

# 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 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*

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Choral Prelude on IN DULCI JUBILO* Dieterich Buxtehude

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

CAROL SING

HYMN 132 *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice* IN DULCI JUBILO

**Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice,  
Give ye heed to what we say: Jesus Christ is born today!  
Ox and ass before him bow, and he is in the manger now.  
Christ is born today! Christ is born today!**

HYMN 114 *Away in a Manger* CRADLE SONG

**Away in a manger, no crib for his bed,  
The little Lord Jesus lay down his sweet head.  
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,  
The little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**

HYMN 115 MUELLER

**Be near me, Lord Jesus, I ask thee to stay  
Close by me forever, and love me, I pray.  
Bless all the dear children in thy tender care,  
And fit us to heaven to live with thee there.**

HYMN 123 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear* CAROL

**It came upon the midnight clear, that glorious song of old,  
From angels bending near the earth, to touch their harps of gold:  
"Peace on the earth, good will to all, from heav'n's all-gracious King."  
The world in solemn stillness lay, to hear the angels sing.**

LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT CANDLES *read responsively*

Eric, Martha, Henri, & Charlotte Pecceu and Macie Nichols

Deeply planted in the mystery of life,

**God's presence lives among us.**

We celebrate with wonder:

**Something amazing is happening in our lives.**

With Mary, we are perplexed.

**We ponder what it can mean.**

Lighting this fourth candle of Advent,

We welcome God's great love,

**Love lavished upon all creation.**

Come, dear friends; know God's favor

Poured out onto all people.

\*HYMN 110

*Love Has Come*

BRING A TORCH

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**Gracious God, you came to offer us love, but we can be stubborn and selfish in the ways we live. You came to reconcile all people, but we often hold grudges and resist fixing relationships. We question your power and doubt our faith. Emmanuel, forgive who we have been, and direct who we ought to be. Lift our spirits so we can experience your transforming presence and incarnate grace.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...Believe this Good News and be at peace. **Amen.**

\*RESPONSE HYMN

*Prepare the Way of the Lord*

Becki Slagle Mayo

**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.

**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

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 89:2–4, 19–26

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Luke 1:46b–55

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

SERMON

*Awesome!*

Rev. Steve Jester

## The Response

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison*

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the  
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius  
Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the  
third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from  
thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion  
of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body, and  
the life everlasting. Amen.**

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

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You can fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing  
ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. Thank you!*



ANTHEM

*My Dancing Day* trad. English carol, arr. Parker & Shaw

Tomorrow shall be my dancing day;  
I would my true love did so chance  
To see the legend of my play,  
To call my true love to my dance;

Then was I born of a virgin pure,  
Of her I took fleshly substance  
Thus was I knit to man's nature  
To call my true love to my dance.

Sing, oh! my love, oh! my love,  
This have I done for my true love.

In a manger laid, and wrapped I was  
So very poor, this was my chance  
Betwixt an ox and a silly poor ass  
To call my true love to my dance.

Then afterwards baptized I was;  
The Holy Ghost on me did glance,  
My Father's voice heard I from above,  
To call my true love to my dance.

+DOXOLOGY      *While Shepherds Watched Their Fields, vs. 6*      WINCHESTER OLD

**All glory be to God on high, and to the earth be peace;  
Good will to all from highest heaven begin and never cease!**

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 100      *My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout*    STAR OF THE COUNTY DOWN

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE      *Un flambeau, Jeannette, Isabelle*      trad. French carol  
arr. Keith Chapman

*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*

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given...

In memory of Charles & Jerry Pence by their daughter, Sallye.

To the glory of the newborn Christ child, and in loving memory of Judy Brown and son and brother, Chip, by Prentice Brown, Allison & Will Duncan, and family.

In loving memory of his mother, Pat Jaegers, and his brother, Ken Jaegers, Jr., by Eric Jaegers.

To the glory of God, for all of our earthly and spiritual blessings, by Nancy & John Hubbard.

### USHERS

John Hubbard, Nancy Hubbard, Leigh Parrot, Larry Jones, Ginny Jones, Elizabeth Scinta

### OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Elizabeth Clay & Rev. Jordan Akin, liturgists;

Dick Clay, lay reader

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*

Martha Spencer and her family on the death of her sister, Fuchsia Nelson, 12/18/23.

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.

