

# 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*

TOLLING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE *Variations on Jesu dulcis memoria* Jessica French

WELCOME

INTROIT *Have Ye Not Heard?* from *The Peaceable Kingdom* Randall Thompson

Have ye not heard? Have ye not known?  
Hath it not been told thee from the beginning?  
Have ye not understood from the foundations of the earth?  
*Isaiah 40:21*

CALL TO WORSHIP *read responsively* Isaiah 40:28b–31; John 1:5

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overtake it.

**Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!**

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

\*HYMN 12 *Immortal, Invisible* ST. DENIO

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**Gracious God, it's tempting to give up and give in, to hide from the injustices of the world, to protect ourselves and our own, to turn off the evening news full of bad news. Forgive our sins of escape, of ignoring, of turning our backs on those in need. Forgive our sins of apathy, when you call us to action. Renew us, Holy God, by your grace, and strengthen us to follow Christ's call.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.

**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE HYMN 365    *God Reigns! Let Earth Rejoice, vs. 4*

MARION

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

**The radiance of God's light beams joy into our days;  
Now filled with God's own peace and love,  
our hearts resound with praise:  
Rejoice! Rejoice! God reigns! Let earth rejoice!**

\*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

Isaiah 40:21–31

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

SECOND READING

Mark 1:29–39

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

SERMON

*Grounded in Prayer*

Rev. Steve Jester

## *The Response*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH    *read in unison*

The Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and  
earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally  
begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God  
from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;  
through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he  
came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the  
Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified  
under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third  
day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into  
heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come**

again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. 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

*Kyrie from Memorial*  
The Sanctuary Choir

René Clausen

*Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.*  
Lord have mercy, grant us peace. *Adonai.* Amen.

\*DOXOLOGY

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;**  
**Praise God, all creatures here below. Alleluia, alleluia.**  
**Praise God above, ye heavenly host;**  
**Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**  
**Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

#### 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.**

Holy God, creator of the universe...who sing your praise:

HYMN 572

*Holy, Holy, Holy*

SANCTUS (PAVLECHKO)

We praise you, most holy God...in joy and grateful praise.

HYMN 573

*Christ Has Died; Christ Is Risen*

MEMORIAL ACCL. (PAVLECHKO)

Gracious God...now and forever.

HYMN 574

*Amen*

AMEN (PAVLECHKO)

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

*O Radiant Dawn*

James MacMillan

The Octet

O Radiant Dawn, Splendor of Eternal Light, Sun of Justice:

come, shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death.

Isaiah had prophesied, "The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light;  
upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shone."

O Radiant Dawn...Amen.

*O Antiphons, 6th c. Latin*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

## *The Sending*

\*HYMN 796

*We Come to You for Healing, Lord*

LAND'S REST

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Glorioso* from *Variations on Jesu dulcis memoria*

Jessica French

*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 memory of Mr. and Mrs. Lyman Vogt by their family.

### USHERS

Edie Wells, Nathan Dicken, Caroline Dicken, Dixie Baird, Ellie Davis, May David, Bebe Davis, Philip Anderton

### OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Jordan Akin and Lorie Williamson, liturgists;  
Ben Williams, lay reader

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

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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## *We Lift Up in Prayer*

Dixie Baird and her family on the death of her brother-in-law, Bobby Jones, 1/23/24.

Heather Nutt and her family on the death of her father, Hal Neilson, 1/7/24.

Vic, Gordon, and Verser Engelhard and their families on the death of their mother, Harriet, 12/29/23.

Amy Parker and her family on the death of her mother, Jane Woods Hobson, 12/26/23.

Stuart and Jennifer Ferguson and their family on the death of their sister-in-law, Barbara Ferguson, 12/24/23.

John Hollander and his family on the death of his mother, Frances, 12/23/23.

Camille and Bob Williams-Neal and their family on the death of Bob's brother, Ray Davis, 12/22/23.

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

Joyce Reibling and her family on the death of her husband, Walter Reibling, 12/17/23.

## *The Ministry Team*

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## Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise 12

1 Im - mor - tal, in - vis - i - ble, God on - ly wise,  
 2 Un - rest - ing, un - hast - ing, and si - lent as light,  
 3 To all, life thou giv - est, to both great and small.  
 4 Thou reign - est in glo - ry; thou dwell - est in light.

in light in - ac - ces - si - ble hid from our eyes,  
 nor want - ing, nor wast - ing, thou rul - est in might:  
 In all life thou liv - est, the true life of all.  
 Thine an - gels a - dore thee, all veil - ing their sight.


most bless - ed, most glo - rious, the An - cient of Days,  
 thy jus - tice, like moun - tains high soar - ing a - bove;  
 We blos - som and flour - ish like leaves on the tree,  
 All praise we would ren - der; O help us to see

al - might - y, vic - to - rious, thy great name we praise.  
 thy clouds, which are foun - tains of good - ness and love.  
 then with - er and per - ish; but naught chang - eth thee.  
 'tis on - ly the splen - dor of light hid - eth thee!

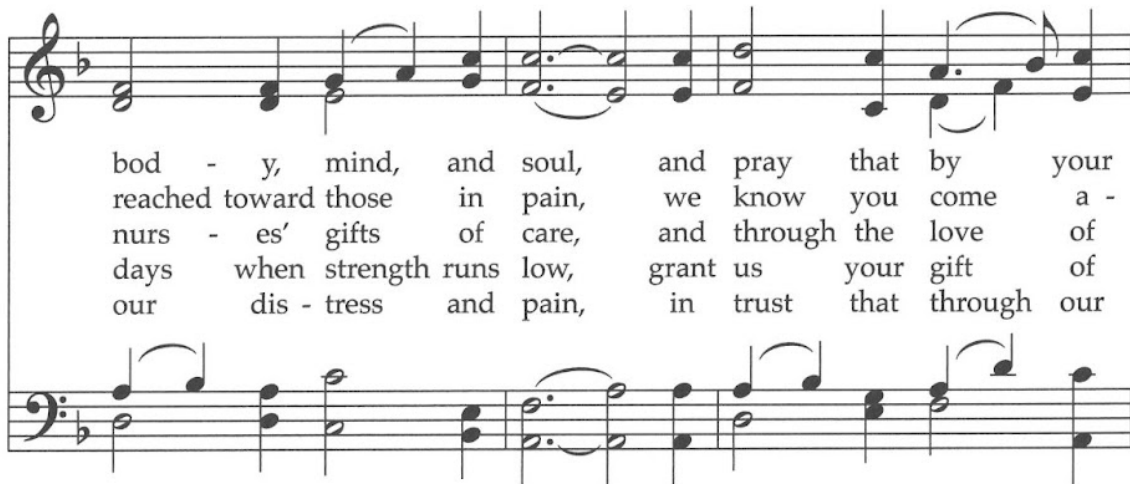
The opening line of this hymn was inspired by the three divine attributes listed in 1 Timothy 1:17 (King James Version), and it continues by considering how God's life exceeds our own finite existence. The text is well set to a Welsh melody shaped by many three-note units.



# We Come to You for Healing, Lord 796



1 We come to you for heal - ing, Lord, of  
 2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and  
 3 You touch us through phy - si - cians' skills, through  
 4 Through nights of pain and wake - ful - ness, through  
 5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in



bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your  
 reached toward those in pain, we know you come a -  
 nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of  
 days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of  
 our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our



Spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.  
 mong us still with power to heal a - gain.  
 faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.  
 pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.  
 nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Unlike many hymns on the theme of healing, this text appropriately includes the ministry of medical personnel as instruments of God's healing activity. It also acknowledges that illness is not limited to physical symptoms, but involves mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions.