

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 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 *is sung or read in unison.*

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING 451-853

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 611

Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

HYMN TO JOY

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. Help us to admit our sin so that we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness. Help us to seek new life for ourselves and others. Help us to do those things that make for peace and the welfare of all. Help us to give ourselves away in love.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

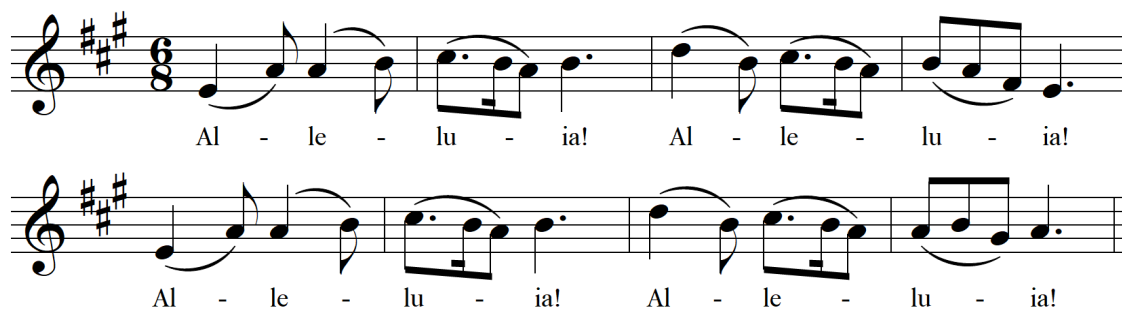
Friends, let us share the good news we have been given in Jesus Christ:

Be grace we have been saved! In grace we are set free! Thanks be to God.

*RESPONSE

Alleluia!

CELTIC ALLELUIA



*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 122

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

SECOND READING

John 1:35-46

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

SERMON

What Are You Looking For?

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton

The Response

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *read in unison when invited*

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

He's Always Been Faithful arr. Tom Fettke

Summer Choir; Inna Moiseeva, piano

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Morning by morning, I wake up to find the power and comfort of God's hand in mine.

Season by season, I watch him amazed, in awe of the mystery of his perfect ways.

All I have need of his hand will provide. He's always been faithful to me.

I can't remember a trial or pain, he did not recycle to bring me gain.

I can't remember one single regret in serving God only and trusting his hand.

All I have need of his hand will provide. He's always been faithful to me.

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father, there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided. Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

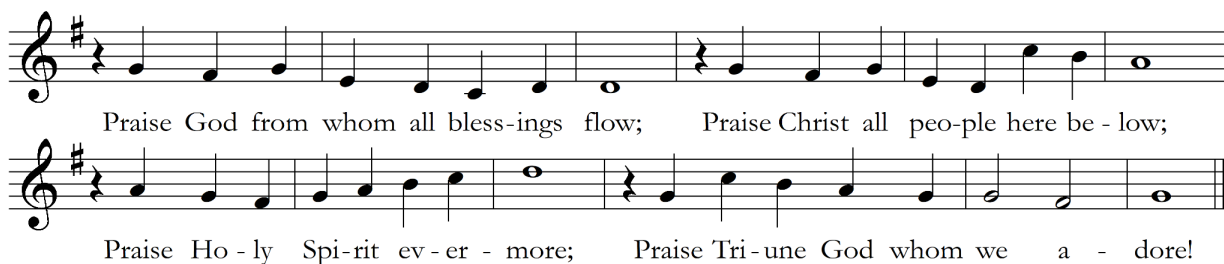
This is my anthem, this is my song, the theme of the stories I've heard for so long.

God has been faithful, he will be again. His loving compassion, it knows no end.

All I have need of his hand will provide. He's always been faithful to me.

- Sara Groves; Thomas Chisholm

*DOXOLOGY 608 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* PRAISE GOD (HOPSON)



*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING GRACE

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

*RECESSIONAL HYMN 839

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

ASSURANCE

Please follow the Pastor and Choir after the singing of the hymn. The Congregational Meeting will be held in Jester Fellowship Hall. If you have mobility issues, you may remain for the meeting on Zoom.

In Worship Today

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in memory of Bruce Quay Ballert by Miriam, Erik, and John Ballert.

USHERS

Edie Wells, Tom Tyrell, John Cunningham, Sallie Cunningham, Steve Miller, Mary Miller.

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Henry Snyder, lay reader.

Summer Choir; Mengfei Xu, conductor; Inna Moiseeva, guest pianist.

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, Visual Technician

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Debbe Dedman and family on the death of her brother, Tommy Sharpe, 07/16/2025.

Lorri Keeney and family on the death of her husband, Steven, 07/02/25.

