

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

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Improvisation on* WERDE MUNTER MEIN GEMÜTE Sigfrid Karg-Elert

WELCOME

INTROIT *O Taste and See* Ralph Vaughan Williams
Molly Melahn & Christina Recktenwald, soloists

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is;

Blest is the one that trusteth in him.

Psalm 34:8, KJV

CALL TO WORSHIP *read responsively*

Christ is the Light of the world. In him there is no darkness at all.

Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 643 *Now Thank We All Our God* NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

God of our inner hearts, although you call us to follow, we are devoted to the things of this world. We seek comfort and wholeness through material things, instead of in you. We sometimes take credit for what your love has done. We often confuse our own desires with your will. At times, we have stepped back and let others carry responsibilities. Forgive us, O God. Shine your light in our lives, and turn us toward your goodness. Forgive our past and shape our future, that we might build your kingdom here.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...we are forgiven, restored, and redeemed.

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE HYMN *I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light, refrain* HOUSTON

*Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward;
they will be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.*

**In him there is no darkness at all. The night and the day are both alike.
The lamb is the light of the city of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Deuteronomy 8:7–18

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

SECOND READING

Luke 17:11–19

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

SERMON

The Healing Power of Gratitude

Rev. Steve Jester

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison* *from* A Brief Statement of Faith

**In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy
Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

**We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the
reign of God: preaching good news to the poor and release to the
captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with**

outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!" With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can 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

The Old Hundredth Psalm Tune arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

All people that on earth do dwell,
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
him serve with mirth, his praise forth tell,
come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed,
without our aid he did us make;
we are his folk, he doth us feed,
and for his sheep he doth us take.

O enter then his gates with praise;
approach with joy his courts unto;
praise, laud, and bless his name always,
for it is seemly so to do.

For why? the Lord our God is good;
his mercy is for ever sure;
his truth at all times firmly stood,
and shall from age to age endure.

**Please stand and join in singing when invited.*

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heav'n and earth adore,
From earth and from the angel host
Be praise and glory evermore.
Amen.**

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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 612

We Praise You, O God

KREMSER

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Improvisation on NUN DANKET ALLE GOTT

Sigfrid Karg-Elert

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 to the glory of God and in memory of our parents and grandparents, Dr. and Mrs. W. Burford Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Frederic C. McCracken, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Howard Davis, by the Davis family.

USHERS

Brad Hume, Glen Hume, David Dorsey, Lee Ann Dorsey, Bruce Dudley, Joan Dudley

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, Rev. Jordan Akin, liturgists;
Lee Baltzell, lay reader

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

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Elliott Nichols, Technology Coordinator

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Sue Rogers and her family on the death of her father, O.D., 11/8/23.

Kyle Wiggins and his family on the death of his father, Mac, 10/14/23.

Eric Jaegers and his family on the death of his mother, Pat, 10/9/23.

The family and friends of Ellie Salsbury on her death, 10/7/23.

Gene Smith and his family on the death of his sister, Rose Ann O'Daniel, 9/20/23.

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643 Now Thank We All Our God

1 Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
 2 O may this bounteous God through all our life be near us,
 3 All praise and thanks to God, who reigns in highest heaven,

who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices;
 with ever joyful hearts and blessed peace to cheer us;
 to Father and to Son and Spirit now be given:

who, from our mothers' arms, hath blessed us on our way
 and keep us in God's grace, and guide us when perplexed,
 the one eternal God, whom heaven and earth adore,

with countless gifts of love, and still is ours to-day.
 and free us from all ills in this world and the next.
 the God who was, and is, and shall be evermore.

Although this hymn is often used on large and festive occasions, its first two stanzas had much humbler beginnings: they originated as a family table prayer during the Thirty Years' War (1618–1648). These words have been associated with this tune since the mid-17th century.

We Praise You, O God 612

1 We praise you, O God, our Re - deem - er, Cre - a - tor;
 2 We wor - ship you, God of our fa - thers and moth - ers;
 3 With voic - es u - nit - ed our prais - es we of - fer

in grate - ful de - vo - tion our trib - ute we bring.
 through tri - al and tem - pest our guide you have been.
 and glad - ly our songs of thanks - giv - ing we raise.

We lay it be - fore you; we kneel and a - dore you;
 When per - ils o'er - take us, you will not for - sake us,
 With you, Lord, be - side us, your strong arm will guide us.

we bless your ho - ly name; glad prais - es we sing.
 and with your help, O Lord, our strug - gles we win.
 To you, our great Re - deem - er, for - ev - er be praise!

The author wrote this text when only nineteen years old in response to a request from the organist of the Brick Presbyterian Church in New York City, who wanted another Thanksgiving text to sing to this Dutch tune. He regarded the usual text (see no. 336) as too full of conflict.