

# Service for the Lord's Day

## The Gathering

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING 450–853

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

\*HYMN 634

*To God Be the Glory*

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\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

\*RESPONSE HYMN 155

*Raise a Song of Gladness*

JUBILATE DEO

Raise a song of glad-ness, peo-ple of the earth;

Christ is here, bring-ing peace, joy to ev-ery heart.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - ery heart!

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, joy to ev - ery heart!

## \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Following the Peace, children who are entering kindergarten through rising third graders are dismissed through the side door for Faith Formation activities. Rising 4th and 5th graders may join the group as assistants to the adult leaders or stay in worship, if they prefer.*

## MUSICAL REFLECTION

*Amazing Grace*

*Text can be found at #649 in the Glory to God hymnal.*

NEW BRITAIN

arr. Will Todd

## *The Word*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

Genesis 18:20–32

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

#### SECOND READING

Luke 11:1–13

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

#### SERMON

*Is God Reliable?*

Rev. Steve Jester

## *The Response*

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

*Romans 8:1, 28, 38–39*

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

### GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*You are invited to pass the Friendship Pad found at the end of the pew.*

*We welcome you to scan this QR code to 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!*

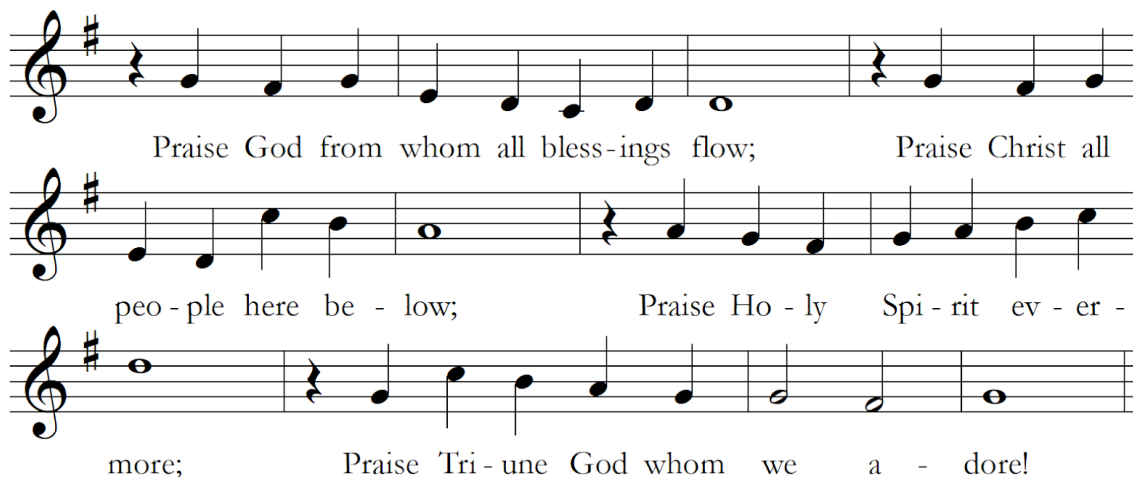


OFFERTORY ANTHEM *All Creatures of Our God and King*  
*Text can be found at #15 in the Glory to God hymnal.*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
arr. Julian Wachner

\*DOXOLOGY 608 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

PRAISE GOD (HOPSON)



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Christ all  
peo - ple here be - low; Praise Ho - ly Spi - rit ev - er -  
more; Praise Tri - une God whom we a - dore!

## SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *read in unison*

*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 436

*God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*

O QUANTA QUALIA

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Grand Choeur in G-major*

Théodore Salomé

*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*

### 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."*

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in loving memory of Bruce Q. Ballert by Miriam, Erik, Katie, John, and Natalie.

### USHERS

Eric Lehmann, Susan Lehmann, Dixie Baird, Sandy Bailey, Deb Vetter, Mike Vetter

### OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Rich Gianzero, liturgist; Sandy Bailey, lay reader

Summer Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Samuel Libra, Organist

Evan Vicic, audio/video engineer; Brandon Hughes, camera

Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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## *We Lift Up in Prayer*

Ken Fleming and his family on the death of his mother, Jo Ann Love Fleming,  
7/4/22.

