

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 *Ein' feste Burg ist unser Gott, BWV 720* J. S. Bach
 Mengfei Xu, Organ

Music for the Royal Fireworks - Overture G.F. Handel
 Kentucky Brass Ensemble arr. Bob McNally Jr.

TOLLING OF THE HOUR *Fanfare* (from Pictures at an Exhibition)
 Austin Memorial Handbells Modest Moussorgsky

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT *Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation* Dale Wood
 The Sanctuary Choir
 Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ, our head and cornerstone;
 Chosen of the Lord and precious, Binding all the Church in one;
 Holy Zion's help forever And our confidence alone. - *John M. Neale*

PRESENTING THE MEANS OF GRACE

*HYMN 624 *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art* TOULON

*CALL TO CONFESSION

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION *read in unison*

Holy God, your truth hits us hard sometimes. We confess we would rather avoid the difficult parts of your call to us, and we run from the things you want us to do. We lean into the comfort of our own abilities and rely on ourselves rather than trusting in you. We defend our choices, and resist what we do not want to hear.

Forgive us, gracious God. Help us to hear your constant call, and to answer with energy and joy. Soften our pride, teach us to use our gifts in ways that honor you, and guide us to walk along your good way.

Time for silent prayer.

***ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Let us trust the good news of the Gospel:

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

***RESPONSE HYMN 687**

Our God, Our Help in Ages Past, vs. 6

ST. ANNE

*Children ages 3 through 6 graders are welcome to come forward;
they will be dismissed through the side door for activities following the Peace.*

**Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
Be thou our guide while life shall last, and our eternal home.**

TIME WITH THE YOUNGER CHURCH

***PASSING OF THE PEACE** *read responsively*

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

MUSICAL OFFERING

I Sing the Mighty Power of God

Cynthia Dobrinski

The Austin Memorial Handbell Choir

*I sing the mighty power of God that made the mountains rise,
that spread the flowing seas abroad and built the lofty skies.*

*I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day.
The moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.*

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

Psalm 46 (OT, p. 489)

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

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11: 1, 8, 29, 31, 39, 40 (NT, p. 204)

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

SERMON

Balcony People

Rev. Dr. Thomas Tewell

The Response

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *read in unison (from the Confession of 1967; 9.35-9.38)*

Wherever the church exists, its members are both gathered in corporate life and dispersed in society for the sake of mission in the world.

The church gathers to praise God, to hear God's word for humankind, to baptize and to join in the Lord's Supper, to pray for and present the world to God in worship, to enjoy fellowship, to receive instruction, strength, and comfort, to order and organize its own corporate life, to be tested, renewed, and reformed, and to speak and act in the world's affairs as may be appropriate to the needs of the time.

The church disperses to serve God wherever its members are, at work or play, in private or in the life of society. Their prayer and Bible study are part of the church's worship and theological reflection. Their witness is the church's evangelism. Their daily action in the world is the church in mission to the world. The quality of their relation with other persons is the measure of the church's fidelity.

Each member is the church in the world, endowed by the Spirit with some gift of ministry and is responsible for the integrity of their witness in their own particular situation. They are entitled to the guidance and support of the Christian community and are subject to its advice and correction. They, in turn, in their own competence, help to guide the church. Amen.

***LITANY OF DEDICATION** *read responsively*

God calls us to be faithful stewards of all entrusted to us.

In gratitude, we pledge to return to God a portion of all we have been given.

We are called not to be served, but to serve, and to grow in generosity and thankfulness.

With joy, we bring our pledges and commitments for the next year of ministry and mission. With joy, we bring this year's promised gifts and tithes.

We give so that the Good News of Jesus Christ increases and is shared, as we wait for God's kingdom to come on earth as it is in heaven.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

All are invited to come forward during the organ introduction, placing our pledge and commitment cards, as well as our regular morning offering, in the baskets at the front chancel. If you prefer to remain in your pew, please signal to an usher, who will bring an offering plate to you in the pew.



You are also welcome 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

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

arr. Dan Forrest

The Sanctuary Choir; Kentucky Brass & Ensemble; Mengfei Xu, organ

A mighty fortress is our God,
a bulwark never failing;
Our helper He amid
the flood of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe
now seeks to work us woe;
His wrath and power are great
and armed with cruel hate,
on earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide,
our striving would be losing;
Were not the right man on our side,
the man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be?
Christ Jesus, it is He: Lord Sabaoth
His name, from age to age the same,
and He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils
filled, should threaten to undo us,
we will not fear, for God hath willed
His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim,
we tremble not for him;
his rage we can endure,
for lo, his doom is sure.
One little word shall fell him.

