

# 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.*

To our visitors: please help us get to know you better by filling out an information card (found in the pew pockets). If you'll hand the card to a pastor in the Narthex after the service, we would be honored to give you a small welcome gift.

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 worshippers 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*

WELCOME

PRELUDE      *Andante & Allegro* from *Sonata in B-flat*, Op. 2, No. 3      G.F. Handel  
Kathy Karr, flute; Jennifer Potochnic, oboe; Samuel Libra, piano

CALL TO WORSHIP      *read responsively*

Christ is risen!

**The Lord is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

\*HYMN 246      *Christ Is Alive!*      TRURO

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION      *read in unison*

**O God, it is in you alone that we live and move and breathe. Yet too often, we try to do it all ourselves. We pursue success, realizing it will never be enough. We desire more possessions, knowing they are empty. Forgive the times we stubbornly refuse your help, and answer our cries when we finally return to you. Forgive us when we ignore the needs of others. Forgive our pursuit of things that separate us from you. Forgive who we have been, O God, and root our lives more deeply in your love.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS      *read responsively*

...Anointed with God's grace, we know forgiveness. **Thanks be to God!  
Amen.**

\*RESPONSE HYMN 240 *Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks, refrain*

ALLELUIA NO. 1

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

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.**

**Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.**

\*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

Exodus 18:13–27

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

SECOND READING

Romans 7:14–25a

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

SERMON

*Help, I Need Somebody!*

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

*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 Shepherd Will Supply My Need*

RESIGNATION arr. Wilberg

Kathy Karr, flute; Jennifer Potochnic, oboe

My shepherd will supply my need;  
Jehovah is his name.  
In pastures fresh he makes me feed,  
beside the living stream.  
He brings my wandering spirit back  
when I forsake his ways,  
and leads me, for his mercy's sake,  
in paths of truth and grace.

When I walk through the shades of death  
your presence is my stay;  
one word of your supporting breath  
drives all my fears away.  
Your hand, in sight of all my foes,  
does still my table spread;  
my cup with blessings overflows;  
your oil anoints my head.

The sure provisions of my God  
attend me all my days;  
O may your house be my abode,  
and all my work be praise.  
There would I find a settled rest,  
while others go and come;  
no more a stranger, or a guest,  
but like a child at home.

*Psalm 23, adapt. Isaac Watts*

\*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!**

\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

## SHARING GRACE

RECOGNITION OF SENIORS

Mary Sterling Anderton, *Louisville Collegiate*

William Lewis, *St. Xavier*

Trip Campbell III, *St. Xavier*

Jack Vinson, *Trinity*

Olivia Foshee, *Sacred Heart*

Zara Wiggins, *North Oldham*

Charles Hancock, *Trinity*

Marie Wilson, *Louisville Collegiate*

## 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 727

*Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

THE SERVANT SONG

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Fugue in B-flat-major*

G.F. Handel, arr. Guilmant

*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 celebration of the 60th wedding anniversary of Cheryl & Bob Russell.

### USHERS

John Hubbard, Nancy Hubbard, Leigh Parrot, Tim Martin, Cathy Martin, Leigh Speiden

### OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Steve Jester, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, Rev. Jordan Akin, liturgists;  
Karen Veith Sweets, lay readers

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*

Jennifer & Stuart Ferguson, and their children, Anabelle, Beau, and Elise, on the death of Jennifer's mother, Joyce Kneisley, 4/3/24.

Jean O'Brien and her family on the death of husband, John, 3/30/24.

Becky and Amy Peer on the death of mother and grandmother, Jane Spires, 3/7/24.

Jim Baker and family in the death of his wife, Patricia "Patsy", 2/27/24.

Dee Dee Davis and her family on the death of her husband, Scott, 2/10/24.

## *The Ministry Team*

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## Christ Is Alive!

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1 Christ is a - live! Let Chris - tians sing. The cross stands  
 2 Christ is a - live! No lon - ger bound to dis - tant  
 3 In ev - ery in - sult, rift, and war where col - or,  
 4 Wom - en and men, in age and youth, can feel the  
 5 Christ is a - live, and comes to bring good news to

emp - ty to the sky. Let streets and homes with  
 years in Pal - es - tine, but sav - ing, heal - ing,  
 scorn, or wealth di - vide, Christ suf - fers still, yet  
 Spir - it, hear the call, and find the way, the  
 this and ev - ery age, till earth and sky and

prais - es ring. Love, drowned in death, shall nev - er die.  
 here and now, and touch - ing ev - ery place and time.  
 loves the more, and lives, where e - ven hope has died.  
 life, the truth, re - vealed in Je - sus, freed for all.  
 o - cean ring with joy, with jus - tice, love, and praise.

In 1968 Easter fell ten days after the assassination of Martin Luther King Jr., and this text was written to express an Easter hope while mindful of that terrible event. Buoyed by a triple-arched tune, it affirms the presence of a wounded, risen Christ with all who suffer.



# Will You Let Me Be Your Servant 727

## The Servant Song

1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me  
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -  
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the  
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you  
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall

be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the  
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each  
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out  
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and  
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -

grace to let you be my ser - vant too.  
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.  
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.  
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.  
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.  
 (repeat stanza 1)

The opening and closing stanza expresses the essence of this folk-style song about the mutuality of servant ministry: those who serve must also be willing to be served. This is what Christ intended when he commanded the disciples to "wash one another's feet" (John 13:14).