

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 11:00 a.m. 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

11:00 a.m. TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Meditation on "Creator of the Stars of Night"* R. Groom te Velde

*Creator of the stars of night,
your people's everlasting light,
O Christ, Redeemer of us all,
we pray you, hear us when we call.*

*In sorrow that the ancient curse
should doom to death a universe,
you came to save a ruined race
with healing gifts of heav'nly grace.*

*When earth drew on to darkest night,
you came, but not in splendor bright,
not as a king, but the child
of Mary, virgin mother mild.
6th–9th c. Latin; trans. J.M. Neale*

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

INTROIT *My Lord, What a Morning* African-American Spiritual
 Kenneth Oeth, soloist arr. H.T. Burleigh

My Lord, what a morning when the stars begin to fall.
Gonna quit all my worldly ways; join that heavenly band.

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLE *read responsively*

8:30 a.m. Bonnie Boram

11:00 a.m. Ellis Bowman, Andrew Bowman, and Megan Bannerman

The nights are long and the days are short;
**The heavens are trembling with anticipation,
and our redemption is drawing near.**

God made the heavens and the earth,
caused the stars to shine and the world to turn.

**In Jesus Christ, God brought hope
into a world full of fear and despair.**

As we light our first Advent candle,
**That spark of hope lights our way—
Sharpening our vision and renewing our minds.**

May we see clearly in this light of hope.

May we recognize God's glory in our midst.

*HYMN 88

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel
vss. 1-4

VENI EMMANUEL

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Redeeming God, we confess that waiting is difficult when the world around us is on edge. We are impatient with each other, waiting for someone else to make a difference. We are impatient with you, O God, waiting for a sign that things will improve. Forgive us, loving God. Turn our hearts to you again, and show us how to live with hope. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ;

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

11:00 a.m. *RESPONSE HYMN *Prepare the Way of the Lord* Becki Slagle Mayo

11:00 a.m.: Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are invited to come forward; they will be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.

Choir: Prepare the way of the Lord! Prepare the way of the Lord!

ALL: Prepare the way of the Lord! Prepare the way of the Lord!

Choir: Light one candle, watch and pray, the Son of God will come to save.
Prepare the way of the Lord! Prepare the way of the Lord!

ALL: Prepare the way of the Lord! Prepare the way of the Lord!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

11:00 a.m. OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 64:1-9

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Mark 13:24-37

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

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

The Nicene Creed

Found on Page 34 in the Glory to God hymnal.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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ANTHEM *Zion Hears the Watchmen's Voices* from *Cantata 140*

J.S. Bach

Zion hears the watchmen's voices,
With gladness all her heart rejoices,
She eager wakes to greet the day.
See, her Lord from heav'n descending
With grace and truth and power unending,
Her day-star dawns with brightest ray.
O come, thou blessed One, Lord Jesu,
God's own Son. Hosanna!
We follow there Thy feast to share,
And taste the joys beyond compare.

Glory now to God we render,
Who reigns on high in heavenly splendor;
Let every tongue in praise unite.
Lo, we enter heaven's high portal
To join the song of saints immortal
With angels round Thy Throne of Light.
No mortal joy can e'er with heaven's
true bliss compare; Alleluia!
Rejoice below, i-o, i-o,
Sing out In dulci iubilo!

Philipp Nicolai; trans. John Rutter

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.

It is truly right and our greatest joy...who forever proclaim the glory of your name:

**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.

You are holy, O God of majesty...dedicated to your service.

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 *Veni Domine, et noli tardare* Francisco Guererro

The Octet; Samuel Libra, conductor

Veni Domine, et noli tardare.

Come, Lord, and do not delay.

Veni ad salvandum nos, Domine Deus noster.

Come and save us, O Lord our God.

Ostende faciem tuam, et salvi erimus.

And show your face and make us safe.

Sicut mater consolatur filios,

As a mother consoles her children,

consolaberis nos.

so shall you console us.

Et gaudebit cor nostrum corde perfecto.

And our heart shall rejoice in your perfect heart.

trad. Latin for Advent, 12th century

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

The Sending

*HYMN 82

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus

HYFRYDOL

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

8:30 a.m. *Fugue on the Magnificat*

Johann Pachelbel

11:00 a.m. *March of the Midnight Watchers* from *Bach's Memento* C.-M. Widor

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 CHAPEL ADVENT CANDLE STAND

The Advent candle stand found in the Chapel is constructed of cherry and maple wood, stained red cherry and finished with lacquer and polished with paste wax. The lathed candle holders are etched with 3 rings representing God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit. Attached at the bottom of the main pole is an acorn symbolizing God's abundant forgiveness, love, and grace. The stand was constructed by Dr. Larry Boram and the wood was donated by Dr. Lynn Ogden.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in memory of Mark Gaston by his father
La Mar Gaston and Joan Gaston.

USHERS

8:30 Bill Creason, Greg Treitz

11:00 Gene Smith, Connie Smith, Tim Martin, Cathy Martin, Linda Watson, Dixie Baird

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Elizabeth Clay (11:00 a.m.) & Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgists

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

LaMar Gaston, Joan Gaston, Page Penna, and their family on the death of LaMar's son,
Mark, 11/24/23.

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.

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88 O Come, O Come, Emmanuel



1 O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som
2 O come, thou Wis - dom from on high, who or - derest
3 O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy
4 O come, thou Root of Jes - se, free thine own from



cap - tive Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile
all things might - i - ly: to us the path of knowl - edge
tribes on Si - nai's height in an - cient times didst give the
Sa - tan's tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple



here un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
show; and teach us in her ways to go. Re-joyce! Re-joyce!
law in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
save and give them vic - tory o'er the grave.



Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus 82

1 Come, thou long - ex - spect - ed Je - sus, born to set thy peo - ple free;
2 Born thy peo - ple to de - liv - er, born a child and yet a king,

from our fears and sins re - lease us; let us find our rest in thee.
born to reign in us for - ev - er, now thy gra - cious king - dom bring.

Is - rael's strength and con - so - la - tion, hope of all the earth thou art;
By thine own e - ter - nal Spir - it rule in all our hearts a - lone;

dear de - sire of ev - ery na - tion, joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.
by thine all - suf - fi - cient mer - it raise us to thy glo - rious throne.

With its opening "Come," this hymn sounds the note of entreaty and invitation that characterizes the Advent season (from the Latin *adventus* = "coming"). Its blending of memory and hope helps us to give voice to our present faith as we stand between the past and the future.