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# Love Has Come

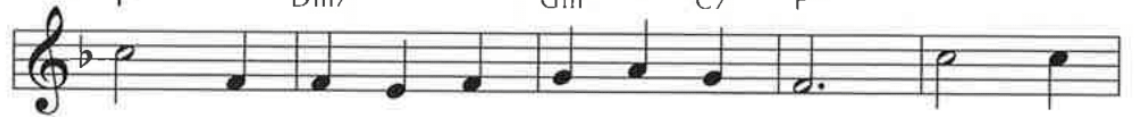
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Capo 3: (D) F (Bm7) Dm7 (Em7) Gm7 (A) C



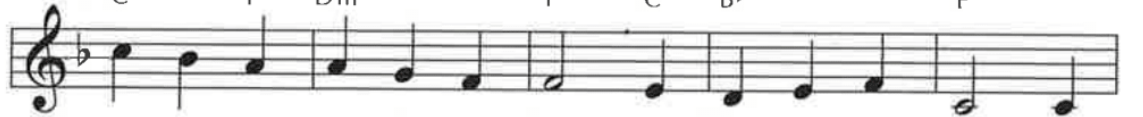
1 Love has come: a light in the dark - ness!  
 2 Love is born! Come, share in the won - der.  
 3 Love has come and nev - er will leave us!

(D) (Bm7) (Em) (A7) (D)  
 F Dm7 Gm C7 F



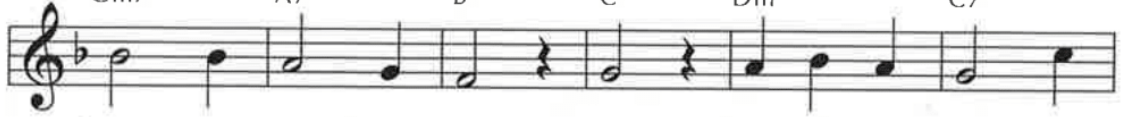
Love shines forth in the Beth - le - hem skies. See, all  
 Love is God now a - sleep in the hay. See the  
 Love is life ev - er - last - ing and free. Love is

(A) (D) (Bm) (D) (A) (G) (D)  
 C F Dm F C B<sup>b</sup> F




heav - en has come to pro - claim it; hear how their song of  
 glow in the eyes of his moth - er; what is the name her  
 Je - sus with - in and a - mong us. Love is the peace our

(Em7) (F#7) (G) (A) (Bm) (A7)  
 Gm7 A7 B<sup>b</sup> C Dm C7



joy a - ris - es: Love! Love! Born un - to you, a  
 heart is say - ing? Love! Love! Love is the name she  
 hearts are seek - ing. Love! Love! Love is the gift of

(D) (A) (G) (A) (D) (A) (A7) (Dsus) (D)  
 F C B<sup>b</sup> C F C C7 Fsus F



Sav - ior! Love! Love! Glo - ry to God on high.  
 whis - pers. Love! Love! Je - sus, Em - man - u - el.  
 Christ - mas. Love! Love! Praise to you, God on high!

Here is a chance to sing a familiar French carol tune with new words, the most important clearly being "Love." The senses "seen and heard" (as in Acts 4:20 and elsewhere) organize the first two stanzas, while the third holds the summary statement: "Love is the gift of Christmas."



# 100 My Soul Cries Out with a Joyful Shout

## Canticle of the Turning



1 My soul cries out with a joy - ful shout that the  
 2 Though I am small, my God, my all, you  
 3 From the halls of power to the for - tress tower, not a  
 4 Though the na - tions rage from age to age, we re -



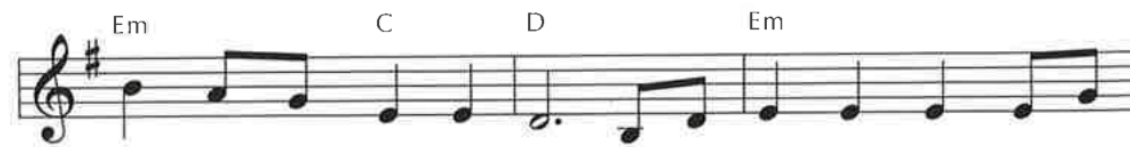
God of my heart is great, and my spir - it sings of the  
 work great things in me, and your mer - cy will last from the  
 stone will be left on stone. Let the king be - ware for your  
 mem - ber who holds us fast: God's mer - cy must de -



won - drous things that you bring to the ones who wait.  
 depths of the past to the end of the age to be.  
 jus - tice tears ev - ery ty - rant from his throne.  
 liv - er us from the con - quer - or's crush - ing grasp.




You fixed your sight on your ser - vant's plight, and my  
 Your ver - y name puts the proud to shame, and to  
 The hun - gry poor shall weep no more, for the  
 This sav - ing word that our fore - bears heard is the



weak - ness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my  
 those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the  
 food they can nev - er earn; there are ta - bles spread; ev - ery  
 prom - ise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be

By employing an energetic Irish folk song for its melody, this ballad-like paraphrase of the *Magnificat*, Mary's song at her meeting with her relative Elizabeth (Luke 1:46-55), recaptures both the wonder and the faith of the young woman who first recognized what God was doing.

JESUS CHRIST: ADVENT



name be blest. Could the world be a - bout to turn?  
strong to flight, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
mouth be fed, for the world is a - bout to turn.  
crushed by God, who is turn - ing the world a - round.

*Refrain*



My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the  
fires of your jus - tice burn. Wipe a - way all tears, for the  
dawn draws near, and the world is a - bout to turn.