

# 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](http://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 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 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*

PRELUDE

Harry Pickens, guest pianist

WELCOME

HYMN SING

*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*

MELITA

**Eternal Father, strong to save,  
Whose arm has bound the restless wave,  
Who bade the mighty ocean deep its own appointed limits keep:  
O hear us when we cry to thee for those in peril on the sea.**

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

MATERNA

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
And crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!  
O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,  
Who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life.  
America! America! God mend thine every flaw;  
Confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law!**

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

CALL TO WORSHIP *read responsively*

Wild and free, creative and refreshing, God's Spirit blows through this place.

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Gentle and mysterious, patient and caring, God's Spirit moves in our hearts.

**Come, Holy Spirit!**

Breaking barriers and making connections, healing divisions and making us one, God's Spirit flows between us.

**Come Holy Spirit!**

\*HYMN 694

*Great God of Every Blessing*

AURELIA

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**God of profound transformation, of wind and fire and new life: your Spirit calls us to live boldly.**

**Yet we hesitate and doubt. We live in fear and ignore your call.**

**Your Spirit blows among us, but we hide our faces. We reject the things you desire, letting our fear lead us instead of you.**

**Help us break down our barriers, O God. Let your Spirit fill us with courage, guiding us to live in joy, freedom, and faithfulness, trusting in you to lead and use us. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*RESPONSE HYMN 286 *Breathe on Me, Breath of God*

TRENTHAM

**Breathe on me, breath of God. Fill me with life anew,  
That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.**

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...Assured of God's grace, let us live and proclaim the Good News:

**In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and made new.**

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*Children ages 3 through those who have completed 5th grade are welcome to come forward  
and be dismissed through the side door for activities.*

MUSICAL MEDITATION

*Beautiful River*

arr. Sandra Eithun

Austin Memorial Handbells

## *The Word*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 Corinthians 12:4–13

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

SECOND READING

Acts 2:1–21

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

SERMON

*There's Something Happening Here*

Rev. Steve Jester

# The Response

RESPONSE

Harry Pickens, piano

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

*from the Iona Community*

**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. Amen.**

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 *God's Gonna Set This World on Fire*

African Am. Spiritual

The Sanctuary Choir

arr. Moses Hogan

God's gonna set dis worl on fyer, God's gonna set dis worl on fyer  
one of these days, Hallelujah!...

I'm gonna sit at the welcome table one of these days, Hallelujah...

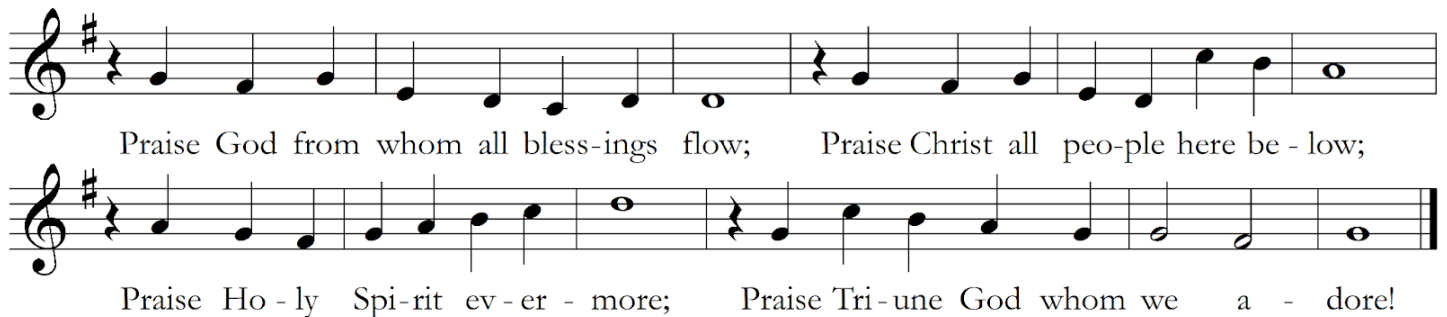
I'm gonna eat and never get hungry one of these days, Hallelujah...

I'm gonna drink and never get thirsty one of these days, Hallelujah...

*traditional, adapt. Moses Hogan*

\*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!