That Word above all earthly powers,
no thanks to them, abideth;
the Spirit and the gifts are ours
through Him who with us sideth.
Let goods and kindred go,
this mortal life also.
The body they may kill;
God's truth abideth still.
His kingdom is forever

– Martin Luther, c. 1527; trans. Frederick Hedge, 1852

*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

OLD 100TH

arr. Ralph Vaughan Williams

**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. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SHARING GRACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

The Sending

*HYMN 275

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

EIN FESTE BURG

*BLESSING

POSTLUDE

Festival Postlude on Old Hundredth

Clarence Eddy

*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.*

Please join us in the Great Hall for a luncheon and Lecture/Q&A with Rev. Dr. Tewell.

In Worship Today

OUR GUEST RENEWAL PREACHER

Rev. Dr. Tom Tewell has loved being pastor of four wonderful congregations during his forty-five years in pastoral ministry, including Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church in New York City, that he served on September 11, 2001, and the 5,000-member Memorial Drive Presbyterian Church in Houston, Texas. In this current chapter of life, he thoroughly enjoys being a pastor to pastors, a preacher in residence at the San Marino Community Church in suburban Los Angeles, and, most of all, a husband, dad, and granddad to seven grandchildren between the ages of seven and twenty-five!

A graduate of Princeton Seminary, where he served as a Trustee for 15 years, Tom received a Doctor of Ministry degree from Drew Theological School and has been awarded two honorary doctorates from Grove City College in Pennsylvania, and Muskingum University, his alma mater. Tom has received numerous awards for his social justice ministry, particularly with the homeless in NYC, and for his preaching. Tom continues to enjoy being invited to preach on college and seminary campuses, and in congregations and conference centers across America. In addition, Tom loves mentoring 40 young Presbyterian Church preachers through the Zick Preaching Scholar Program that helps good preachers improve the quality of their preaching.



An entrepreneur at heart, Tom is also the Founder of Macedonian Ministry, (The Ministry Collaborative) a leadership development and church renewal ministry that he and the late Atlanta Developer, Tom Cousins started together in 2008. The Macedonian Ministry just enrolled their 1,400th pastor and congregation representing 25 different Christian denominations! Tom and his wife Suzanne have been married for over 50 years and live in Claremont, California, close to their three youngest grandchildren, under the age of ten.

NOTE ABOUT TODAY'S AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Confession of 1967 was written by the then "Northern" Presbyterian Church as response to the social and cultural volatility of the 1960s. Written with the hope of finding God's reconciliation in the world, this excerpt of the Confession invites readers to ponder the holistic nature of stewardship and how our call to be "church people" extends far beyond the Sunday morning worship hour.

THE CHANCEL FLOWERS are given by Cheryl and Dan Russell in memory of their son,
Dan. Forever Loved; Forever Missed.

USHERS

John Davis, Laura Davis, Tony Duncan, Elaine Duncan, Charles Dobbins, Joey Dobbins

OUR WORSHIP LEADERS

Rev. Dr. Thomas Tewell, preacher

Rev. Barrett Abernethy & Rev. Andrew Bowman, liturgists

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

The Austin Memorial Handbells: *Bonnie Boram, Ricky Case, Terry Cissell, Elizabeth Clay, Kit Davis, Kitty deVoogd, Steve Farris, Jean Herp, Steven Pierce, Sue Rogers, Carmen Sanders, Becky Timerding, Eric Timerding, Susanne Wright; Jim Rittenhouse, director*

Kentucky Brass & Ensemble: *Jim Recktenwald, trumpet; Stacy Simpson, trumpet; Diana Morgen, horn; Gwangwei Fan, trombone; Stasi Fafalios, bass trombone; Sam Riddick & Quinton Schwaniger, percussion*

Evan Vicic, Audiovisual Engineer; William Vicic, camera

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We Lift Up in Prayer

The family of Wallace Horine on his death, 10/18/25.

Wayne, Christie, Sims, and Marie Wilson on the death of Wayne's mother, Linda, 10/17/25.

Lucy Hovis and family on the death of her sister, Eva Sirach, 10/12/25.

Lee Ann and David Dorsey and their family on the death of Lee Ann's sister, Roberta Gordon Barnett, 10/8/25.

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.

Announcements

October 26, 2025

TO OUR VISITORS - Welcome to Second Presbyterian!