The family of Patricia "Patti" Strickler on her death, 7/3/22.

Isabella Bianconcini and her family on the death of her grandfather, Giampaolo,  
7/3/22.

Ricky Case and his family on the death of his uncle, Bill Barnes, 7/2/22.

Diana Jester and her family on the death of her cousin, Kirk Avent, 6/30/22.

Robin Seiler and her family in the death of her father, Jim Hornback, 6/21/22.

Eunice and Rob Shishmanian and their family on the death of their husband and  
father, Charlie, 6/4/22.

Vicki, Rob, and Betsy Reuther and their family on the death of their husband and  
father, James, 5/27/22.

## 634 To God Be the Glory

1 To God be the glo - ry; great things he has done!  
2 Great things he has taught us; great things he has done,

So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
and great our re - joic - ing through Je - sus the Son;

who yield - ed his life an a - tone - ment for sin,  
but pur - er and high - er and great - er will be

and o - pened the life - gate that all may go in.  
our won - der, our trans - port, when Je - sus we see.

ADORATION

*Refrain*



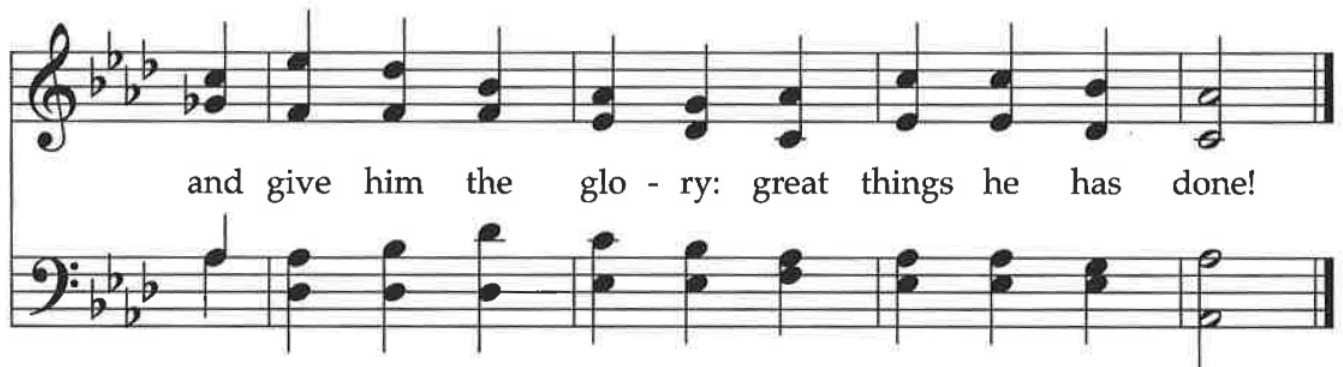
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the earth hear his voice!



Praise the Lord, praise the Lord; let the people rejoice!



O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,



and give him the glory: great things he has done!

# God of Compassion, in Mercy 436

## Befriend Us

1 God of com - pas - sion, in mer - cy be - friend us,  
 2 Though we are lost, you have sought us and found us,  
 3 How shall we stray, with your hand to di - rect us,

giv - er of grace for our needs all - a - vail - ing.  
 stilled our rude hearts with your word of con - sol - ing.  
 you who the stars in their cours - es are guid - ing?

Wis - dom and strength for each day ev - er send us,  
 Wrap now your peace, like a man - tle, a - round us,  
 What shall we fear, with your power to pro - tect us,

pa - tience un - tir - ing and cour - age un - fail - ing.  
 guard - ing our thoughts and our pas - sions con - trol - ling.  
 we who walk forth in your great - ness con - fid - ing?

By ending with questions rather than simple affirmations, this text conveys a strong sense of faith in God's presence and guidance without ignoring how much of the future remains unknown. The confidence of the text is well matched by its sturdy 17th-century French tune.