

# 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*

PRELUDE

*Intermezzo in A-major*

Healey Willan

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING 1-449

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

\*HYMN 32

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

\*CALL TO CONFESSION

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

**Generous God, we gather each week to be fed by your love, trusting that you will always embrace us. We confess that we are not so generous with our love. We are often suspicious of others, fearful of what they seek from us. We criticize what others do, but rarely question our own motivations. Forgive us, O God. Transform us by your Spirit, and awaken our generosity toward others, that we might learn to love as you love and to live as people who have been baptized as your own children.**

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS *read responsively*

...Friends, let us remember and rejoice in this Good News:

**Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*RESPONSE HYMN 582 *Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me* GLORY TO GOD  
*Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward (VASILE)*  
*and be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.*



\*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

Ephesians 3:14–21

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

SECOND READING

John 6:1–21

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

SERMON

*Beyond Imagination*

Rev. Jordan Akin

## *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

*I Will Lift Mine Eyes*

Jake Runestad

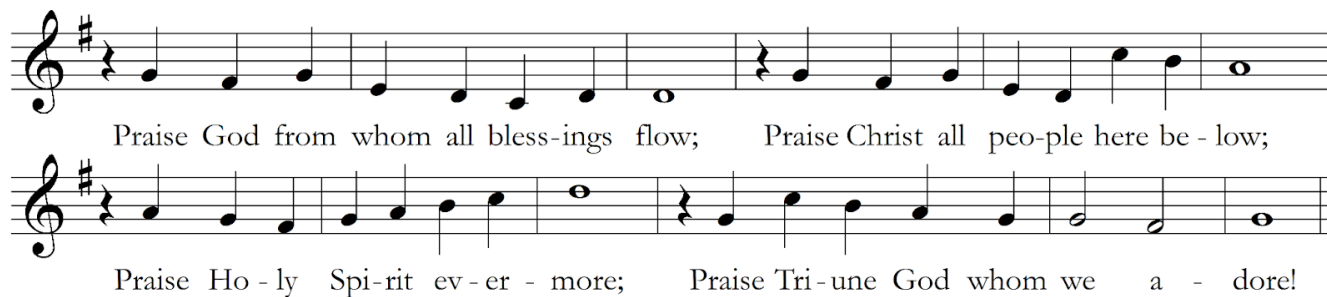
The Octet

I will lift mine eyes unto the hills, from whence comes my help.  
My help comes from the Lord; he is the maker of heaven and earth.  
He will not let your foot be moved:  
    he who keeps you will not slumber nor sleep.  
The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord is thy shade upon thy right hand.  
The sun shall not harm you by day, nor the moon by night.  
The Lord will keep you from all evil: he will keep your soul.  
The Lord will keep your going out and your coming in  
    from this day forth, and even for evermore.  
*Psalm 121, KJV, adapted*

\*DOXOLOGY 608

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

PRAISE GOD (HOPSON)



Praise God from whom all bless-ings flow; Praise Christ all peo-ple here be - low;  
Praise Ho - ly Spi-rit ev - er - more; Praise Tri-une God whom we a - dore!

\*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 307

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

CWM RHONDDA

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Finale Jubilante*

Healey Willan

*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 loving memory of Mrs. Catherine Sigler Higgins by her grandson, John Cunningham.

## USHERS

Bonnie Boram, Larry Boram, Tony Duncan, Elaine Duncan, Chuck Dobbins,  
Joey Dobbins

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Jordan Akin, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, Lorie Williamson, liturgists;  
John Hubbard, lay reader

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

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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# *We Lift Up in Prayer*

Lynn Dunbar and children Sergey and Allysa on the death of their mother and grandmother,  
Patricia Cieskiewicz, 6/29/24.

Betsy Helm and her family on the death of her mother, Kay Hampton Helm, 6/15/2024.

Stan and Jeanne Curtis on the death of his brother, Greg, 6/10/24.

Sarah Middleton, Brian Lewis, Margaret Witt, and their families on the death of  
mother-in-law and grandmother, Anne Lewis, 6/8/24.

Ricky Case and his family on the death of his grandmother, Nora M. Barnes, 6/5/24.