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

*Spirit of the Living God*

LIVING GOD

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.**

**Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.**

**Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.** *Daniel Iverson*

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.**

*The Sending*

\*HYMN

*Come Down, O Love Divine*

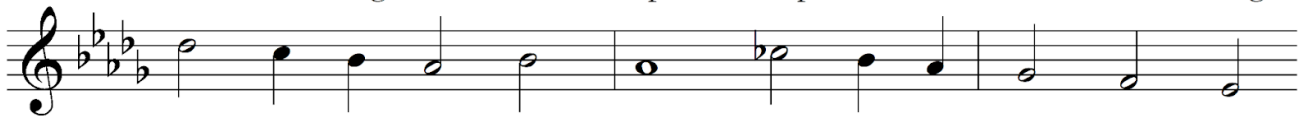
DOWN AMPNEY, arr. Will Todd



ALL sing 1. Come down, O Love di - vine, seek thou this  
ALL sing 2. O, let it free - ly burn, 'til earth - ly  
Octet only 3. Let ho - ly cha - ri - ty mine out - ward  
ALL sing 4. And so the yearn - ing strong, with which the



soul of mine, and vi - sit it with thine own ar - dour glow - ing;  
pass - ions turn to dust and ash - es in its heat con - sum - ing;  
ves - ture be, and low - li - ness be - come mine in - ner cloth - ing;  
soul will long, shall far out - pass the pow'r of hu - man tell - ing;



O Com - fort - er, draw near, with - in my heart ap - pear,  
and let thy glo - rious light shine ev - er on my sight,  
true low - li - ness of heart, which takes the humb - ler part,  
for none can guess its grace, 'til we be - come the place



and kin - dle it, thy ho - ly flame be - stow - ing.  
and clothe me round, the while my path il - lum - ing.  
and o'er its own short - com - ings weeps with loath - ing.  
where - in the Ho - ly Spi - rit makes a dwell - ing.

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Harry Pickens, piano

*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.*

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## *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 honor of the men and women who have served and are serving in the United States armed services, and in memory of those who have given their lives in service.

THE ROSE in the chancel last Sunday, May 21, was given in celebration and thanksgiving for the birth of Charlotte Rankin Kragenbring, born on May 10, 2023 to parents Mary Peyton (Wells) Kragenbring and Josh Kragenbring.

USHERS Gene Smith, Connie Smith, Patrice Paton, Pamela Ford, Larry Jones, Ginny Jones

### OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman & Rev. Jordan Akin, liturgists

The Sanctuary Choir, Jim Rittenhouse conducting, Harry Pickens, guest pianist

The Austin Memorial Handbells, Jim Rittenhouse, director

*Bonnie Boram, Elizabeth Clay, Terry Cissell, Lindsay Cook, Stacie Farris, Steve Farris,*

*Brandon Flamion, Kevin Horton, Diana Jester, Katharine King, Sue Rogers, Carmen Sanders*

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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## *We Lift Up in Prayer*

Cathy Martin, Lindsay Cook, and their family on the death of mother and grandmother, Susan McCrea, 5/10/23.

Wallace Horine, Margaret Flowers, and their families, on the death of wife and sister, Louise Horine, 5/9/23.

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.

# *The Ministry Team*

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# 694 Great God of Every Blessing

1 Great God of ev - ery bless - ing, of faith - ful, lov - ing care,  
 2 Your Word is our sal - va - tion, the source of end - less grace,  
 3 Your Spir - it is our teach - er; the light that guides our search,

you are the fount of good - ness, the dai - ly bread we share.  
 in death and life ex - tend - ing your cov - e - nant em - brace.  
 trans - form - ing bro - ken peo - ple in - to the ho - ly church.

How can we hope to thank you? Our praise is but a start:  
 In Christ we are one bod - y; each mem - ber has a part:  
 For feed - ing us with mer - cy, for wis - dom you im - part:

sin - cere - ly and com - plete - ly I of - fer you my heart.

Written for the 500th anniversary of John Calvin's birth, this text sums up his liturgical theology, ending each stanza with his motto: *Cor meum tibi offero, Domine, prompte et sincere*. By moving from plural to singular the stanzas show how corporate faith becomes personal piety.