

# 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!*

***Bold** type indicates where we share the liturgy together.*

# *Service for the Lord's Day*

## *The Gathering*

### WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

#### HYMN SING

*My Country, 'Tis of Thee*

AMERICA

**My country, 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, of thee I sing:  
Land where my fathers died, land of the pilgrims' pride,  
from every mountainside let freedom ring.**

*O Beautiful for Spacious Skies*

MATERNA

**O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain,  
For purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!  
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,  
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea!**

#### INTROIT

*Hymn for America*  
Summer Choir

Stephen Paulus

We have loved you for your rivers,  
we have loved you for your shores,  
Ev'ry treasure you have shown us,  
Ev'ry seed that you have sown;  
We have loved you for your mountains,  
For your prairies, for your fields,  
All these gifts we have been given,  
All these glories that we share;  
Now we thank God for these blessings,  
We, your people, ev'rywhere.

Many are the stars of heaven,  
Many are the hopes of earth;  
All around us worlds unfolding,  
All around these dreams to grow.  
From the moment of our rising  
'till we rest when day is done;  
May we tell our hearts' own story,  
Hearts that honor and believe.  
Through our care for one another,  
For this life and land we love.

—Michael Dennis Brown

### PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

#### \*HYMN 331

*God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand*

NATIONAL HYMN

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Patient God, we have heard your call, but we have quickly turned the other way. We know what you desire for us, but we ignore the needs of the world. We wish to be seen as faithful disciples, but we are distracted by power and importance. We are too concerned with our own interests to listen to the experiences of others. Forgive our self-centeredness. Forgive our fear. Help us to hear your call anew, and remind us that your desires will be for our benefit.

*Time for silent prayer.*

\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear and believe this wonderful news:

**Through the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

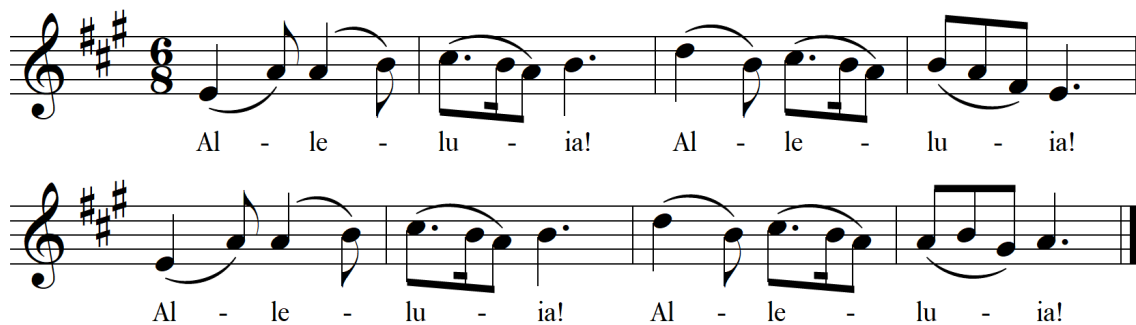
**Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\*RESPONSE

*Alleluia!*

CELTIC ALLELUIA

*Children ages 3 through completed 3rd graders are welcome to come forward  
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. **And also with you.**

BLESSING FOR COSTA RICA MISSION TRIP MEMBERS

Delise Bilharz

Andrew Bowman

Devon Boyer

Scott Carothers

Stan deVoogd

Grace Liby

Naomi Linville

Tim McGuire

John Stern

Kelly Will

## *The Word*

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

#### FIRST READING

Luke 10:1-11

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

#### SECOND READING

2 Kings 5:1-14

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

#### SERMON

*Though We Are Mighty...*

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton

## *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!*



### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

### *Distant Land*

John Rutter

I see a distant land: it shines so clear. Sometimes it seems so far, sometimes so near.  
Come, join together, take the dusty road; help one another: share the heavy load.  
The journey may be long: no end in sight; there may be hills to climb, or giants to fight:  
But if you'll take my hand, we'll walk together t'ward the land of freedom, freedom.

I hear a distant song: it fills the air. I hear it, deep and strong, rise up in prayer:  
'O Lord, we are many; help us to be one. Heal our divisions: let thy will be done.'  
I know the time will come when war must cease: a time of truth and love, a time of peace.  
The people cry, 'How long till all our world can join the song of freedom, freedom.'

I touch a distant land and feel its glow, the hand I hoped was there: at last I know.  
Swords into ploughshares: can it all come true?  
Friends out of strangers: start with me and you.  
I see another time, another place where we can all be one, one human race.  
The walls will melt away, we'll come together on the day of freedom, freedom...

## SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

### INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

### THE GREAT PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER *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.**

God of our weary years, God of our silent tears ... who forever sing to 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.**

In the fullness of time ... Come, Lord Jesus. Great is the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Send your Holy Spirit ... Now hear us as we pray with one voice the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:

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

*Bread of Life*  
Mengfei Xu, organ

Seth Bingham

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

## *The Sending*

\*HYMN 375

*Shall We Gather at the River*

HANSON PLACE

\*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

*Festive Postlude (excerpt)*

Horatio Parker

*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 dedicated by Larry Sloan to the memory of Anne Canaday Sloan; beloved wife, daughter, mother, grandmother, and friend of many.

## USHERS

Connie Smith, Sandy Bailey, Sarah Middleton, Paul Costel, Susan McDowell,  
Cathy Flowers

## OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton, preacher; Grace Liby, Costa Rica Mission Trip Member, lay reader  
Summer Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, conductor; Mengfei Xu, organist  
Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, Visual Technician

## ABOUT THE COVER:

*Our church observes this time in the liturgical calendar as “Ordinary Time” - that season from Pentecost through Christ the King Sunday. “Ordinary” does not refer to being mundane, but comes from the Latin “ordinal,” or the numbering of Sundays. The lectionary in Ordinary Time often patterns itself thematically after the primary feasts of Epiphany and Pentecost, inviting the Church to examine the many ways that Jesus Christ is revealed to the world, and affording the saints ample opportunity to plumb his sermons and parables with a mind toward discerning the Spirit’s call today. The liturgical color is that of new life and growth, which is represented on our cover by the image of a tree in blossom. (Explanation adapted from Scott Szabo, Presbyterians Today.)*

## ABOUT ORGAN POSTLUDE COMPOSER:

**Horatio Parker (1863–1919)** *was an American composer, organist, and teacher. As the first Dean of the Yale School of Music, he shaped generations of American musicians. Parker’s music blends European Romantic traditions with a distinctly American spirit. Known especially for his sacred choral works and grand oratorios, his compositions often reflect nobility, reverence, and clarity that resonate with both religious worship and national celebration. On this Independence Day weekend, we remember Parker not only as a key figure in American music history but also as a composer who believed in the power of music to uplift and unite.*

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## *We Lift Up in Prayer*

The family of Portia Leatherman on her death, 06/29/25.

Van Hoagland and family on the death of her mother, Adeline Hoagland, 06/24/25.

Shirley Rutledge, Michelle & Paul Costel, and Paul & John Costel, on the death of husband, father, and grandfather William ("Bill") Joseph Rutlege, 06/10/25.

Paul and Mary Ayers & family on the death of Paul's sister, Judy Hudson, 06/09/25.

Susan & Randy Bugh, Taylor & Kathryn Bugh and family on the death of Susan's mother and Taylor's grandmother, Carol Gray, 05/26/25.

Andrea, Kyle, Kathryn, & Zara Wiggins on the death of Andrea's father, Robert Patterson, 05/26/25.

Marcy Suter and Brad & Clay Suter on the death of her husband and their father, Ron Suter, 05/18/25.

Lamar Gaston, Page Penna & Edwin Penna and family on the death of his wife and their mother, Joan Gaston, 05/17/25.



## 331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y  
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the  
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -  
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil-some

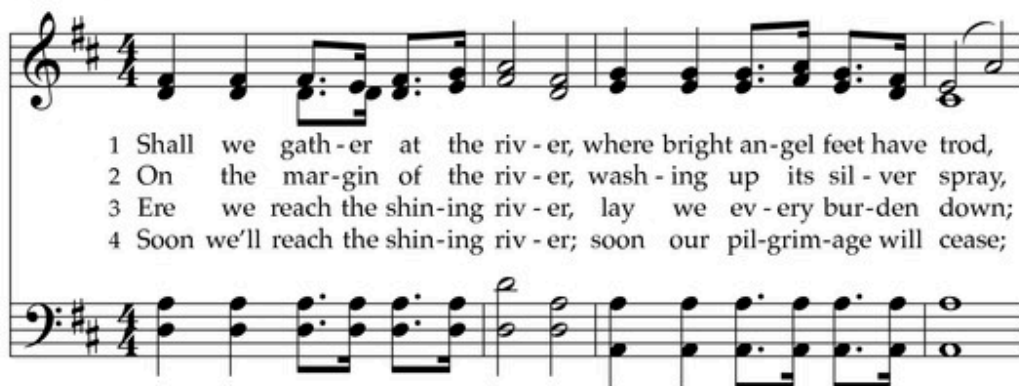
hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band  
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.  
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de-fense.  
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er-end-ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,  
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:  
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.  
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