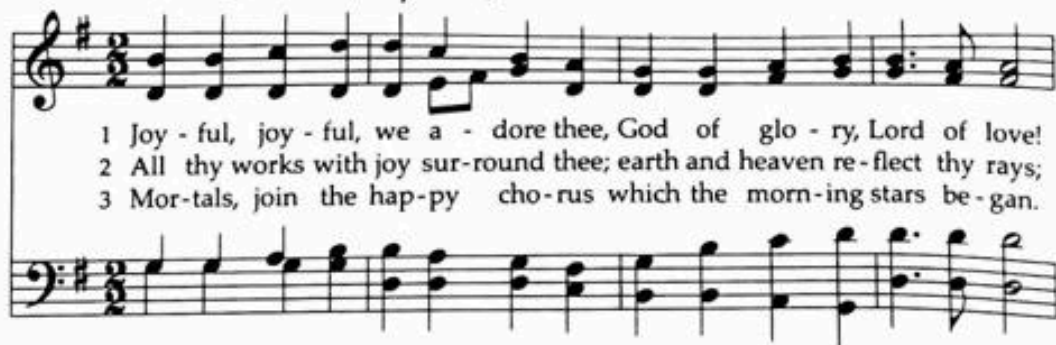
The family of Portia Leatherman on her death, 06/29/25.

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

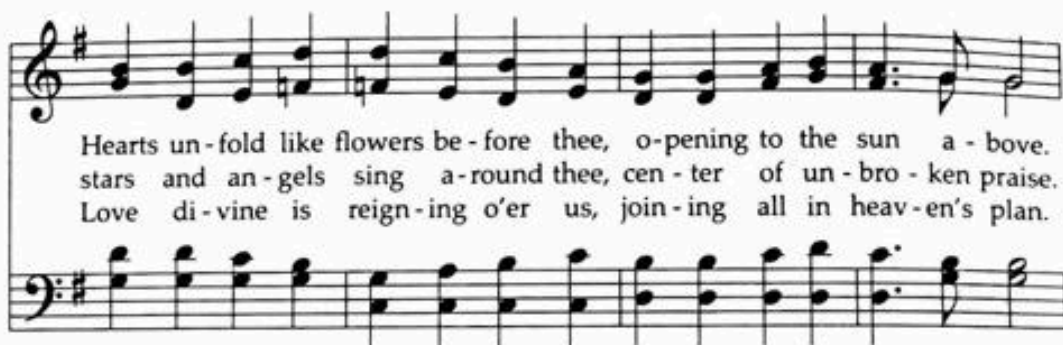
Shirley Rutledge, Michelle & Paul Costel, and Paul & John Costel, on the death of husband, father, and grandfather William ("Bill") Joseph Rutlege, 06/10/25.

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

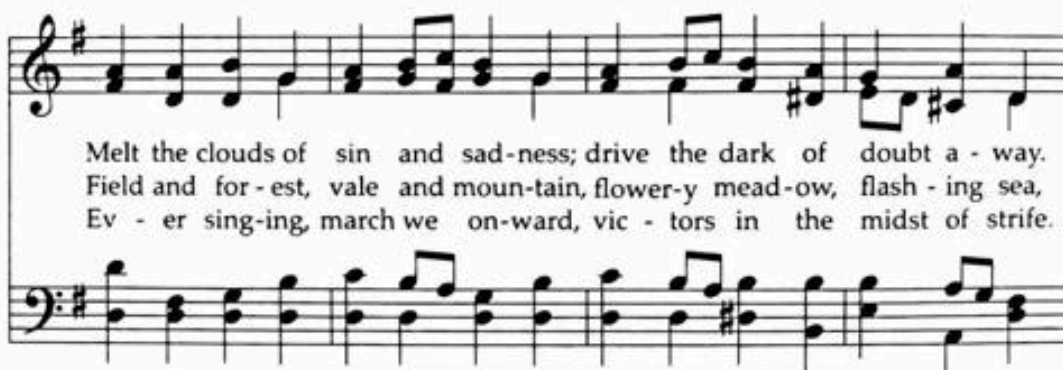
611 Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee



1 Joy - ful, joy - ful, we a - dore thee, God of glo - ry, Lord of love!
 2 All thy works with joy sur-round thee; earth and heaven re-flect thy rays;
 3 Mor-tals, join the hap-py cho-rus which the morn-ing stars be-gan.



Hearts un-fold like flowers be-fore thee, o-pening to the sun a-bove.
 stars and an-gels sing a-round thee, cen-ter of un-bro-ken praise.
 Love di-vine is reign-ing o'er us, join-ing all in heav-en's plan.



Melt the clouds of sin and sad-ness; drive the dark of doubt a-way.
 Field and for-est, vale and moun-tain, flower-y mead-ow, flash-ing sea,
 Ev-er sing-ing, march we on-ward, vic-tors in the midst of strife.



Giv-er of im-mor-tal glad-ness, fill us with the light of day.
 chant-ing bird and flow-ing foun-tain, call us to re-joice in thee.
 Joy-ful mu-sic leads us sun-ward in the tri-umph song of life.

This well-known melody was created to provide a choral setting for J. C. F. von Schiller's poem, "An die Freude" (To Joy), as the final movement of the composer's *Ninth Symphony*. The author, a prominent Presbyterian pastor and author, wrote the words with this tune in mind.

Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!

1 Bless-ed as-sur-ance, Je-sus is mine: O what a
2 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, per-fect de-light, vi-sions of
3 Per-fect sub-mis-sion, all is at rest, I in my

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fore-taste of glo-ry di-vine! Heir of sal-
rap-ture burst on my sight; an-gels de-
Sav-iour am hap-py and blest— watch-ing and

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va-tion, pur-chase of God; born of his Spir-it, washed in his
scending bring from a-bove ech-oes of mer-cy, whis-pers of
wait-ing, look-ing a-bove, filled with his goodness, lost in his

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

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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

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

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

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