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 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 All Glory Be to God on High, BWV 662

J.S. Bach

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING 1-449

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 475 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing NETTLETON

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION read in unison

God of every journey, you lead us each day. Sometimes our path is easy, and we follow gladly. But sometimes the going gets tough. We face challenges and choices. We're unsure which way to turn. We wonder if we're going in the right direction.

Guide us through our fear and doubt, loving God. Forgive us when we hesitate, and give us the courage to step into your future.

Time for silent prayer.



*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS read responsively

...Let us live and believe this very Good News:

Through Jesus Christ we are forgiven and set free. Thanks be to God! Amen.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Lars Edward Mayer son of Sasha Bjork-Mayer & Brooks Mayer

Children ages 3 through those who have completed 5th grade are invited to come forward for the Baptism; afterward, they will be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.

*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



PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Genesis 12:1–9

Matthew 9:9–13

SERMON

The Great Divide

Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

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		Blessed Be the I	Name of the Lord		Dale Grotenhuis	
	Praise ye the Lord. Praise him, O ye servants of the Lord,					
praise the name of the Lord.						
Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time forth and for evermore.						
From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same						
the Lord's name is to be praised.						
The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.						
Psalm 113:1–4, KJV						
*DOXOLOGY 608 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow PRAISE GOD (HOPSON)						



*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

*HYMN 485	We Know That Christ Is Raised	Engelberg
*BLESSING		
POSTLUDE	Toccata on NETTLETON	S. Libra

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 Joday

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 celebration of the birthdays of our grandchildren Silas and Gate, by Evie and Charlie Edinger.

USHERS

Larry Boram, Bonnie Boram, Walt Tucker, Odetta Tucker, Carol McCarty, Sudie Moseley

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Deb Vetter, lay reader

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Samuel Libra, Organist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Gary Buhrow and his family on the death of his wife, Ginny, 6/7/23.

Libby Hancock and her family on the death of her mother, Linda Wood; brother,

Bill Leonard; and sister-in-law, Rebecca; 5/29/23.

Carol Harper and her family on the death of her son, Grafton, 5/13/23.

- 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.

The Ministry Jeam

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Written for Pentecost by a British Baptist pastor, this text is full of biblical terms like "Ebenezer" (1 Samuel 7:12), Hebrew for "a stone of help" set up to give thanks for God's assistance. The tune name honors hymnal compiler Asahel Nettleton, who probably did not compose it.



Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

Beginning with an allusion to Romans 6:9, this exuberant baptismal hymn unfolds the implications of our incorporation into Christ's new life, making us "a new creation" (2 Corinthians 5:17). The text was written to fit this expansive tune by a distinguished British composer.

TEXT: John Brownlow Geyer, 1967, alt. MUSIC: Charles Villiers Stanford, 1904 Text © 1972 John Brownlow Geyer ENGELBERG 10.10.10.4 (this tune in a higher key, 641)