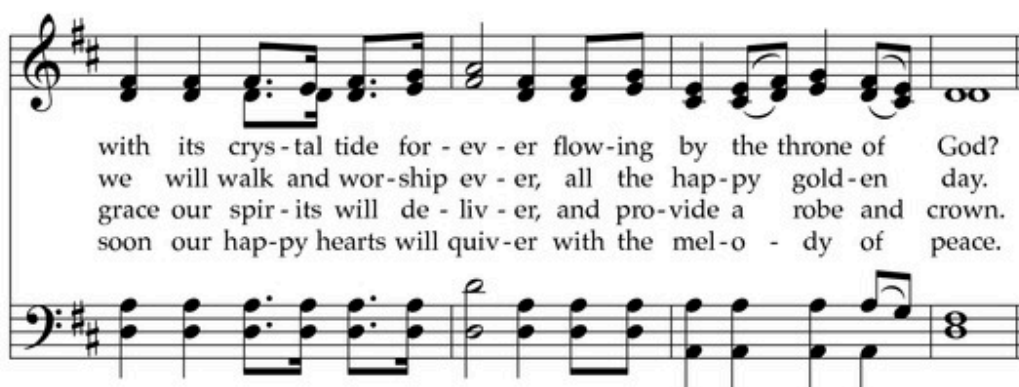
our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.  
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.  
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.  
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

This hymn was generated by 19th-century centennial celebrations: the words by the Declaration of Independence and the music by the adoption of the United States Constitution. Despite these origins, no specific nation is mentioned in this hymn of praise and prayer for peace.

# 375 Shall We Gather at the River



1 Shall we gath-er at the riv-er, where bright an-gel feet have trod,  
2 On the mar-gin of the riv-er, wash-ing up its sil-ver spray,  
3 Ere we reach the shin-ing riv-er, lay we ev-ery bur-den down;  
4 Soon we'll reach the shin-ing riv-er; soon our pil-grim-age will cease;

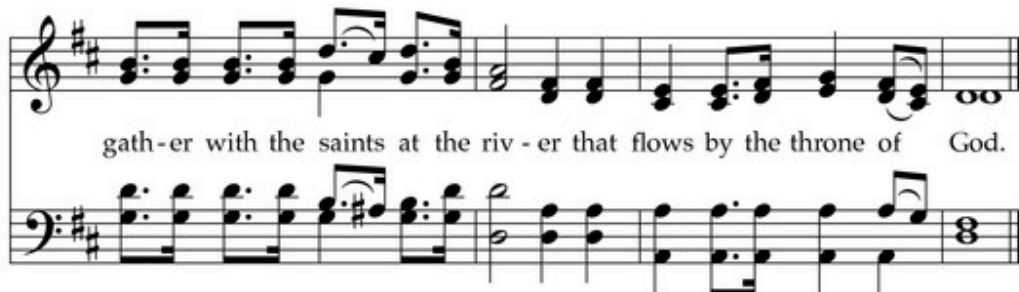


with its crys-tal tide for-ev-er flow-ing by the throne of God?  
we will walk and wor-ship ev-er, all the hap-py gold-en day.  
grace our spir-its will de-liv-er, and pro-vide a robe and crown.  
soon our hap-py hearts will quiv-er with the mel-o-dy of peace.

## Refrain



Yes, we'll gath-er at the riv-er, the beau-ti-ful, the beau-ti-ful riv-er;



gath-er with the saints at the riv-er that flows by the throne of God.

A Baptist pastor wrote this hymn while seated at his parlor organ. Created as an alternative to gloomy "river of death" hymns, it is a celebration of the "pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb" (Revelation 22:1 KJV).

## **TO OUR VISITORS - Welcome to Second Presbyterian!**

Please help us get to know you better by filling out an information card (found in the pew pockets). You are welcome to hand the card to a pastor in the Narthex after the service or place it in the offering plate. *Thank you!*

**JULY MISSION OF THE MONTH** - For the month of July, we are collecting school supplies for Cabbage Patch and United Crescent Hill Ministries (UCHM). Please see Seconds to Go or the fliers on the information stands throughout the building for a list of requested items.

**CHILDCARE/CHILDREN'S CHURCH** - Children age 3 and under are welcome to stay in the nursery located in Room 120 of Hilbert Hall off of the Weekday School atrium. Older 3's through 3rd grade are encouraged to join Summer Children's Church after the Passing of the Peace. Children can be picked up following worship on the playground or in the Great Hall in the event of inclement weather.

**CHILDCARE HELP-** Our Fall Children's Church leaders and the Children's Ministry Committee do a lot throughout the year to keep children's ministry alive. If possible, I try to seek out other volunteers to help with Sunday mornings in the Summer. We are in need of volunteer help with Children's Church and in the nursery this summer. Please look for sign up in 2PK or Seconds to Go weekly newsletter, or contact Lorie Williamson at [lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org](mailto:lwilliamson@2ndpreslou.org).

