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 indicates where we share the liturgy together.

Service for the Lord's Day The Gathering

PRELUDE Prelude in C, BWV 545

J. S. Bach

Mengfei Xu, Organist

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

Mission Moment Dr. Gregory Ross, Pres./Head of School, West End School

INTROIT I Was Glad (from Psalm 122) C.H.H. Parry, alt.

The Sanctuary Choir

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 826 Lift High the Cross Crucifer

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION read in unison

God of mercy, you know us better than we know ourselves. You know the right paths for us, and you call us to follow. Yet we confess that we often insist that we know best. We think we have it all figured out, and would rather do things our own way. We don't always recognize your hand on our lives, believing instead that we are in control. Forgive the times we hurt one another: when we fail to keep promises, and refuse to offer forgiveness. When we act as if you cannot see, or claim that your love and presence are for only a certain few, forgive us, loving God. Guide us back to your better paths, we pray.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Let us proclaim these truths together:

Through Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, set free, and made whole.

Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE HYMN 826

Lift High the Cross, vs. 4

Crucifer

Children of all ages are welcomed to come forward. Following the Peace, children ages 3 through kindergarten will be dismissed through the side door for activities. Those in 1st grade and above may return to their seats.

So shall our song of triumph ever be: praise to the Crucified for victory! Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adores his sacred name.

*PASSING OF THE PEACE read responsively

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

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Jeremiah 18:1-11 (OT, p. 677)

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Luke 14:25-33 (NT, p. 73)

The word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

SERMON The Initial Cost

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

*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

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OFFERTORY ANTHEM

I Will Make a Way

Tom Trenney

Behold! I will do a new thing!

Everything old has passed away.

See, everything old has become new.

I will make a way in the wilderness.

I will make rivers in the desert.

Do not remember the former things, or consider the ways of old.

The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and ostriches, for I will give water in the wilderness; the desert shall be a pool

Isaiah 43:19–20; 1 Corinthians 5:17

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.

It is indeed right... as together we join our voices with those in every time and place

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.

Holy God, hear our conviction ...

...Glory to God in the highest, for Great is the mystery of faith...

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Gracious and Ever-living God, ...so hear us as we speak the words that 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

... The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

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

Mengfei Xu, organ

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

The Sending

*HYMN

Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said

Truro

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE Postlude in C Johann Krebs

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 to welcome Reverend Barrett Abernethy, his wife Braegan, and their daughter Evie!

USHERS

Connie Smith, David Dorsey, Lee Ann Dorsey, Emily Lawrence, Linda Watson

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Ronnie Seale, lay reader

The Sanctuary Choir; Jim Rittenhouse, Director; Mengfei Xu, Organist

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Leigh and Ken Parrot on the death of their son, Keith, 09/01/25.

Georgia, Patrick, Katherine & Robert Farnan on the death of her mother, Susan England White, 08/22/25.

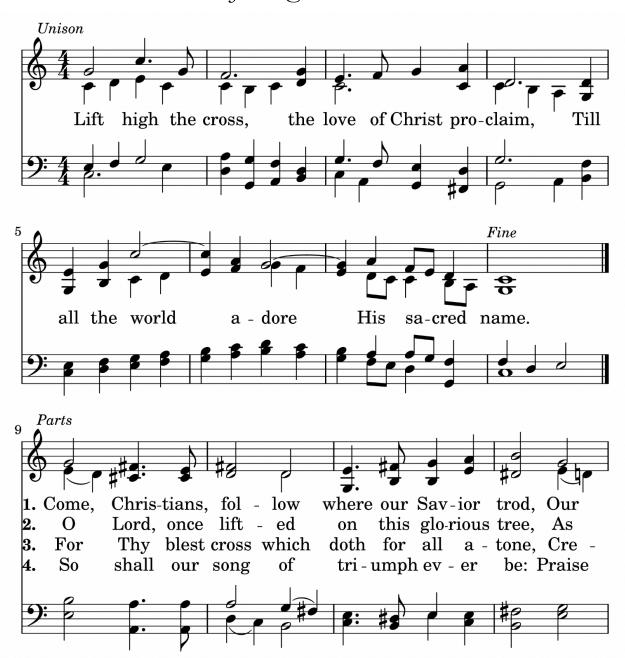
Mary Neikirk and family on the death of her daughter, Karen DeCosta, 08/18/25.

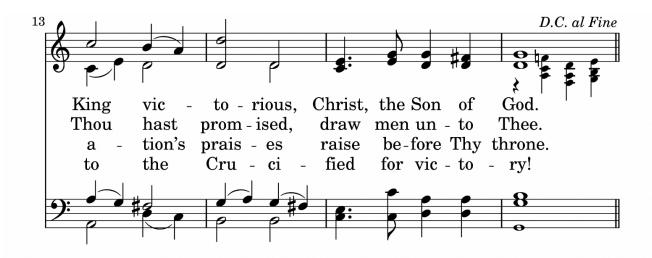
Eric, Kathryn, William, Ava, & Henry Wright and family on death of Eric's mother, Pat Wright, 08/08/25.

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.

826 Lift High the Cross





Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said



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