Please help us get to know you better by filling out an information card (found in the pew pockets). You are welcome to hand the card to a pastor in the Narthex or place it in the offering plate. *Thank you!*

CHILDCARE is available for all Sunday morning events. Childcare is available in room 120 for children birth through age 5 until 10:45 am and birth through age 3 for 11:00 am worship. Older children are asked to remain in 8:30 am worship. Childcare & activities for 1st through 6th grades are available during the Sunday school hour (9:45-10:45 am) in room 180 off of the youth suite.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH- Older 3's (by 8/1) through 6th grade attend worship and exit to activities after the Passing of the Peace. Children can be picked up after worship in the following rooms: PreK-K room 153, 1st-3rd grade room 152, 4th-6th grade room 180.

FAMILY BREAKFAST & MISSION MOMENTS will take place on Sundays 10/26-11/9 for children & families of Kindergarten through 6th grade, beginning at 9:45 am in the youth suite. Shively Area Ministries and Cabbage Patch Settlement House will be the focus of these four weeks.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! We are in need of a helper in the nursery in addition to our nursery staff each Sunday. Please consider volunteering during 11:00 worship. Sign up by scanning the QR code or contact Lorie Williamson at williamson@2ndpreslou.org. (All volunteers are subject to background check and training.)



MORNING JOY Bible Study meets Thursdays in Fellowship Hall A and via Zoom. This fall, the class will be taught by professors from the Seminary, see Seconds to Go for specific topics. Fellowship begins at 9:30 a.m. and class begins at 9:45 a.m.

TODAY we celebrate Renewal / Reformation / Commitment Sunday with one service at 11 a.m. Our Renewal speaker is Rev. Dr. Tom Tewell, former pastor of Fifth Avenue Presbyterian in NYC at 9/11/01. He will lead a formations class at 9:45 a.m., preach at 11, and offer a Q&A at 12 with lunch. Our music at the 11 a.m. will include Choir, Brass, Handbells, Percussion, and Organ.

TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY - During the collection of our morning offering, we will have an opportunity to offer our pledges for 2026. Cards have been sent in the mail, and there are extras at the tables outside of the worship spaces.

OCTOBER MISSION OF THE MONTH - For the month of October, we are collecting supplies for Shively Area Ministries. Please see Seconds to Go or the information stands for a list of items.

HOPE & HEALING WHILE GRIEVING - will meet this Wednesday, October 29, at 1 pm in the Parlor. All meetings will be at church with a Zoom option. See Seconds to Go for more information.

TWO NOVEMBER CONCERTS! - Music lovers of all ages are invited to the **Louisville Leopard Percussionists Concert on Nov. 9 at 3 p.m.** Children in grade 1 and up can come as early as 2:15 p.m. to "jam" with these young musicians. On **Friday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.** our first Concert Series artist is internally renowned organist, **Nathan Laube**. This will be a do-not-miss evening.

Upcoming Events - October 26, 2025

Sunday, October 26

Reformation / Renewal / Commitment Sunday

9:45 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation with Rev. Dr. Tom Tewell	JFH
9:45 a.m.	Breakfast & Bibles	Youth Suite
9:45 a.m.	Family Breakfast & Mission Moment	Youth Suite, 180
11:00 a.m.	Service for the Lord's Day	Sanctuary/Live Streamed
12:00 p.m.	Renewal Luncheon & Lecture	JFH
2:00 p.m.	Mah Jongg Class	Room 168
5:00 p.m.	Women's Bible Study	Parlor

Monday, October 27

1:00 p.m.	Monday Afternoon Club	Room 252
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Wednesday, October 29

10:00 a.m.	SPOT: 2nd Act	Choir Room
1:00 p.m.	Hope & Healing While Grieving	Parlor
1:00 p.m.	Mah Jongg Class	Room 168
5:00 p.m.	Wednesdays Together	JFHA&B, 150, 180, 179, Great Hall
7:00 p.m.	Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal	Choir Room/Sanctuary

Thursday, October 30

9:30 a.m.	Morning Joy	JFHA/Zoom
11:00 a.m.	Reflections	Room 251
1:00 p.m.	SPOT: Mah Jongg	Room 168

Friday, October 31

7:00 a.m.	Men's Weekly Bible Study	Room 251/Zoom
1:00 p.m.	SPOT: Mah Jongg	Room 168

