

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 visit our website and learn 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 11:00 a.m. worshippers with little ones needing a quiet space during the worship service, there is an infant and caregiver room off the Narthex. If you have any questions, please notify an usher.



For our 11:00 a.m. 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.*

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT

Easter

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Jason Steigerwalt, baritone; Samuel Libra, piano

Rise heart; thy Lord is risen. Sing his praise
Without delays,
Who takes thee by the hand, that thou likewise
With him mayst rise:
That, as his death calcined thee to dust,
His life may make thee gold, and much more, just.
Awake, my lute, and struggle for thy part
With all thy art.
The crosse taught all wood to resound his name,
Who bore the same.

His stretched sinews taught all strings, what key
Is best to celebrate this most high day.
Consort both heart and lute, and twist a song
Pleasant and long:
Or, since all musick is but three parts vied
And multiplied,
O let thy blessed Spirit bear a part,
And make up our defects with his sweet art.
George Herbert

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 624

I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art

TOULON

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Gracious God, your Son Jesus Christ told his disciples that he is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. You call us to walk along your Way, but we prefer other ways, which seem just as good. Forgive us when we choose the easy life, instead of your abundant life.

Saving Lord, your Truth contradicts what we think we know about how the world works, so we close our hearts to the suffering we inflict on others and on creation. Forgive us when we accept lies as reality.

Loving God, your Life is the light of all people, but we want to put boundaries around life. Forgive us when we try to restrict your endless love with our rules.

Guide us to follow you, and so discover an abundance we could never imagine, bringing life to communities everywhere.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*RESPONSE HYMN 240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks*

ALLELUIA No. 1

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.

Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*11:00 a.m. Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward
and be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.*

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

11:00 a.m. FIRST READING

1 Peter 2:2–10

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

SECOND READING

John 14:1–14

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

SERMON

Betting on Mercy

Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

The Nicene Creed

Found on Page 34 in the Glory to God hymnal.

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!*



ANTHEM

Come, Dwell in Solomon's Walls

Z. Randall Stroope

When the final timber lay 'gainst the measured stones,
When the doorposts in their place overlaid with gold.
And then the Lord appeared to Solomon, blessing all the house,
Also the temple of the ark of God, pure and whole.

Come dwell in Solomon's walls. Come dwell in the house of the Lord,
Where the humble bow down, seeking wisdom and strength,
For the Lord dwells within and heals their land.

Come dwell in Solomon's walls. Come dwell in the house of the Lord,
Where wisdom and righteousness, justice and holiness,
join at the feet of God.

When people of this house kneel and humbly pray,
When they turn from dark to light and your will obey,
O Lord of Heaven and Lord of earth, show favor on this house,
And heal, restore, forgive, and bless, Lord we pray.

*DOXOLOGY *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.**

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *read responsively*

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts! **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

In every time and every age...join their unending hymn:

HYMN 572 *Holy, Holy, Holy* SANCTUS (PAVLECHKO)

Blessed are you, O God...we proclaim the mystery of faith:

HYMN 573 *Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen* MEMORIAL ACCL. (PAVLECHKO)

Blessed are you, O Spirit...now and forever.

HYMN 574 *Amen* AMEN (PAVLECHKO)

THE LORD'S PRAYER *read in unison*

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.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

All those who trust in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior are invited to take part in the sacrament. A choice of red wine or white juice is offered. Gluten-free bread is available in cups on the plates. You are invited to say, as you pass the bread, "Jesus Christ, the Bread of Life" and as you pass the wine, "Jesus Christ, the Cup of Salvation."

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Ubi Caritas

Oja Gjeilo

Octet of the Sanctuary Choir

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.

Where charity and love are, God is there.

Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.

Christ's love has gathered us into one.

Exultemus, et in ipso incundemur.

Let us rejoice and be pleased in Him.

Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.

Let us fear, and let us love the living God.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

And may we love each other with a

Antiphon for Maundy Thursday

sincere heart.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

The Sending

*HYMN 377

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fugue in D-major, BWV 532b

J.S. Bach

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 loving memory of Y.

Peyton Wells III, a blessing to us as a husband, father, and grandfather, from his family.

USHERS

8:30 a.m. Larry Boram, Bonnie Boram

11:00 a.m. Gene Smith, Connie Smith, Diana Jester, Brian Houghlin,
Lisa Houghlin, Kit Davis

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman & Lorie Williamson (11:00 a.m.),
liturgists; Stan deVoogd, lay reader (11:00 a.m.)

The Octet (8:30 a.m.), The Sanctuary Choir (11:00 a.m.);
Ricky Case, conductor; Samuel Libra, Organist & conductor

Evan Vivic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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We Lift Up in Prayer

The family and friends of Joe Grimes on his death, 4/25/23.

Larry and Bonnie Boram and family on the death of Larry's sister, Jane Boram Hinkel,
4/19/23.

Jean Groskreutz and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Roger, 4/9/23.

Edith Huber and her family on the death of her brother, Mack Justice, 3/23/23.

Virginia "Sister" Stites, Bill & Mimi Stites, Elizabeth Stites, and Amy Wombwell and their
families on the death of husband, brother, and uncle, Bodley Stites, 3/20/23.

Alison Crawford and her family on the death of her grandmother, Gwen Knott, 3/3/23.

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I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place:
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

377 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to fol - low
 2 I want to see the bright-ness of God. I want to look at
 3 I'm look-ing for the com - ing of Christ. I want to be with

Je - sus. God set the stars to give light to the world. The
 Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ-teous-ness, shine on my path, and
 Je - sus. When we have run with pa-tience the race, we

Refrain

star of my life is Je - sus.
 show me the way to the Fa - ther. In him there is no dark-ness at
 shall know the joy of Je - sus.

all. The night and the day are both a - like. The Lamb is the

light of the cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

The author/composer of this unrhymed hymn regards it as a meditation and prayer deeply rooted in many scriptures, most connected with the theme of light: Genesis 1:17; Psalm 139:12; Isaiah 60:19; Malachi 4:2; John 14:8; Ephesians 5:8; Hebrews 12:1-2; 1 John 1:5; Revelation 21:23.