

# 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

*Aria*

Paul Manz

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING 1–449

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

\*HYMN 32

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**Loving God, you have planted the seeds of faith in us, but we confess we have not always tended those seeds well. We fail to learn more about your Word, satisfied instead with what we think it means. We assume that we already know enough, instead of pursuing deeper encounters with you. We keep to ourselves and to those like us, rather than reaching out to the world you love.**

**Forgive us, gracious God, when we think you have nothing more to offer us. Open our hearts to embrace everything and everyone that you love.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

Beloved of God, hear and believe this Good News:

**Through the grace of 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

Isaiah 55:10-13

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

HYMN 171

*A Sower Came from Ancient Hills*

SEACHRIST

*vs. 1 - Jason Steigewalt; vs. 2 - Women; vs. 3 - Men; vs. 4 - All*

SECOND READING

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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

SERMON

*A Harvest of Hope*

Rev. Steve Jester

## *The Response*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

*Romans 8:1, 28, 38-39*

**We believe there is no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus; for we know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to God's purpose. We are convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. 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!*



ANTHEM

*My Hope Is Built*

arr. Tom Trenney

Summer Choir; Samuel Libra, piano

*Text can be found at Hymn 353*

\*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 838

*Standing on the Promises*

PROMISES

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Postlude on HOLY MANNA*

Wilbur Held

*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 and in celebration of Jeanie and Ed's 63rd wedding anniversary.

## USHERS

Emily Lawrence, Ann Bowling, Roy Bowling, Holly Gathright, Joe Gathright,  
Diana Jester

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin & Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgists;  
Henry Snyder, lay reader

The 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*

Brian and Lisa Houghlin; Sam, Brooks, and Lucy Owen and their family on the death of father, father-in-law, and step-grandfather, David Houghlin, 7/9/23.

Ruth Wallace and family on the death of her husband, Furman, 6/30/23.

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.

## 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God

1 I sing the might-y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
 3 There's not a plant or flower be-low but makes thy glo-ries known.

that spread the flow-ing seas a-broad and built the loft-y  
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them  
 And clouds a-rise, and tem-pests blow, by or-der from thy

skies. I sing the wis-dom that or-dained the sun to rule the day.  
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,  
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev-er in thy care,

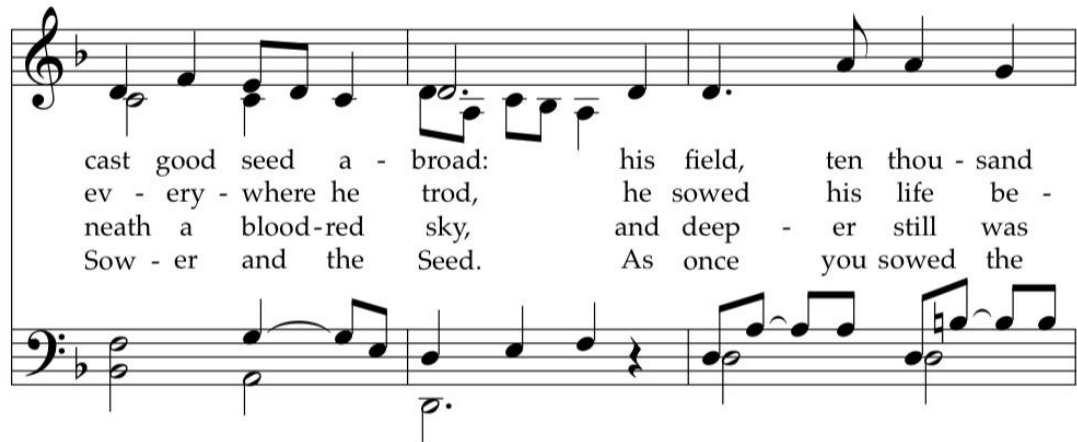
The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o-bey.  
 if I sur-vey the ground I tread, or gaze up-on the sky!  
 and ev-ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

