the Rev. Alan Sorem on his death, 9/7/2021.

Lisa Shishmanian and her family on the death of her father Ralph Harbold, Jr., 8/26/21.

Melinda Mast and her family on the death of her brother, David, 8/28/21.

R. Gregory Treitz, John G. Treitz, Jean Lee Treitz, their families, and friends on the death of
Jean Treitz, 8/16/21.

Becky Shaw and her family on the death of her brother, Judd Shaw, 8/4/2021.

Current Protocol: The church's Re-opening Task Group, consistent with CDC and Presbytery advice, emphasizes that regardless of vaccination status, wearing masks while gathering inside the building is strongly encouraged. All individuals are strongly encouraged to mask for their own protection and as an additional layer of protection for those around them. Masks are required in the Weekday School spaces. The Task Group, composed of active elders, at-large members, and members of the church staff, will continue to monitor the situation and meet regularly to recommend any necessary changes.

CHILDCARE: Children ages 3 by 8/1 through 3rd grade are welcomed to begin the morning in 11:00 Worship where they will be dismissed to activities after the Children's Sermon. 4th and 5th grades report directly to the Youth Suite for class on all Sundays except Communion Sunday (1st Sunday of the month). Parents may pick up their children from the lower-level educational space after 11:00 Worship has ended. Educational space is best accessed through the double doors near the Narthex marked 2PK. PreK – 3rd grades rooms 150-154. 4th & 5th grades – room 180.

KidCheck is a secure children's check-in system that enhances your provider's security system and simplifies the check-in process. KidCheck helps ensure no one can pick up your child without your consent. Signing up for KidCheck is easy and free for parents, guardians, and workers! Visit <https://go.kidcheck.com> or download the KidCheck app on an iOS or Android device.

NAMETAGS: We encourage all who come to worship each week to make a nametag so we can continue to welcome guests, and encourage our fellowship together. Look for the tags and markers at the entrances.

UPCOMING EVENTS: Week of September 26, 2021

Chancel Flowers Needed: There is a need for chancel flowers for October 17th. If you would like to honor or remember a loved one in this way, please call Emily Willingham at 329-7762.

Mission of the Month: Join us in supporting Haiti by giving to either Women's Global Cancer Alliance (WGCA) or Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (PDA). Make checks payable to Second Presbyterian Church with either "WGCA Test Kit" or "PDA-Haiti" in the memo field.

SOS! Second Pres is scheduled to receive an Afghani family this week, a new co-sponsorship with our partner, Ky Refugee Ministries. Immediate needs will be food, clothing and medical care. More information will be shared as we receive it. Please contact Martha (mnpeccu@yahoo.com) or Kathy (kathy@oyler.net) to join our list of volunteers.

High School girls are invited to share a treat to learn more about the fun and fellowship of 2PY's High School Girls Bible Study. All are welcome! **Wednesday, September 29, 8:00pm** at Graeter's in St. Matthews

Membership Inquiry Class - October 10th Interested in learning more about life at Second? Looking to meet new friends? Join us for an exploratory class with information about our life and ministry as a church. Email Sam in the office for more details - we hope you'll join us!

Don't miss our opening Concert Series event - KALEIDOSCOPE GALA on Sunday, October 10, 2021 at 3 p.m with a pre-concert lecture at 2:45 p.m. by Daniel Gilliam, Program Director at WUOL. The concert brings back our popular offering from last season this time presented live in our Sanctuary as well as live-streamed on the church's YouTube channel 2ndpreslou. The Musicians of Second Presbyterian Church, along with special guests and collaborative artists, provide a wide-ranging program of solo and ensemble works spanning centuries - everything from a lute song of John Dowland to a popular song by Bob Dylan. Our spotlight mission offering benefits Bellewood and Brooklawn. Bring your friends!

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Youth Worship Arts - Sundays at **12 pm.** in the Youth Suite, all youth 6th grade and up are invited to discover their gifts for leading worship through the arts: music (instrumental, vocal), drama, and movement. Schedule: 12:00 - Light lunch and gathering time. 12:15-1:15 - Worship Arts Groups (a cycle of different arts). Throughout the year we will be involved in our 11 a.m. Service, and a mission tour will be planned for the Spring. Registration links are available in 2PY. Questions? Email Jim at jrittenhouse@2ndpreslou.org.

Wednesdays Together Returns: September 15–November 17, 5–7 p.m. Dinner will be served from 5–6 p.m. in the Great Hall. There will be an interactive and conversational Bible Study for adults taught by Pastor Steve and Pastor Jordan, 6–7 p.m. Music and Vocal education for ages 3 through 5th grade will begin at 5:30 p.m. with childcare or activities to follow. Reservations are needed by noon on Monday of each week for the meals.. Contact Virginia at vfortner@2ndpreslou.org to make a reservation. There is a suggested donation of \$5 per person with a \$15 family cap for the meal. Menu for 9/29: Sandwiches from Gracious Plenty!

THE MINISTRY TEAM

Rev. Steven P. Jester, Pastor
Rev. Jordan Akin, Associate Pastor for Youth
Jim Rittenhouse, Director of Worship and
Music Ministries
Lorie Williamson, Director of Children's
Ministries
Hayley Abell, Director of Weekday School
Lisa Bickett, Pastoral Assistant
Virginia Fortner, Formation and Worship Assistant
Keith DeCosta, Sexton

Samuel Libra, DMA, Communications Assistant
and Organist
Christina Recktenwald, Children's Choirs
Co-Coordinator
Ricky Case, Children's Choirs Co-Coordinator
Amy Heckmann, Childcare Coordinator
Elizabeth Clay, Parish Associate
Jackie Grimley, Bookkeeper
Paula S. Roberts, Organist Emerita



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