

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 on The Church's One Foundation* Joyce Jones

WELCOME & CALL TO WORSHIP

STEWARDSHIP ON MISSIONS

Dr. Larry Jones

INTROIT *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing* AUGUSTINE
The Octet

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 361 *O Christ, the Great Foundation* AURELIA

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Gathering around your great table, O God, set for all people, we realize how small we have made our own. Your welcome is for all, but we limit your mercy to only some. You offer us peace and ask us to reconcile with each other, but we resist, because our vision of your grace is too narrow. We fail to be the people you have called us to be. Forgive us, loving God. Free us from the broken relationships, disagreements, and failures that keep us from living in your peace. Raise our eyes, lift our hearts, and nurture our spirits, so that we may live joyfully and abundantly, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Time for silent prayer.

*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

Hear this Good News:

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*RESPONSE HYMN 321 *The Church's One Foundation, vs. 2* AURELIA

**Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation: one Lord, one faith, one birth.
One holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.**

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.

*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 133 (OT, p. 543)

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

SECOND READING

Galatians 3:23-29 (NT, p. 178)

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

SERMON

The Grand Communion

Rev. Barrett Abernethy

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

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You can fulfill your pledges and offer your financial support for the ongoing
ministries of Second Presbyterian Church. Thank you!*



OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Repentir (O Divine Redeemer)* Charles Gounod
Molly Melahn, soprano; Mengfei Xu, piano

Ô Divin Rédempteur,
Écoute ma prière!
Viens à moi, viens à moi, Seigneur!
Ô Divin Rédempteur,
Écoute ma prière!
Viens à moi, viens à moi, Seigneur, mon
Sauveur!

Secours-moi, viens me sauver, ô Seigneur!
Viens à moi, Seigneur!
Lorsque la mort viendra briser mes liens,
Et quand le jour fuira, l'obscurité sera là;
Ô Seigneur, protège-moi encore et
sauve-moi, mon Dieu!
Ô Divin Rédempteur, ô Divin
Rédempteur,
Pardonne, Seigneur, et sauve-moi!

O Divine Redeemer!
Hear my cry, O Lord!
O Divine Redeemer!
I pray Thee, grant me pardon,
And remember not, remember not my sins!

Save me, Lord, in Thy mercy;
Hear my cry, hear my cry!
Save me, Lord, in Thy mercy;
Come and save me, O Lord!
Night gathers round my soul;
Fearful, I cry to Thee;
Come to mine aid, O Lord!
Hasten, Lord, hasten to help me!
O Lord, let me never be confounded!
O Divine Redeemer! O Divine Redeemer!
I pray Thee, grant me pardon,
And remember not, remember not my sins!

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 truly right...

...who forever declare 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.

We give you thanks for Jesus ...and praying: Come, Lord Jesus!

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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 *Let Us Break Bread Together on Our Knees* Leo Nestor

The Sanctuary Choir; Kenneth Oeth, tenor

Let us break bread together on our knees;

Let us drink wine together on our knees ...

Let us break bread together on our knees.

Let us praise God together on our knees ...

When I fall on my knees

with my face to the rising sun,

O Lord, have mercy on me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SHARING GRACE

The Sending

*HYMN 317

In Christ There Is No East or West
vss. 1-3

McKEE

*BLESSING

*RESPONSE HYMN 317

In Christ There Is No East or West, vs. 4

McKEE

CONGREGATIONAL NOMINEES

Hunter Arton

Lee Baltzell

Collier Clay

Lyndsay Cook

Nathan Dicken

Elaine Duncan

Larry Jones

*The Congregational Meeting will be held immediately following the service.
Please remain in the Sanctuary.*

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 by Frances Scholtz to the Glory of God in honor of newlyweds Morgan and Robert Scholtz, and in memory of Mary Haggin and Charlie Scholtz.

USHERS

Connie Smith, Elizabeth Scinta, Beth Scinta, Morgan Fellon, Stephanie Fellon,
Sarah Hunter

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Barrett Abernethy, preacher; Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgist; Ricky Case, lay reader
The Octet & The Sanctuary Choir; Mengfei Xu, Conductor; Molly Melahn, soloist;
Kenneth Oeth, soloist.

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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We Lift Up in Prayer

Eleanor Maddox, Toby & Cindy Nutt, Grady, Heather, Grady III, & George Nutt, Amy
Nutt on the death of granddaughter, niece, and cousin Meryl Maxwell Wilson, 09/18/25.
Justina, Justin, Sam, Stella, and Lillian Powers on the death of nephew and cousin,
Blake Bonar, 09/14/25.

Rebecca, John Y. III, Maggie, and John IV Brown on the death of mother and
grandmother, Margaret Jackson, 09/10/25.

Lucy Hovis, Julie Hovis, Peggy Coulter & Ken Coulter, Emma & Kate Coulter on the
death of husband, father, and grandfather, Gary Hovis, 09/05/25.

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

O Christ, the Great Foundation 361

1 O Christ, the great foun-da - tion on which your peo - ple stand
 2 Bap - tized in one con - fes - sion, one church in all the earth,
 3 Where ty - rants' hold is tight - ened, where strong de - vour the weak,
 4 This is the mo - ment glo - rious when he who once was dead

to preach your true sal - va - tion in ev - ery age and land:
 we bear our Lord's im - pres - sion, the sign of sec - ond birth:
 where in - no - cents are fright - ened, the righ - teous fear to speak,
 shall lead his church vic - to - rious, their cham - pion and their head.

pour out your Ho - ly Spir - it to make us strong and pure,
 one ho - ly peo - ple gath - ered in love be - yond our own,
 there let your church a - wak - ing at - tack the powers of sin
 The Lord of all cre - a - tion his heaven - ly king - dom brings:

to keep the faith un - bro - ken as long as worlds en - dure.
 by grace we were in - vit - ed; by grace we make you known.
 and, all their ram - parts break - ing, with you the vic - tory win.
 the fi - nal con - sum - ma - tion, the glo - ry of all things.

The text was written by a leading Chinese educator, author, and editor who chaired the commission that prepared an important ecumenical Chinese hymnal, *Hymns of Universal Praise* (1936). This familiar tune invites comparison of these words with its usual text (see no. 321).

317 In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no
 2 In Christ shall true hearts ev - ery - where their high com -
 3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what - e'er your
 4 In Christ now meet both east and west; in him meet

south or north, but one great fel - low -
 mu - nion find; his ser - vice is the
 race may be. All chil - dren of the
 south and north. All Christ - ly souls are

ship of love through - out the whole wide earth.
 gold - en cord close - bind - ing hu - man - kind.
 liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
 one in him through - out the whole wide earth.

This setting expands and enhances the thematic inclusiveness of an early 20th-century text by adapting the melody of a traditional spiritual to carry these words. This 1940 pairing marked the first use of African American musical material in a mainline North American hymnal.

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

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

Class of 2027

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Jim Haynes
Patrice Paton
Kay Reis
Sunny Seale

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