

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

PRELUDE *Allegro from Double Trumpet Concerto in D* Francesco Manfredini
Erika Howard & Sierra Williamson, trumpets; Mengfei Xu, organ

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN SING 1-450

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 687 *Our God, Our Help in Ages Past, vs. 1, 2, 5, 6* ST. ANNE
vs. 1 - melody; vs. 2 & 5 - harmony; vs. 6 - melody

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Gracious God, you are faithful to all generations, and you have called all kinds of characters to be your people. You desire us to be your people, too, yet we confess that we often fail to live up to your hopes for us.

We confess that we are not always ready to trust your love. You call us to step forward in radical faith, but we cling to what is familiar, comfortable, and easy. Instead of love and kindness, we show anger and resentment. Instead of generosity, we harbor greed and jealousy.

Forgive us, patient God. By your grace, give us courage to stand for what is right and good. Through your mercy, renew in us the way of Christ.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Let us believe and proclaim this very Good News:

Through Jesus Christ, we receive forgiveness and redemption.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE

Glory be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

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 90:1-12

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

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

SERMON

Strangers and Foreigners on the Earth

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton

The Response

CONCLUDING THE INTERIM RELATIONSHIP

STATEMENT OF CLOSURE

THANKSGIVING OFFERED

LITANY OF CLOSURE

Let us give thanks for our journey together through this time:
For friendships made, for joys celebrated, and for the opportunity to grow and reflect.

Thanks be to God.

For griefs shared, for promises made and kept, for shared work.

Thanks be to God.

For our fellowship in Jesus Christ and for the love of God that has sustained us,.

Thanks be to God.

PRAYER

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

The Road Home arr. Stephen Paulus

The Octet

Tell me where is the road I can call my own, that I left, that I lost, so long ago?
All these years I have wandered, oh when will I know there's a way,
there's a road that will lead me home?

After wind, after rain, when the dark is done, as I wake from a dream in the gold of day,
Through the air there's a calling from far away,
there's a voice I can hear that will lead me home.

Rise up, follow me, come away is the call, with love in your heart as the only song;
There is no such beauty as where you belong.
Rise up, follow me, I will lead you home. - *Michael Dennis Browne*

*DOXOLOGY *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

*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

*HYMN

Lead On, O Cloud of Presence

LANCASHIRE

**Lead on, O cloud of presence, the exodus is come.
In wilderness and desert our tribe shall make its home.
Our slavery left behind us, new hopes within us grow.
We seek the land of promise where milk and honey flow.**

**Lead on, O fiery Pillar, we follow yet with fears,
but we shall come rejoicing though joy be born of tears.
We are not lost, though wandering, for by your light we come,
and we are still God's people. The journey is our home.**

**Lead on, O God of freedom, and guide us on our way,
and help us trust the promise through struggle and delay.
We pray our sons and daughters may live to see the land
where justice rules with mercy and law is love's demand. - Ruth Duck**

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton

*RESPONSE

*The Lord Bless You and Keep You
All are invited to sing from music provided.*

Peter Lutkin

*All are invited to join them in Jester Fellowship Hall for a reception honoring
the ministry of Rev. Dr. Clayton as our Interim Pastor.*

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

- 5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.
- 6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.

In Worship Today

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given in honor and gratitude to Reverend Dr. Kim Clayton to thank her devotion to Second Presbyterian Church this past year.
We will miss her!

USHERS

Emily Lawrence, Henry Kelsey, Kitty deVoogd, Hunter Judy, Sissy Judy, Marilyn Duke, Gordon Duke

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Kim Clayton, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman & Elizabeth Clay, liturgists;
Chip Snyder, Clerk of Session

The Octet; Jim Rittenhouse, conductor; Mengfei Xu, organist
Erika Howard & Sierra Williamson, guest trumpets
Christopher Choi, guest timpanist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; Jonathan Mueller, Visual Technician

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Eric, Kathryn, William, Ava, and Henry Wright and family on death of Eric's mother,
Pat Wright, 08/08/25.

Greg and Harriet Treitz and family on death of his brother, John Treitz, 08/08/25.

Remy, Gil, Sutton, and Hicks Lamphere and family on death of Remy's mother,
Cecily Bierly, 08/05/25.

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.

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	<i>Interim Pastor & Head of Staff</i>
Andrew Bowman	<i>Associate Pastor for Community Life</i>
Elizabeth Clay	<i>Coordinator for Pastoral Care</i>
Karla Wright	<i>Director of the Weekday School</i>
Lorie Williamson	<i>Director of Children's & Family Ministry</i>
Jim Rittenhouse	<i>Director of Worship & Music Ministry</i>
Mengfei Xu	<i>Organist and Assistant Director of Worship & Music</i>
Michael Harper	<i>Youth Ministry Coordinator</i>
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