## 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

#### WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

PRELUDE Fanfare for the Common Man Aaron Copland HYMN SING 331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand NATIONAL HYMN God of the ages, whose almighty hand leads forth in beauty all the starry band

of shining worlds in splendor through the skies, our grateful songs before thy throne arise.

> Hymn for America Summer Choir

Stephen Paulus

We have loved you for your rivers, we have loved you for your shores, Ev'ry treasure you have shown us, Ev'ry seed that you have sown; We have loved you for your mountains, For your prairies, for your fields, All these gifts we have been given, All these glories that we share; Now we thank God for these blessings, We, your people, ev'rywhere.

Many are the stars of heaven, Many are the hopes of earth; All around us worlds unfolding, All around these dreams to grow. From the moment of our rising 'till we rest when day is done; May we tell our hearts' own story, Hearts that honor and believe. Through our care for one another, For this life and land we love. Michael Dennis Brown

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My Country, 'Tis of Thee

MATERNA

My country, tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing: land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride, from every mountainside let freedom ring.

Let music swell the breeze, and ring from all the trees sweet freedom's song. Let mortal tongues awake; let all that breathe partake; let rocks their silence break, the sound prolong.

#### PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

\*HYMN 687

ST. ANNE

#### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

#### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION read in unison

- Gracious God, you desire for all creation to have abundant life. We confess that we sometimes forget that life is your gift, especially when we face challenges. We confess that sometimes we do not understand your way, or we prefer to walk our own way. We confess that it is easier to ask you to bless what we want to do, than to ask for the courage to do what you are already blessing.
- Forgive the hurts we have caused by action or inaction. Forgive our hard hearts and closed minds. Free us to follow your way of justice, peace, and love.

Time for silent prayer.

#### \*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS read responsively

- ...By God's grace we are redeemed, refreshed, and restored for ministry, uplifted by this wonderful Good News:
- In Jesus Christ we are loved, forgiven, and freed! Thanks be to God! Amen.

#### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Children ages 3 through completed 5th graders are welcome to come forward and be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.



The Word

#### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE

Galatians 5:1, 13–18

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Becoming Human

Rev. Steve Jester

The Nicene Creed

The Response

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH read in unison

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 How Firm a Foundation FOUNDATION, arr. Tom Trenney Text can be found at #463 in the Glory to God bymnal.

\*DOXOLOGY 608 Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

PRAISE GOD (HOPSON)



### 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. Praise to you, O God...Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Thank you, O God...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Gracious God...now and forever. Amen.

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 *Air* from *Suite for Organ* Florence Price

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

The Sending

\*HYMN 772

Live into Hope

Truro

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

My Lord, What a Morning

Harry T. Burleigh

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 memory of Don Duane and Don Kessler by the Duane family.

#### **USHERS**

Gene Smith, Connie Smith, David Dorsey, Lee Ann Dorsey, Gordon Duke, Marilyn Duke

#### OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

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

Summer Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Samuel Libra, Organist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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### We Lift Up in Prayer

Jean Groskreutz and her family on the death of her sister-in-law, Mardella, 6/23/23.

Joan & LaMar Gaston, Edwin & Susan Penna, and Page Penna, on the death of their great-grandson and great nephew, Griffin von Roenn, 6/18/23.

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

Bill & Patty West, and their family, on the death of Bill's mother, Patricia German West, 6/2/23.

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.

# The Ministry Jeam

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CELEBRATING TIME



- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou our guard while life shall last, and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

JUSTICE AND RECONCILIATION



This text on Luke 4:16–20, the author's first, was written for the United Presbyterian Women's National Meeting in July 1976 because the team planning worship could not find a suitable hymn on that passage. She wrote the words with this vigorous 18th-century tune in mind.