

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 *How Can I Keep from Singing* Benjamin Culli

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING 1-449

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 10 *Sing Glory to the Name of God* LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

God of Abraham, Sarah, and Isaac; God of Hagar and Ishmael; who gave us your Son, Jesus Christ the crucified, send your Holy Spirit to help us confess and truly repent of our sins.

We turn against one another; we fail to care for the weak and poor among us. We pay no heed to the cries of the powerless; we seek our own advantage. Your Son emptied himself upon a Roman cross and revealed your eternal, self-giving love. Forgive us, merciful God. Wipe sin from our lives and let us find ourselves wholly in Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...Hear the good news:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. 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 following the Peace.

*RESPONSE

Lead Me, Jesus

THUMA MINA

Soloist *Congregation*

(Lead me, Lord.) Lead me, Je-sus; lead me, Je-sus; lead me, Je-sus; lead me, Lord.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Genesis 21:8–21

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

SECOND READING

Matthew 10:24–39

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

SERMON

Die Another Day

Rev. Andrew Bowman

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison* *“A New Creed” from the U.C. of Canada*

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

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.

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

City Called Heaven

African-American spiritual,

Isabella Recktenwald, soloist

arr. Josephine Poelinitz

I am a poor pilgrim of sorrow,
I'm left in this old wide world alone!
Oh, I ain't got no hope for tomorrow,
I'm trying to make it, make heaven my home.

Sometimes I'm tossed and I'm driven, Lord,
Sometimes I just don't know which way to turn.
Oh, I hear of a city called "heaven,"
I'm trying to make it, make heaven my home.

*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 *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 821

My Life Flows On

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

vs. 1: soloist, Ricky Case; vs. 2-4 ALL

*BLESSING

*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 Jeanie Wilson, by her husband Ed, and in celebration of their 63rd wedding Anniversary (June 24).

USHERS

Emily Lawrence, Pamela Ford, Roy Bowling, Ann Bowling, Sudie Mosely, Diana Jester

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Andrew Bowman, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin, & Rev. Steve Jester, liturgists;
Dick Clay, lay reader

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

A special word of gratitude for our Sanctuary Choir who have rehearsed and sung weekly since August 2022. Glory be to God for your commitment to your call, your excellent leadership of our worship, and your glad spirits in helping us sing our greater "Alleluia!" Enjoy your time off!

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.

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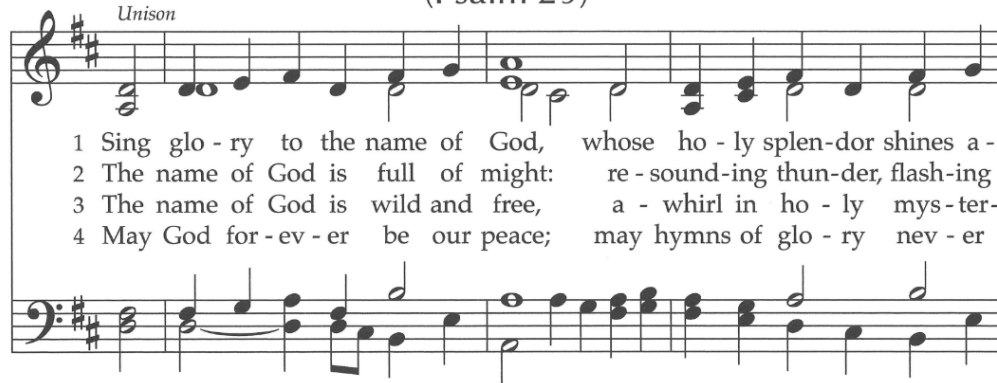


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10 Sing Glory to the Name of God

(Psalm 29)

Unison

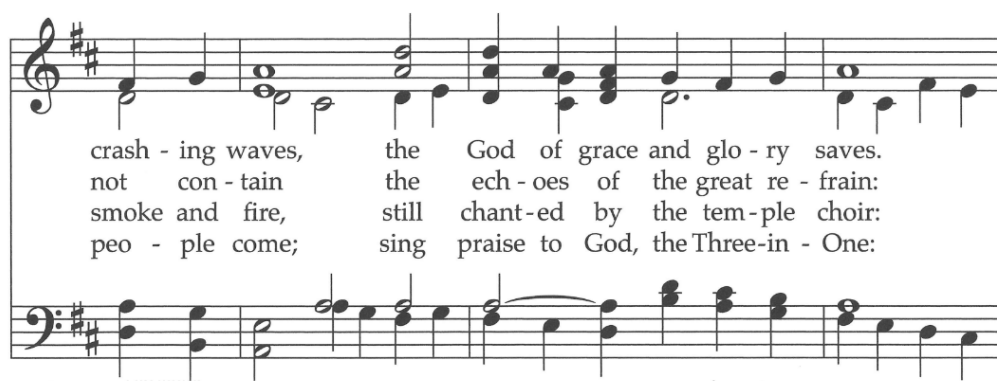


1 Sing glo - ry to the name of God, whose ho - ly splen - dor shines a -
2 The name of God is full of might: re - sound - ing thun - der, flash - ing
3 The name of God is wild and free, a - whirl in ho - ly mys - ter -
4 May God for - ev - er be our peace; may hymns of glo - ry nev - er

Harmony *Unison*



broad. En - throned a - bove the
light. The wil - der - ness can -
y. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! A se - cret wrapped in
cease: Let all the faith - ful

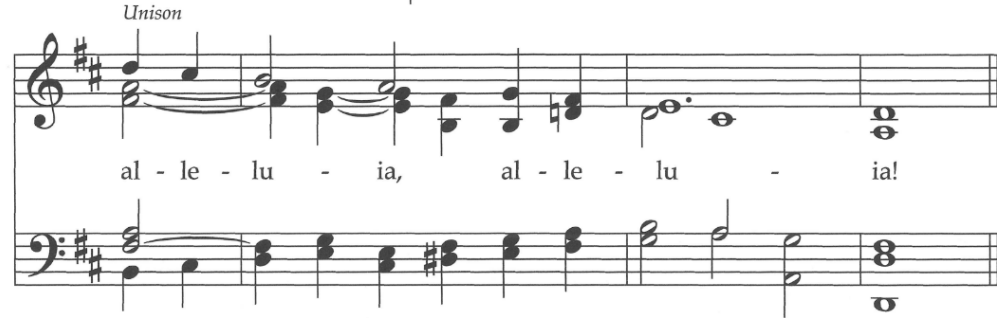


crash - ing waves, the God of grace and glo - ry saves.
not con - tain the ech - oes of the great re - frain:
smoke and fire, still chant - ed by the tem - ple choir:
peo - ple come; sing praise to God, the Three - in - One:



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia,

Unison



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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My Life Flows On

How Can I Keep from Singing?

1 My life flows on in end-less song, a-bove earth's lam-en - ta - tion.
 2 Through all the tu - mult and the strife, I hear that mu - sic ring - ing.
 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? I know my Sav - ior liv - eth.
 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev - er spring-ing!

I hear the clear, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion.
 It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing?
 What though the dark-ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth.
 All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?

Refrain

No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.

Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from sing-ing?

In the *New York Observer* of August 7, 1868, this text was titled "Always Rejoicing," and was attributed to "Pauline T." This may well be where the Baptist pastor and musician to whom it is usually credited encountered the words that he later published with his tune.