

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!

** Please stand if you can do so comfortably.*

Bold type indicates where we share the liturgy together.

Service for the Lord's Day

The Gathering

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING 451-853

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 65

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

CWM RHONDDA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Gracious God, you offer yourself to us completely, and call us to your path. Yet we confess that we are afraid, for your way demands much from us. We are quick to judge and slow to forgive. Even though you offer us abundant life, we choose the easy way, that does not satisfy. Forgive us when our fear overrides your call. When we give limited love while hoarding your unlimited grace, reach down to us again. Lift us up as a mother lifts a child. Cast out our fear and fill us with the breath of your Spirit, that we may show the love we have received in Jesus.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Believe and proclaim this Good News:

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven and renewed!

Thanks be to God. Amen.

*RESPONSE

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI (GREATOR EX)

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

Verse

Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther, and to the Son, and to the Ho - ly Ghost;

7

As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,

12

world with - out end. A - men, A - men.

8

*PASSING OF THE PEACE *read responsively*

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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalms 107:1-9, 43

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

SECOND READING

Colossians 3:1-11

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

SERMON

Life in Christ

Rev. Andrew Bowman

The Response

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

How Can I Keep from Singing?

arr. Ira Sankey

Kenneth Oeth, tenor; Mengfei Xu, piano

My life goes on in endless song, above earth's lamentation. I hear the real, though faroff hymn that hails a new creation. Above the tumult and the strife, I hear its music ringing. It sounds an echo in my soul, how can I keep from singing?

What though the tempest loudly roars, I hear the truth, it liveth. What though the darkness round me close, songs in the night it giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm, while to that rock I'm clinging. Since love is Lord of Heaven and Earth, how can I keep from singing?

When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, and hear their death knell ringing, when friends rejoice both far and near, how can I keep from singing?

My life goes on in endless song, above earth's lamentation, I hear the real though faroff hymn, how can I keep from singing? Lord, how can I keep from singing?

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING 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.

Blessed are you, O Lord our God... place who forever praise 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 the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

For all your gifts, we are grateful, O God...Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Gracious God...who taught us to pray together:

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."

COMMUNION MUSIC *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* arr. Virgil Thomson
The Octet; Mengfei Xu, conductor

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

When I walk through the shades of death. thy presence is my stay. One word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away. Thy hand, insight of all my foes, doth still my table spread. My cup with blessings overflows, Thine oil anoints my head. 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.
—Isaac Watts

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

The Sending

*HYMN 716

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending BEACH SPRING

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Fugue on "Amen"

Johann Pachelbel

*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 given in loving memory of Clinton Glasscock by his family.

USHERS

Connie Smith, Sarah Middleton, Scott Carothers, Sandy Bailey,
Lawrence Palmer-Ball, Rosemary Palmer-Ball

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Andrew Bowman, preacher; Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton, liturgist; Cheeky Bahe, lay reader
The Octet; Mengfei Xu, conductor

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, Visual Technician

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We Lift Up in Prayer

The family of Carol Harper on her death, 07/19/25.

Jane Cleary and family on the death of her sister, Gail Cady, 07/19/25.

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

Beverly and David Will, Kelly Will and Matthew Linville, and Vivienne, Naomi, and
Gwendolyn Linville on the death of brother, uncle, and great uncle Dr. James Richard
Cundiff, 07/10/25.

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.

Gerri Watson and family on the death of her sister, Helen Urmston, 06/26/25.

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 Rutledge, 06/10/25.

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

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal fountain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor-dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y.
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud-y pil - lar
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc-tion,

Hold me with thy power-ful hand. Bread of heav-en,
 lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer,
 land me safe on Ca-naan's side. Songs of prais-es,

10

bread of hea - ven, feed me till I want no
strong de - liv - erer, be thou still my strength and
songs of prais - es I will ev - er give to

12

more; feed me till I want no more.
shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

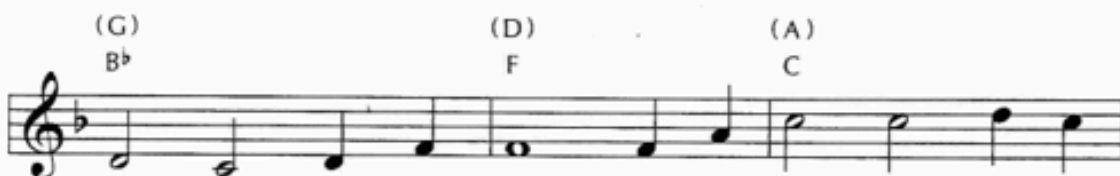
God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending 716



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and
 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of
 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through powers your



end - less store, na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly
 Christ, your Son: all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es
 grace con - ferred: ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to



cross, grave's shat - tered door: gift - ed by you, we turn
 joined, the church made one. Now di - rect our dai - ly
 spread the gos - pel word. O - pen wide our hands in



to you, of - fer - ing up our - selves in praise; thank - ful song shall
 la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone. Born with tal - ents,
 shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call, heal - ing, teach - ing,



rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
 make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
 and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

This text on stewardship was one of about 450 submissions in a search for such hymns conducted by the Hymn Society of America in 1961. These words are well grounded by their musical setting, an early American shape note tune named for a Baptist church in Harris County, Georgia.

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BEACH SPRING
 8.7.8.7.D

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John Hubbard
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Linda Watson

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