**VBS/PROJECT SERVE VOLUNTEERS** Training will take place in person and online at 11:00 am or immediately after worship in Jester Fellowship Hall today 7/6/25.

**CORO LOUISVILLE CONCERT** - July 13, 3 p.m. A few of our Sanctuary Choir and Music Ministry family are going to London with members of the Louisville Master Chorale and Highland Baptist Church to sing at the Royal Chapel - St. George's Windsor (July 22). We are singing a concert (to include music sung at King Charles III's coronation) July 13 - come hear this 55-voice choir under the direction of Dr. John Dickson, Dr. Paul Henderson, and Jim Rittenhouse.

**SAVE THE DATE - SECOND PARTY'S ROARING 20'S** will be on Saturday, September 27. You won't want to miss it! Keep an eye out for updates in Seconds to Go.

## Upcoming Events - July 6, 2025

<b>Sunday, July 6</b>	<b><i>Fourth Sunday after Pentecost</i></b>	
9:00 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation	Rooms 251, 252, Parlor, JFH
10:00 a.m.	Service for the Lord's Day	Sanctuary/Live Streamed
	Summer Children's Church	Playground/gym
11:00 a.m.	VBS Volunteer Orientation	FHA/Zoom
11:30 a.m.	SPOT: Sunday Singles	River House
<b>Monday, July 7 - Friday, July 11 - Vacation Bible School</b>		
<b>Wednesday, July 9</b>		
10:00 a.m.	SPOT: 2nd Act	Choir Room
1:00 p.m.	Hope & Healing While Grieving	Zoom
<b>Thursday, July 10</b>		
1:00 p.m.	SPOT: Mah Jongg	Room 168
<b>Friday, July 11</b>		
7:00 a.m.	Men's Weekday Bible Study	Room 251
<b>Sunday, July 13</b>	<b><i>Fifth Sunday after Pentecost</i></b>	
9:00 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation	Rooms 251, 252, Parlor, JFH
10:00 a.m.	Service for the Lord's Day	Sanctuary/Live Streamed
	Summer Children's Church	Playground/gym
11:00 p.m.	SPOT: Busy Needles	Parlor
3:00 p.m.	CORO LOUISVILLE Home Concert	Sanctuary
<b>Monday, July 14</b>		
4:00 p.m.	Caregiver's Group	Zoom
<b>Tuesday, July 15</b>		
10:00 a.m.	SPOT Walkers	Offsite
<b>Wednesday, July 16</b>		
7:00 p.m.	Summer Choir	Choir Room/Sanctuary
<b>Thursday, July 17</b>		
1:00 p.m.	SPOT: Mah Jongg	Room 168
<b>Friday, July 18</b>		
7:00 a.m.	Men's Weekday Bible Study	Room 251
<b>Saturday, July 19</b>		
10:00 a.m.	Presbyterian Women Conference	JFH

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## *Ruling Elders*

### *Class of 2025*

Michael Beasley  
Paul Costel  
Elaine Duncan  
Bob Horton  
John Hubbard  
Elizabeth Scinta  
Linda Watson

### *Class of 2026*

Miriam Ballert  
Marilyn Duke  
Liz Ratliff Evans  
Lindsey Hundley  
Lucy Kosse  
Deb Vetter  
Whitney Watt

### *Class of 2027*

Ann Bowling  
John Cunningham  
Angela Duffy  
Stephanie Fellon  
Larry Jones  
Justin Powers  
Kyle Wiggins

*Youth Elders:* Morgan Fellon & Wilson Masick

*Clerk:* Chip Snyder

## *Deacons*

### *Class of 2025*

Sandy Bailey, *Clerk*  
Prentice Brown  
Scott Carothers  
Cathy Flowers  
Jane Roth  
Martha Spencer  
Lowell Stevens

### *Class of 2026*

John Davis  
Nathan Dicken  
Glen Hume  
Sissy Judy  
Susan McDowell  
Paige Reinstine  
Kristi Smith

### *Class of 2027*

Kelly Bryant  
Tim Clark  
Kitty deVoogd  
Jim Haynes  
Patrice Paton  
Kay Reis  
Sunny Seale

## *Staff*

Kimberly Clayton *Interim Pastor & Head of Staff*  
Andrew Bowman *Associate Pastor for Community Life*  
Elizabeth Clay *Coordinator for Pastoral Care*  
Karla Wright *Director of the Weekday School*  
Lorie Williamson *Director of Children's & Family Ministry*  
Jim Rittenhouse *Director of Worship & Music Ministry*  
Mengfei Xu *Organist and Assistant Director of Worship & Music*  
Ricky Case *Student Music Coordinator*  
Diane Jackson *Bookkeeper*  
Amy Kiefner *Communications Specialist and Technology Administrator*  
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