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 about our faith community.



If you are new to us, scan this QR Code to register as a guest and receive information about our life at Second.

Children of God, welcome home!

Thank you for silencing mobile phones and other devices to honor the sanctity of our worship.



For our worshipers who use hearing devices, please be reminded that we have the T-Coil system available. If you have the T-coil feature on your hearing device, and most devices do have that feature, you simply need to switch it to that setting. If you would like a unit, please ask an usher to provide one.

* Please stand if you can do so comfortably.

Bold type is sung or read in unison.

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Service for the Lord's Day The Gathering

PRELUDE Prelude on Rhosymedre Ralph Vaughan Williams

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT Almighty Father, Incline Thine Ear from Mass Leonard Bernstein

The Octet

Almighty Father, incline thine ear:

Bless us and all those who have gathered here. Thine angel send us, who shall defend us all.

And fill with grace all who dwell in this place. Amen.

Stephen Schwartz, adapted from Psalm 86.

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun **DUKE STREET**

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION read in unison

> We thank you gracious God, our one and only King. Forgive us for allowing other things to rule our lives - the love of money, obsession with influence, gossip, and self-righteousness. Forgive us our sins and renew grateful hearts within us. Guide us in service and relationship, which you have shown through Jesus our savior. Help us trust your sovereign power, which we know through the Holy Spirit. Remind us that your kingdom is not of this world while we demonstrate the rule of grace as your people.

> > Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

We all do extol you, our leader triumphant, and pray that you still our defender will be. Let your congregation escape tribulation; Your name be ever praised, O Lord, make us free!

BAPTISM HYMN

Lord Jesus Christ, Our Lord Most Dear

TALLIS CANON

Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward for the Baptism; afterward, they will be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.



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.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Charlotte Florence Allen-Kelley daughter of Lori & Zachary Allen-Kelley

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.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING Jeremiah 23:1–6

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Colossians 1:11–20

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Love Supreme Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

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 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

O God Beyond All Praising Thaxted, arr. Richard Proulx The Sanctuary Choir

O God beyond all praising, we worship you today And sing the love amazing that songs cannot repay; For we can only wonder at every gift you send, At blessings without number and mercies without end: We lift our hearts before you and wait upon your word, We honor and adore you, our great and mighty Lord.

The flower of earthly splendor in time must surely die, its fragile bloom surrender to you the Lord most high; but hidden from all nature the eternal seed is sown—though small in mortal stature, to heaven's garden grown: for Christ the Man from heaven from death has set us free, and we through him are given the final victory!

Michael Perry

Please stand and join in singing hymn on next page when invited.



*Prayer of Thanksgiving

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

POSTLUDE

Achieved Is the Glorious Work from The Creation The Sanctuary Choir; Samuel Libra, organ

F.J. Haydn

Achieved is the glorious work; the Lord beholds it and is pleased. In lofty strains let us rejoice! Our song must be the praise of God!

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 to the glory of God and in memory of Mr. and Mrs. Frederic C. McCracken, Mr. and Mrs. E. Howard Davis, and Dr. and Mrs. W. Burford Davis by their family.

THE ROSE IN THE SANCTUARY is to celebrate the birth of Alden Brewster Clay Edinger born on November 2nd to parents Mary Southgate Edinger and Wells Edinger.

USHERS

Brad Hume, Glen Hume, Emily Lawrence, Sandy Bailey, Jennifer Scott, Sallye Pence OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Rich Gianzero, liturgist; Stuart Ferguson, lay reader The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Samuel Libra, Organist Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Michael Beasley, camera; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Louise & Wallace Horine and their family on the death of their daughter, Margaret Lynn Adair, 11/14/2022.

David, Leslie, Nancy, Susan, and the Morrow family on the death of mother Barbara, 10/31/22. Stephanie Altobellis, Allysa, and Sergey Dunbar, Martha Hall, Sarah Parker, and the Dunbar family on the death of husband, father, and brother, Tom Dunbar, 10/30/22.

265 Jesus Shall Reign Where'er the Sun



This hymn is a classic example of how Isaac Watts Christianized the Psalms, in this case Psalm 72:5–19, by turning their messianic language to New Testament equivalents. The tune was at first nameless and anonymous, but is now called by the address of the supposed composer.

643 Now Thank We All Our God



Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

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