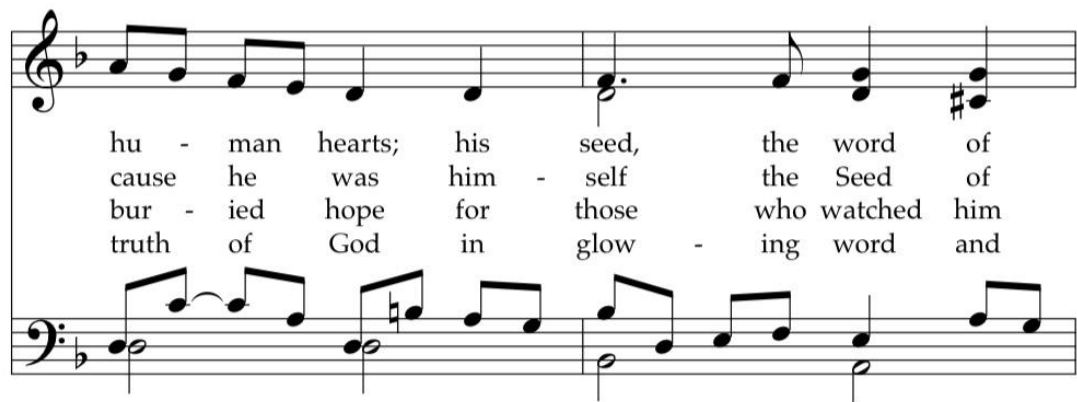
# 171 A Sower Came from Ancient Hills



1 A Sower came from ancient hills and  
 2 A Sower walked through-out the land and,  
 3 The Seed was buried deep in death be-  
 4 O Christ, you come among us still, the



cast good seed a-broad: his field, ten thousand  
 ev-ery-where he trod, he sowed his life be-  
 neath a blood-red sky, and deeper still was  
 Sow-er and the Seed. As once you sowed the



hu-man hearts; his seed, the word of  
 cause he was him-self the Seed of  
 bur-ied hope for those who watched him  
 truth of God in glowing word and

*Guitar chords in Pew Edition do not correspond with keyboard harmony.*

All three synoptic gospels record both the telling and the explanation of Jesus' parable of the Sower (Matthew 13:3-8, 18-23/Mark 4:3-8, 14-20/Luke 8:5-8, 11-15). Because the seed equals "the word," Jesus (as the Word made flesh) becomes the Seed in this expansion of the parable.

God. And some who lis - tened would not hear, and  
 God. But then, a - top a bar - ren hill, be -  
 die. But then, in Jo - seph's gar - den fair, as  
 deed, im - plant your Word in wait - ing hearts, and

some who heard for - got. But some re - ceived in  
 neath a dark - ening sky, they threw God's Seed on  
 dawn broke o'er the land, the Seed, from three days'  
 let it there take hold, un - til it bears in

fer - tile soil the truth the Sow - er taught.  
 ston - y ground and left it there to die.  
 si - lent sleep, a - woke at God's com - mand!  
 fruit - ful lives a har - vest hun - dred - fold.



## 838 Standing on the Promises

1 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ my king,  
 2 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail,  
 3 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ the Lord,  
 4 Stand - ing on the prom - is - es I can - not fall,

through e - ter - nal a - ges let his prais - es ring;  
 when the howl - ing storms of doubt and fear as - sail,  
 bound to him e - ter - nal - ly by love's strong cord,  
 lis - tening ev - ery mo - ment to the Spir - it's call,

glo - ry in the high - est, I will shout and sing,  
 by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,  
 o - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's sword,  
 rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my all in all,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
 stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

Perhaps because this hymn is so well known, its language sounds vaguely scriptural; but while there are various biblical uses of "stand" and "promise(s)," the two words are never combined. The confidence here is similar to that of "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less" (see no. 353).

TRUSTING IN THE PROMISES OF GOD

*Refrain*

Stand - ing, stand - ing,  
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God my Sav - ior;

stand - ing, stand - ing,  
stand - ing on the prom - is - es, stand - ing on the prom - is - es,

I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

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