## *The Ministry Team*

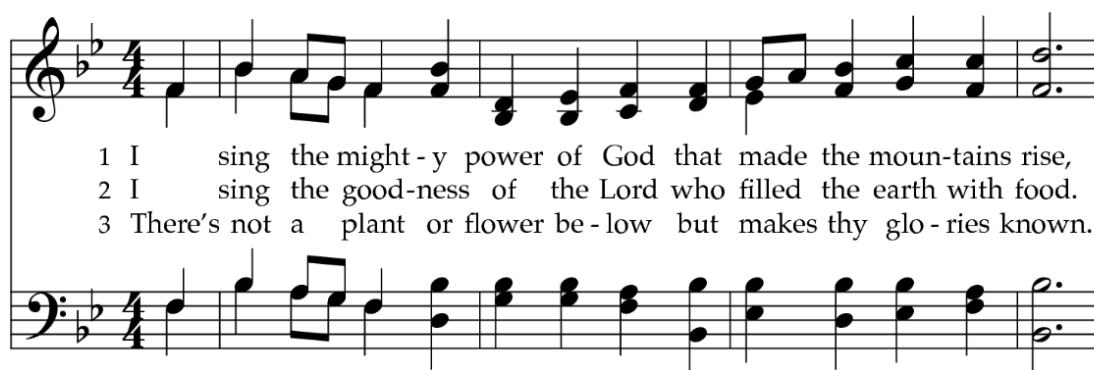
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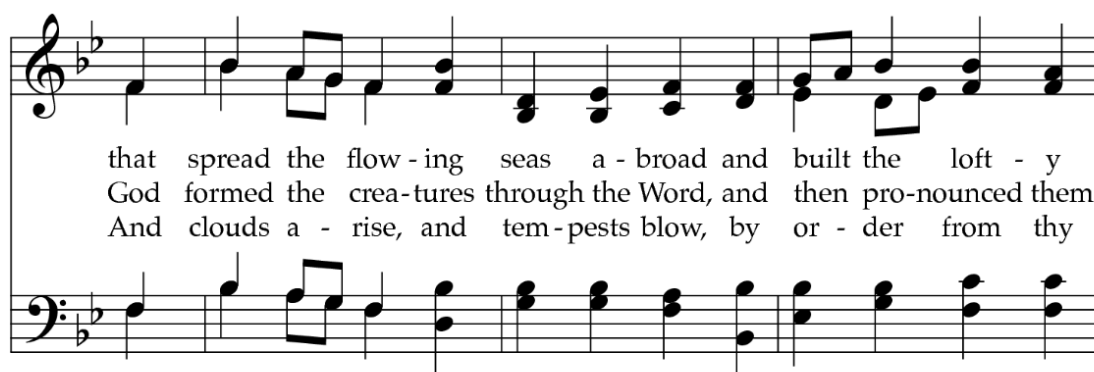
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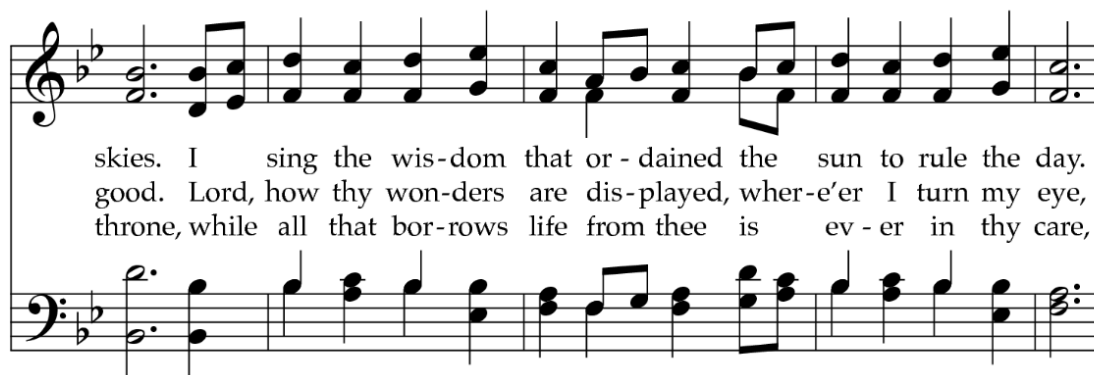
# 32 I Sing the Mighty Power of God



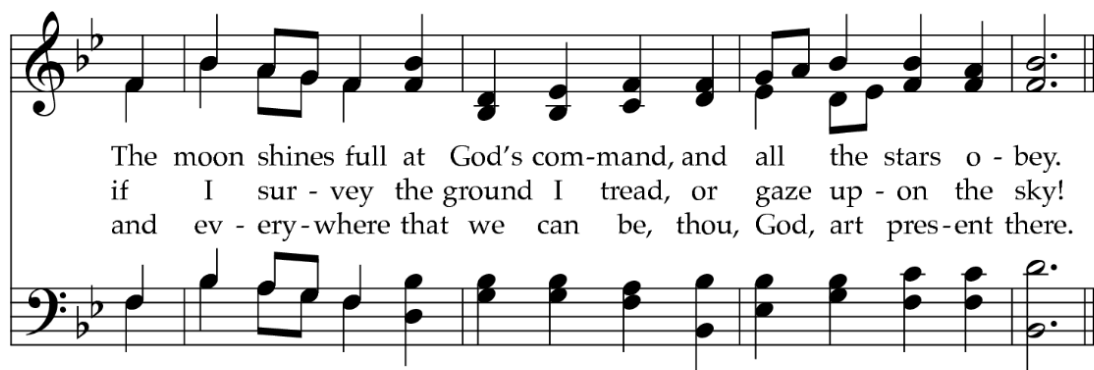
1 I sing the might - y power of God that made the moun-tains rise,  
 2 I sing the good-ness of the Lord who filled the earth with food.  
 3 There's not a plant or flower be - low but makes thy glo - ries known.



that spread the flow - ing seas a - broad and built the loft - y  
 God formed the crea-tures through the Word, and then pro-nounced them  
 And clouds a - rise, and tem-pests blow, by or - der from thy



skies. I sing the wis-dom that or - dained the sun to rule the day.  
 good. Lord, how thy won-ders are dis-played, wher-e'er I turn my eye,  
 throne, while all that bor-rows life from thee is ev - er in thy care,



The moon shines full at God's com-mand, and all the stars o - bey.  
 if I sur - vey the ground I tread, or gaze up - on the sky!  
 and ev - ery-where that we can be, thou, God, art pres-ent there.

With minimal revision this text brings together six of the eight four-line stanzas in an 18th-century hymn written for children and originally headed "Praise for Creation and Providence." The anonymous German tune provides a fitting sense of breadth and wonder.

## 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.

This stirring hymn used at the opening of Riverside Church in New York in 1930 was penned by its widely-known and influential pastor, and it has gained a firm place in English-language hymnals around the world. The Welsh tune name honors the Rhondda Valley in Glamorganshire.