Sunday, November 2

All Saints Sunday with Holy Communion

8:30 a.m.	Service for the Lord's Day	Chapel
9:45 a.m.	Adult Faith Formation	Rooms 251, 252, Parlor, JFH
9:45 a.m.	Breakfast & Bibles	Youth Suite
9:45 a.m.	Family Breakfast & Mission Moment	Youth Suite, 180
11:00 a.m.	Service for the Lord's Day	Sanctuary/Live Streamed
12:30 p.m.	SPOT: Sunday Singles	Osteria

Monday, November 3

1:00 p.m.	Monday Afternoon Club	Room 252
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Please visit 2ndpreslou.org/calendar, or scan this QR code, for a complete list of events at Second. See our weekly email, *Seconds to Go*, for details about upcoming activities and Zoom links. To learn more about the ministries at Second, contact us at info@2ndpreslou.org or 502-895-3483.



I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art 624

1 I greet thee, who my sure Re-deem-er art,
 2 Thou art the King of mer-cy and of grace,
 3 Thou art the life, by which a-lone we live,
 4 Thou hast the true and per-fect gen-tle-ness;
 5 Our hope is in no oth-er save in thee;

my on-ly trust and Sav-ior of my heart,
 reign-ing om-ni-po-tent in ev-ery place:
 and all our sub-stance and our strength re-ceive;
 no harsh-ness hast thou and no bit-ter-ness.
 our faith is built up-on thy prom-ise free;

who pain didst un-der-go for my poor sake;
 so come, O King, and our whole be-ing sway;
 sus-tain us by thy faith and by thy power,
 O grant to us the grace we find in thee,
 Lord, give us peace, and make us calm and sure,

I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.
 shine on us with the light of thy pure day.
 and give us strength in ev-ery try-ing hour.
 that we may dwell in per-fect u-ni-ty.
 that in thy strength we ev-er-more en-dure.

The original French text, sometimes attributed to John Calvin, seems to be a Protestant reworking of a Roman Catholic hymn, not a typical practice for him. Yet this text and tune (adapted from GENEVAN 124) clearly date from the early years of the Reformed tradition.

275 A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a bul - wark nev - er
 2 Did we in our own strength con - fide, our striv - ing would be
 3 And though this world, with dev - ils filled, should threat - en to un -
 4 That word a - bove all earth - ly powers, no thanks to them, a -

fail - ing. Our help - er he, a - mid the flood of
 los - ing, were not the right man on our side, the
 do us, we will not fear, for God hath willed his
 bid - eth. The Spir - it and the gifts are ours through

mor - tal ills pre - vail - ing. For still our an - cient foe doth
 man of God's own choos - ing. Dost ask who that may be? Christ
 truth to tri - umph through us. The Prince of Dark - ness grim, we
 him who with us sid - eth. Let goods and kin - dred go, this

seek to work us woe. His craft and power are great, and
 Je - sus, it is he. Lord Sab - a - oth his name, from
 trem - ble not for him. His rage we can en - dure, for
 mor - tal life al - so. The bod - y they may kill; God's

Long before Isaac Watts began to Christianize the Psalms, Martin Luther had already done so when he created the text and tune for this, his most famous hymn, which is based on Psalm 46. Luther encouraged metrical versions of psalms as well as chanted psalms and new hymns.

JESUS CHRIST: ASCENSION AND REIGN

armed with cru - el hate, on earth is not his e - qual.
age to age the same, and he must win the bat - tle.
lo, his doom is sure. One lit - tle word shall fell him.
truth a - bid - eth still. His king - dom is for - ev - er.

The musical score consists of two staves. The top staff is a vocal line in treble clef, and the bottom staff is a piano accompaniment line in bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The vocal line features a melody with various note values, including quarter, eighth, and sixteenth notes, as well as rests. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic foundation with chords and moving lines. The lyrics are written below the vocal staff, aligned with the corresponding notes.

Ruling Elders

Class of 2025

Paul Costel
Elaine Duncan
Bob Horton
John Hubbard
Elizabeth Scinta
Linda Watson
vacant

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

Barrett Abernethy *Pastor & Head of Staff*

Andrew Bowman *Associate Pastor for Community Life*

Elizabeth Clay *Coordinator for Pastoral Care*

Karla Wright *Director of the Weekday School*

Lorie Williamson *Director of Children's & Family Ministry*

Jim Rittenhouse *Director of Worship & Music Ministry*

Michael Harper *Coordinator for Youth Ministry*

Mengfei Xu *Organist and Assistant Director of Worship & Music*

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Tammy Kissling *Ministry Coordinator for Faith Formation & Mission*

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